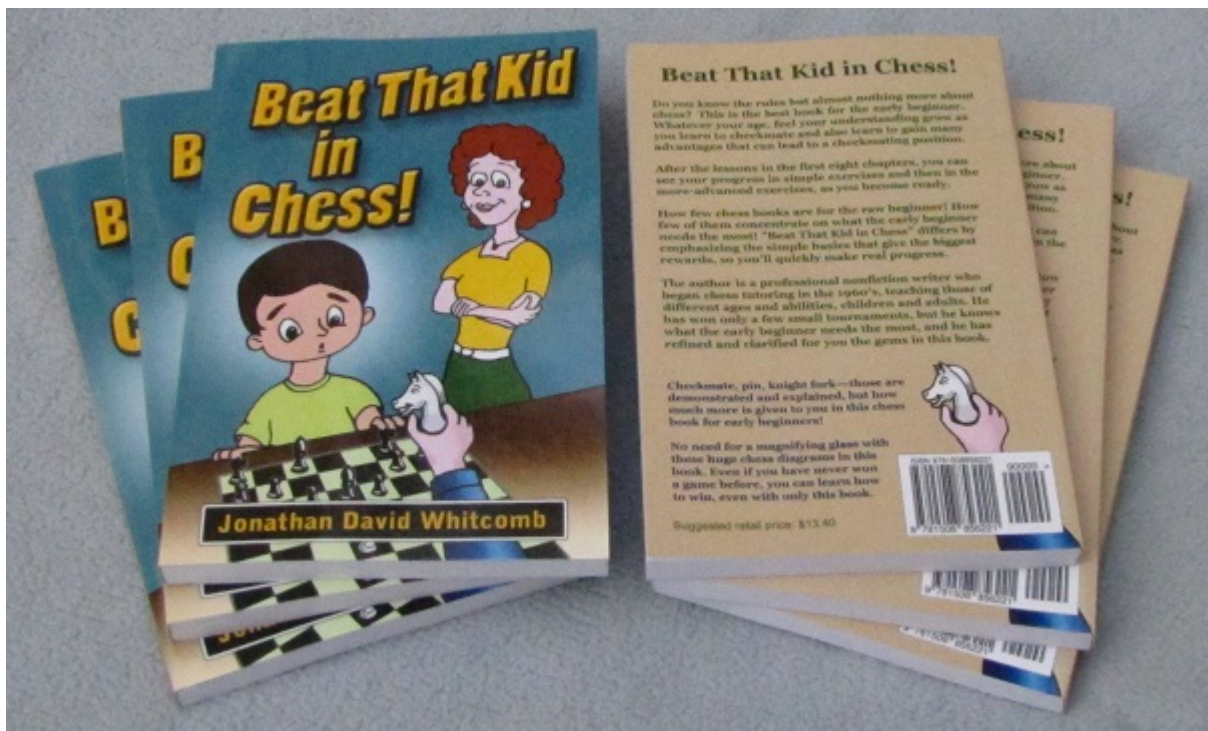


New Method in a Chess Book for Beginners

How does an average non-genius learn how to win a game of chess? The tradition method for a beginner is quite simple: Play chess games and learn by experience. Reading a chess book is the second most popular way for a novice to learn, but that does not usually work as well, for most chess books are not for beginners but for players of mid-level abilities at least.

The new paperback *Beat That Kid in Chess* may be the first publication to systematically use the teaching method called “nearly-identical positions” (PIN). It was also written especially with the “early” beginner in mind.



Beat That Kid in Chess – published by Createspace on September 2, 2015 – for beginners

Nearly-identical positions can help chess students catch onto tactics in a natural way, allowing novices in the royal game to gradually see tactical opportunities and avoid the pitfall

of overly-simplistic strategic generalities in their thinking.

Quoting Createspace

According to the publisher's page for this chess book, *Beat That Kid in Chess* gives these advantages:

- 1) Simple – It really is for the early beginner
- 2) Concise – no chess history or reciting the rules
- 3) Huge Diagrams – no magnifying glass needed
- 4) Win-focused – quickly learn to win a game
- 5) Two levels of exercises – learn at your pace
- 6) Reviews – appropriate repetition, as needed
- 7) Internal references – find things quickly
- 8) Two indexes – general and exercises
- 9) All three phases – opening, middle, end game
- 10) Critical tactics – pin, knight fork, etc
- 11) Checkmates explained – attack and defense
- 12) Common pitfalls explained – avoid errors

Quoting the Introduction in the book *Beat That Kid in Chess*

“If you know the chess rules but almost nothing about how to win, this book is for you. We’ll keep to the basics that you need most . . . I must tell you something I’ve learned over the past half century: If your opponent has both a greater natural ability at chess and a greater drive to win, expect to lose at least a few games. . . . If you have a greater drive to win, however, you can combine that with what you learn in these lessons, and you can expect to beat a raw beginner more often than you lose, even if that person has

more natural ability than you have. What better lesson to teach your opponent than humility?"

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Chess Books for the Novice and Post-Beginner

Three chess books compared

How to Play Chess to Win

Winning consistently comes not from stepping through a chess game as if it were dancing . . . It's more like dinosaurs attacking.

Beginner Chess Book

I've read and studied dozens of chess books in the past 53 years. I don't recall any of them that included nearly-identical positions for training. [aside from Beat That Kid in Chess]

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