

Chess Domination: Unlocking Mastery with "An Idiot Proof Chess Opening Repertoire"

...xc3 11 dxc5 ...xb5 12 ...b4 ...a7 13 ...xb5 ...xa1 14 bxc6 dxc6 are both double-edged) 10 ...xc3 ...d3 11 ...e1 ...b4 12 ...xd5 ...xd3+ 13 ...a1 (13 ...e2?! e4! 14 ...b5 ...b6 15 bxc4 ...d4!) 13...f5!? with the initiative; e.g., 14 ...b3 ...c8 15 ...e4 16 ...b5 e4 16 b3 ...f6) 15...fxc4 16 ...e3 ...a6 17 ...xa6 ...xa6 with positional pressure (and sneaky ideas like ...f5e6).

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5 a3

With this tricky and popular move, White is hoping to play a pawn sacrifice with b4 in many cases, especially if Black replies with ...c6 or ...e5.

5...b6!? (D)



A cunning response advocated by Watson, but rather dismissed by Kosten. It lets White play b4, but argues that if all White can then do is exchange pawns on c5, he has basically just lost time. Meanwhile putting the bishop on b7 opens up some tactical themes on the long diagonal.

6 b4

Other moves:

a) 6 ...f3 ...b7 7 0-0 ...d4 8 e3 ...xf3+ 9 ...xf3 ...a7 10 ...xf3 ...b6 restrains the d4 advance and leads to interesting play.

b) 6 d3 ...b7 offers White little; e.g., 7 e4 e6 8 ...ge2 ...ge7 9 0-0 d6 10 ...e3 (intending d4; 10 ...b) ...d4 11 b4 ...d7 with a good and flexible game, and ...f5 coming soon) 10...d4 with no particular problems for Black; e.g., 11 b4 0-0 12 ...b) ...a7 13 ...d2 f5 14 ...h6 ...xh6 15 ...xh6 ...e66 (Shahinyan-Korobov, Erevan 2015).

c) 6 e3 ...b7 7 ...ge2 (D) and here:



e1) 7...e5 is the solid approach. 8 ...b7 ...b7 (it might seem that Black has wasted time, but White has made a lot of little pawn moves without a great deal to show for them) 9 b4 9 d4 ...e8! 10 d5 ...d6, intending ...f5 and with ...b5 ideas in the background, livens the game up somewhat) 9...e6 10 ...b2 0-0 11 0-0 d5 12 ...xd5 ...xd5 13 ...b3 (King-Morwan, Blackpool Zonal 1990) and now 13...e3 14 ...xc3 ...xc3 leaves Black with no particular problems.

e2) 7...f6 seeks counterplay and a more complex game. 8 d3 (or 8 0-0 ...e5 9 d3 ...xg2 10 ...xg2 f5!?) 8...d4 9 e4 d5 10 0-0 h5 (10...e6 11 b4 is pleasant for White) 11 h3 (11 b4 ...b6) 11...e6 (D) and then:



e21) 12 b4 is now answered by 12...e3 13 ...xe2 h4, with the point 14 g4? ...xg4.

e22) 12 ...xd4 ...xd4 13 ...d5 ...d7 14 ...f4 ...e5 (but not 14...e6?, losing to 15 ...xd6! ...xd5 16 ...xd5) is playable; e.g., 15 a4 h4 16 g4 e6 17 ...b4 0-0 intending ...f5.

e23) 12 ...e3 and now 12...h4 13 ...xd4 (13 g4? ...xg4!) 13...xd4 14 ...xd4 ...xg3 15 ...xg3 ...xh3 leads to a double-edged struggle.

6...b7 (D)

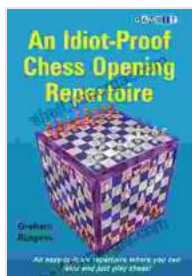
7 hxc5

Otherwise:

: Embarking on the Path to Chess Brilliance

Chess, a game of strategy, intellect, and infinite possibilities, has captivated minds for centuries. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting your

journey on the checkered battlefield, having a solid opening repertoire is essential for success. "An Idiot Proof Chess Opening Repertoire," the brainchild of renowned chess coach and author John Shaw, provides the ultimate solution for players of all levels.



An Idiot-Proof Chess Opening Repertoire by Graham Burgess

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The opening phase of a chess game sets the foundation for the entire match. Understanding and mastering various opening sequences can give you a significant advantage over your opponents. However, the vast array of openings and their complexities can often be overwhelming for beginners. "An Idiot Proof Chess Opening Repertoire" simplifies this daunting task.

With crystal-clear explanations and easy-to-follow diagrams, Shaw introduces the fundamental principles of chess openings. He presents a streamlined repertoire of openings for both White and Black, empowering you to confidently navigate the early stages of the game.

White's Arsenal: Unleashing Dominance from the First Move

For players who love to control the center of the board and set the pace of the game, Shaw recommends the Italian Game. This classic opening features the powerful move 1. e4, opening lines for both knights and bishops, and creating an array of attacking opportunities.

The London System, also known as the Colle System, is another popular choice for White. Characterized by the early development of the knight to f3 and bishop to d3, this solid opening provides excellent control of the center and prepares for a strong kingside attack.

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The French Defense, a more aggressive response to 1. e4, features the move 1... e6, blocking White's bishop on f1. Black aims to control the center with pawns while preparing for a potential pawn storm on the queenside.

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"An Idiot Proof Chess Opening Repertoire" lives up to its name, providing a comprehensive and accessible guide for players of all levels. Shaw's writing style is clear, concise, and engaging, making the concepts of chess openings easy to grasp.

Whether you're a complete novice or an experienced player looking to refine your strategies, this book will empower you with the confidence and mastery needed to navigate the complexities of chess openings.

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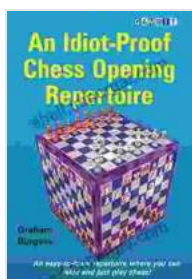
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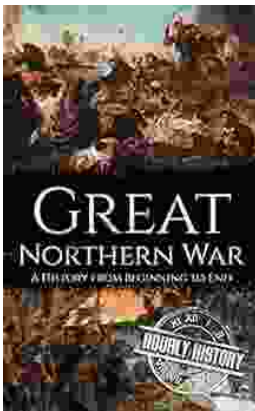
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