

# Two Chess Books for Advanced Players

## *Modern Chess Openings* (14th edition) versus *Fundamental Chess Openings*

These two large books on chess openings are both broad in their coverage. They include the following openings (but are not at all limited to them):

- Alekhine Defense
- Austrian Attack (Pirc)
- Benoni
- Bishop's Opening
- Blumenfeld Counter Gambit
- Cambridge Springs Variation
- Caro-Kann Defense
- Catalan Opening
- Center Game
- Danish Gambit
- Dutch Defense
- English Opening
- Evan's Gambit
- Four Knights Game
- French Defense
- Giuoco Piano (Italian Opening)
- Grunfeld Defense
- Hedgehog System (of the English Opening)
- King's Gambit (Accepted and Declined)
- Latvian Gambit (Greco Counter Gambit)
- Max Lange Attack
- Muzio Gambit (of the King's Gambit)
- Nimzo-Indian Defense
- Petroff Defense (AKA *Petrov's Defense*)
- Pirc Defense
- Queen's Gambit (Accepted and Declined)

- Reti Opening
- Ruy Lopez (Spanish Game)
- Scotch Opening
- Slav and Semi-Slav
- Stonewall Variation (of the Dutch Defense)
- Three Knights Game
- Torre Attack
- Two Knights Defense
- Vienna Game

### **Modern Chess Openings (MCO)**

As of November 2, 2015, it has 38 customer reviews on Amazon:

34% five-stars

39% four-stars

16% three-stars

8% two-stars

3% one-star

### **Fundamental Chess Openings (FCO)**

As of November 2, 2015, it has 62 customer reviews on Amazon:

55% five-stars

32% four-stars

7% three-stars

6% one-star

### **Conclusions**

The Amazon readers reviews appear to favor FCO over MCO. Combine the top two ratings (those with favorable reviews):

MCO=73% and FCO=87% – that favors FCO

Combine the lowest two ratings (those with poor opinions of the books):

MCO=11% and FC0=6% – that favors FC0

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### **Chess Book for a Beginner to Win Games**

*If you already know the rules of chess but losing has cut down some of the fun, "Beat That Kid in Chess" puts back the fun. . . . See where you can get a checkmate and where a position is not quite set up for checkmate . . .*

### **Review of Some of the Best Chess Books**

*How is any publication a "best chess book?" That's too deep a subject to cover well in this post. What does the reader want from the book? That's easier to answer.*

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