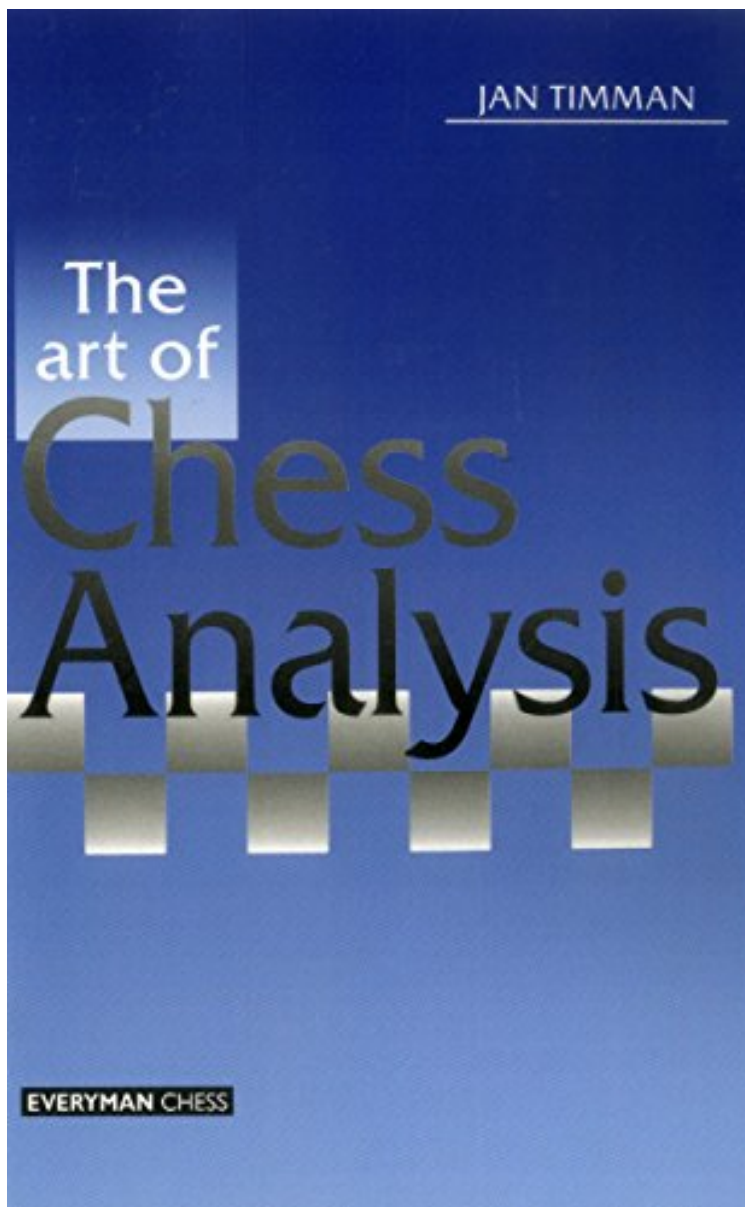


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deceptive title By Knight Hawk Grandmaster Timman is passionate about chess, and through his writing, attempts to share his love of the game. This book will especially appeal to those players of intermediate strength and above, who are fascinated by the depth and infinite variety of the game. The book is a quest for truth on the 64 squares. It does not aim to be didactic, although it might well improve one's game. Its value would seem to be primarily as a source of inspiration and as a glimpse into chess as it's played at the highest level. And indeed, it is a most remarkable glimpse into a realm which few of us would be able to partake so fully, or with such relish, without a guide of Timman's caliber and integrity. There are few chess players capable of analysis of this depth and accuracy. Only four come immediately to mind: Taimanov, Polugayevsky, Kasparov, and Timman. Books at this level and of this quality are therefore few in number, and for those who appreciate them, they are treasures. This is not an easy book to digest, but one need not be a prize winner nor a prodigy to understand and appreciate the book. Rather, the author presupposes a reader that has more than a passing familiarity with chess strategy and tactics, and that has more than a little experience over the board. The book's rewards--and they are rich rewards indeed--should then be commensurate with the effort invested. Regarding the title, one would do well to keep in mind that book titles are very often assigned by marketing departments little concerned with conveying precise information. As Scott Adams humorously points up, by way of his brilliant comic strip, "Dilbert", the term "marketing" would seem to be a euphemism for the word "fraud". But to be fair, it is hard to come up with new titles for chess books, without encroaching on other books with similar titles. After all, many thousands of chess books have been published, with titles that fairly exhaust the possibilities. "Art of Chess Analysis" is at least a stab at a unique identifier. Furthermore, by offering up his exemplary analyses, Timman might rightfully be regarded an artist, and his skill at analysis, his art (definition below). If so, then this is an art book whose title seems appropriate. *art \rt\ n. 1 : skill acquired by experience, study, or observation ... 4 a : the conscious use of skill and creative imagination especially in the production of aesthetic objects; also : works so produced --Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Title deceptive By voltron The title is deceptive, If you looking for a book on how to Analyze this is NOT it. The book is basically games that have been analyzed. Overall its a good book on analyzed games, but again, if your buying it to learn analyses this is not it. Because of the deceptive title I can not give it 5 stars. I can say the quality of the analyzed games is 5 stars, but so if your looking for books on analyzed games you will like this one, if your looking to learn game analysis, your going to hate it.

From the Back Cover All Grandmasters are able to devote themselves body and soul to actually playing a game of chess, but few indeed are able to do the same when analysing the games of their fellow Grandmasters. Yet it was by this method that Timman, following the teachings of Botvinnik, trained himself to become one of the finest analysts in the world - and why his annotations to this carefully selected collection of games are acknowledged to be of a depth and quality rarely seen in chess literature. Each game is critically dissected, and each claim of a mistake backed up by hard analysis. In striving for perfection, Timman seeks to discover the truth of each game; to provide not just a wonderful annotated game, but to present the definitive evaluation behind a top-class struggle between two great minds. This book, long hailed as classic, has been fully revised by Timman for this enlarged new edition. Dutch Grandmaster Jan Timman has been one of the world's leading players since the mid-1970s. His outstanding tournament record includes victories at Linares, Wijk aan Zee, Amsterdam, Tilburg and numerous other top-class events. He is also an exceptional match player, and has been a permanent fixture in the final stages of the World Championship cycle over the past 10 years.