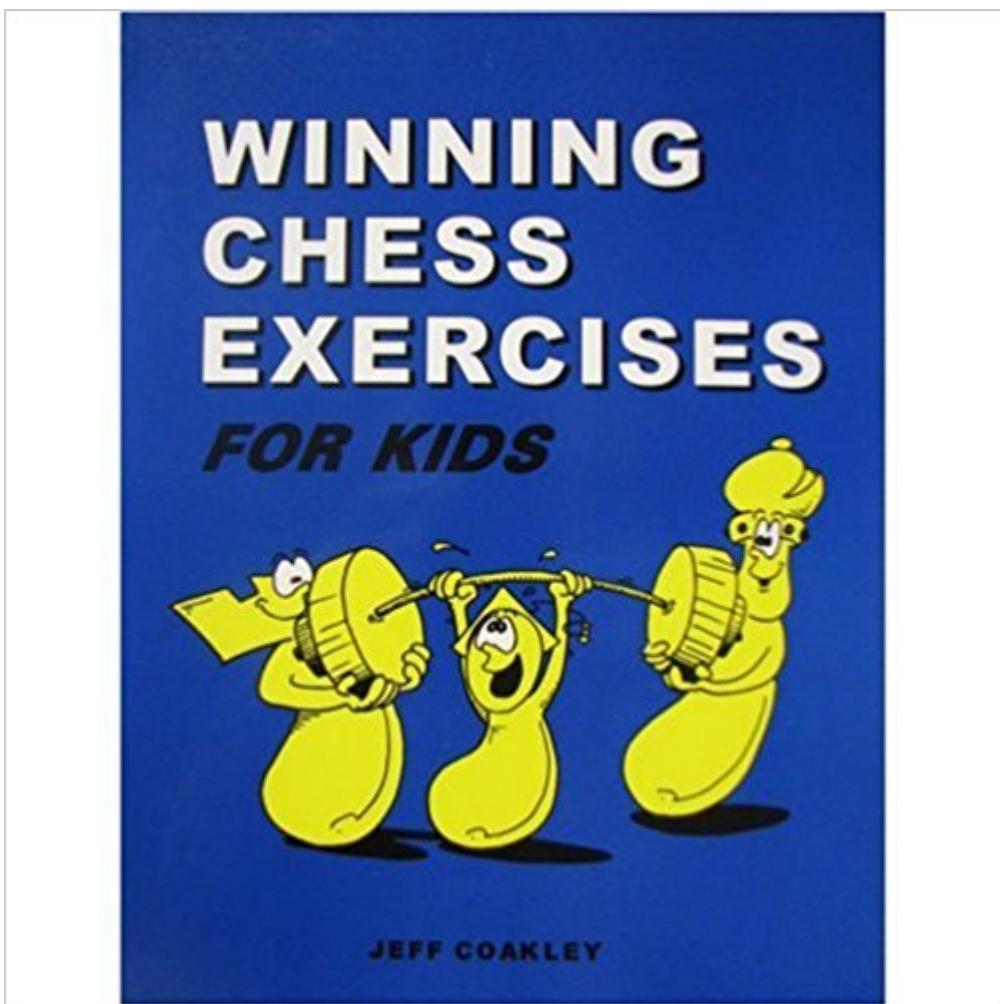


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Winning Chess Exercises For Kids



Synopsis

This wonderfully entertaining book also happens to be quite effective. Everything any child will need to know about chess strategy and more is here in this book, which is well laid out and easy to follow. Part of the fun factor for kids is that the book is replete with cartoon images of chess characters to help make the learning experience more exciting. A bright and colorful cover, as well as the large workbook format and algebraic notation make this a book which will occupy your child's attention for many hours. The flexible "perfect binding" makes it easy to turn the pages and have them stay in place.

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Customer Reviews

Jeff Coakley is a nationally rated Chess Master and one of Canada's leading coaches. He has been teaching chess to young people for 18 years, in Toronto and Halifax, as well as on the Internet. Many of his students have been national champions and competed successfully in international youth events. He is also the editor of Scholar's Mate Magazine and an active organizer of children's chess tournaments.

This is my 3rd tactics book I'm going through. My first two were Winning Chess Tactics and Learn Chess Tactics. I love this book as well. I believe it's a good idea to understand the basic tactical motifs before getting this book. (It isn't necessary, but I believe it would help you.) As others have said, it isn't for beginners. I'd put it in the range of 1200 - 1700 players. (I understand that's a broad range, but I've not gone through the whole book yet.) I had heard all great things about this book so I had to find out for myself. I'm glad I purchased the book! I've gone through a couple of pages. It's

hasn't got hard yet, but I'm sure it will. (I'm rated around 1600 [daily] on chess.com. The same rating with tactics trainer.) I love the book layout. It would be good to use as homework if you were teaching chess to a student or a class. I like how on each page the first row is mate. The next row is material. Then the final row is sort of a mix of defense, endgame, positional, and etc. So, you are getting a variety of tactics which is a good thing. You will not be disappointed in this book. Yes, it costs more than most, but it is well worth it!

I'm teaching an after-school chess class at my kid's elementary school. There are a dozen students, mostly First through Third grades, with little or no experience playing chess. Based on reviews here and elsewhere, I was going to purchase one copy of this book for each student. But I decided to get one copy first to check it out. I'm glad I got one copy first, because this book is WAY too advanced for the children I'm teaching. They're just learning basic moves, very basic strategies, and easy checkmates. Even the first exercises in the book show boards with many pieces, and many possible moves. The students I'm teaching need something much less complex as a starting point. One book that does that well is "One Move Checkmates" by Eric Schiller... but it obviously only deals with the end of the game. For children who already have a strong working knowledge of chess strategies, tactics, and moves, "Winning Chess Exercises" may be appropriate. It wouldn't hurt to have this book on hand to use along with other, easier books for a new player. "Winning Chess Exercises" does have a lot of challenging, brain-building exercises. But, it's not a one-stop book of exercises for brand new players. Perhaps, I'll be able to share this book with the quick-learners in our group before as the year progresses.

This is part of an excellent series by Canadian chess instructor Coakley. This book contains tactics at a level that many lower rated players never master. You need to be able to SEE relatively simple tactics almost instantly at the board, and better yet, you need to see the possibility of those tactics before they occur. This book will help you with its well chosen examples and fine explanations. As a bonus, you get problems on strategy, defense, and endgames. The breakdown by category is 300 checkmates, 300 'win material' problems, and 100 each of strategy, defense, and endgame problems, all with insightful and detailed answers. If you are a relative novice, or if you are that typical adult player stuck for years (or decades!) in that 1200-1500 USCF range, serious study of this book could give your rating a real boost! Highly recommended.

This is the best quiz book for INTERMEDIATE chess players. Don't be fooled by the kid-friendly

illustrations! This is a labor of love: the solutions to the exercises are of very high quality. If you're working with beginners & advanced beginners, get Coakley's "red" and "green" books first.

Impressed. Not just for kids but adults 2. Originally purchased based on the recommendation from Silman.

Lots of fun and not just for kids.

Book came quickly as described, very happy!

You will not find this book up at your local B&N bookstore. Rather than be disappointed, I am actually glad. I feel that anyone who gets rewarded with a treasure like this ought to have looked around or taken a little effort to know of its existence before they laid their hands on it!!! I can't stop gushing about how good Coakley's books are for players ramping up to an intermediate level and want to be absolutely sure they have no holes in their chess knowledge. (I'm about USCF 1579 at the time of writing this and I feel that the exercise positions in this book have so much to offer me.) The delivery of exercises (9 per page) and the quality of the answers at the back are very impressive. A tactics book that has non "find the mate or find the best move to win" positions is a rarity these days. His Number 9 position on each page offers a wealth of instruction if you haven't seen those positions before. I've even started to document those in my own training notes, as positions that I should know COLD in order to be competitive at my level. Overall, one of the finest tactics+non-tactics exercise books I've seen.

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