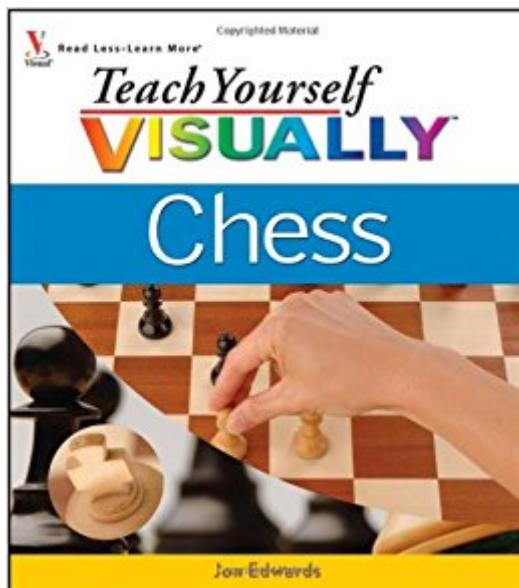


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# Teach Yourself VISUALLY Chess



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JON EDWARDS, Ph.D., is a United States Correspondence Chess Champion and a Senior International Master. He has authored seven previous books on chess and has been a chess instructor since 1976. He is the webmaster of Chess is Fun, a site that provides chess instruction to players of all ages.

This is by far the best chess book for beginners I have seen in many years. I wished I had this book when I got interested in chess “ and beating my friends. I thoroughly disliked chess notation when I started. I just wanted to learn the most important basic principles and guidelines. I did not have the patience to learn a new “elanguage” just to learn some basic principles and ideas. John Edwards makes it possible. I gave his book to some adult (near) beginners and they loved it. Their children (7 and 10 years) even loved it! Chess can be so much fun already from the beginning. There is no need to learn variations and weed through many "theoretical lines" in those early stages. Anyone completely new to chess may want to read the book from the beginning until they can finish games according to the rules. After that it probably makes sense to pick the pages or chapters that appear most interesting. Everything in this book is important or at least very useful to know. The author did an amazing job condensing the most important ideas into so few pages. Yet there is plenty of eye pleasing space and - more importantly “ big photos of the key positions. Even a child that cannot yet read could get useful ideas from this book if it is interested, perhaps with some initial parental help. One of the children who used it doesn't speak English - but she (7 years) really liked this book too. Her father told me "it works for her". The only principle I had to explain to some beginners who read this book are some (very) basic tactical ideas and principles. For example, often several pieces attack a single piece at the same time. It makes sense to “eat” the heavily attacked piece when it is protected less often than attacked - provided the material gain is less than the material invested. This is the only aspect that I wish the author had explained more explicitly. Other important tactical ideas like skewers, forks and pins are cleverly included in chapters that focus on strategy associated with particular pieces. Showing several important mating patterns and naming them is very helpful and rare. It is also great to see the most common sacrifices explained and labeled with intuitive names. Most of the information can easily be understood without a real chess set “ although it does help to have one. The book is such a rare gem for beginners (or anyone under 1300 Elo). It deserves 5 stars - easily.

This is a great self chess learning book. It's the best I've ever read. I've learned a lot of opening, mid-game, and ending game tactics and skills from this book. I strongly recommend this book to any

chess lovers. It will make you a better chess player.

Always thought easier to learn visually and this book proves it! Thanks Seller!

'chessguy' nails it -- Jon Edwards is a great teacher because of what he does not write. Leaving aside anything that does not get you up and running as a player with a clear understanding of the game's rules, tactics, and traditional strategies, this book is pure gold and betrays its simplistic visual "series" title. There's far more here than meets the eye. If you work your way through the book with a chessboard in front of you, it will go quickly. As a beginner in 2007, I bought over 50 chess books. However, this book was the most helpful of all of them. If you're buying someone you know who's recently become interested in chess a book, Jon Edwards won't let you down.

It was the right book

I have enjoyed chess ever since learning to play in high school after chemistry class. This book after years of play, opened my eyes finally to some tips the old school chess coach tried to teach us. This stands out in my mind above all other chess books that I have read.

This is the second copy of this book I have purchased. I enjoyed it so much I gave a copy to my 16 years old nephew. Chess has many levels, and trying to learn by trial and error is tough. Teach Yourself Visually Chess takes you from the basic to some very effective defenses and attack strategys. Five Stars, good book

This book is fantastic for beginners! It covers the important areas of learning and is very basic. If you know the basics (how to move the pieces, notation, and basic strategy), this book may not entirely be for you, but if you're interested in learning how to play---this book is perfect

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