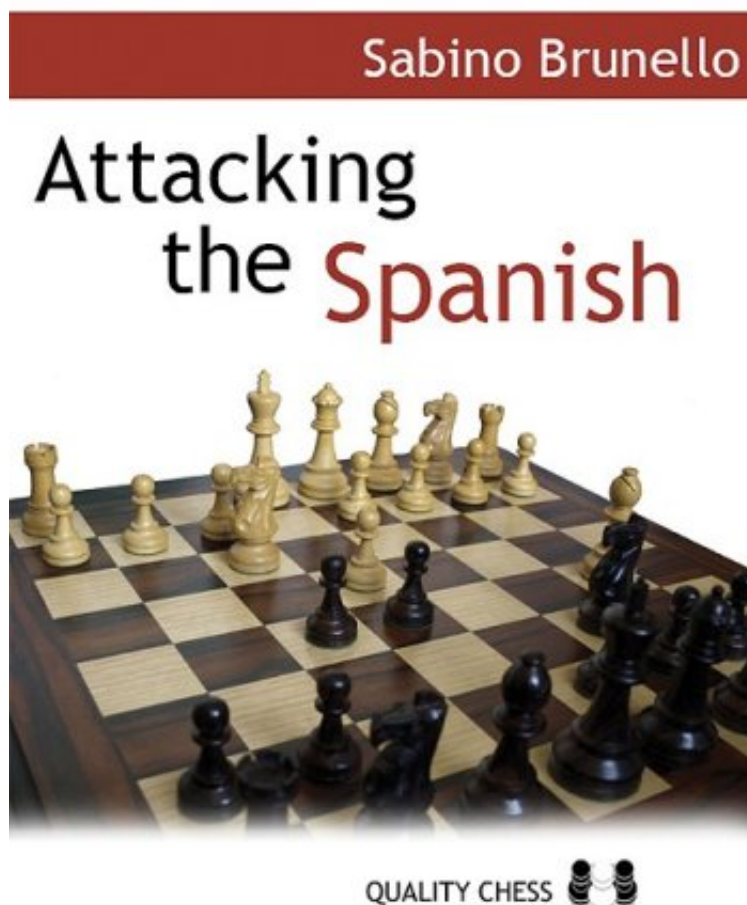


## Attacking the Spanish

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**Sabino Brunello : Attacking the Spanish** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Attacking the Spanish:

14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Another win for Quality Chess By Derek Grimm Ivan Sokolov has just released his new book on the Ruy Lopez, Ruy Lopez Revisited, The, which is a natural comparison to the present Quality Chess book. Sokolov looks exclusively at Black deviations around move 3: ...f5, ...g6, ...Bc5, ...Nge7. This is his evaluation of these lines, which he used while learning the massive amounts of theory in the main lines of the Lopez. Both he and Brunello write about the Schliemann/Jaenisch, which offers the chance to compare and

contrast the books. Both books use the tree format. In general, Brunello's book (this book) focuses on giving the player of the Black pieces a repertoire, including a lot of original suggestions. Many of them look quite promising. Brunello also includes a lot of text commentary on strategic plans, common tactical resources, and themes and ideas. Brunello's evaluations appear quite objective; there are a few lines where he thinks Black still has a disadvantage and says so, but also describes how Black can fight to achieve the draw, should White know enough to reach one of these few positions. And, of course, Brunello also covers the two gambit lines in which Black plays ...d5. Sokolov gives more variations, especially earlier in the analysis tree; his tree is more of a bush, branching out at more places, especially early in the game, and he explores more alternatives, especially for Black. For example, Brunello ignores 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 f5 4. Nf3 fxe4 5. Nxe4 d5; he focuses solely on 5. ...Nf6. Sokolov gives extensive coverage of both lines. In general, Brunello will stick to a repertoire line with a few alternatives and analyze the plans and tactics more deeply into the middlegame; Sokolov covers every worthwhile alternative for both sides, with fewer alternatives and improvements deeper in the game. This book focuses on getting a player ready to play the recommended lines, which are pretty good, but which Brunello admits have a few critical lines where Black still has minor problems. Sokolov wants the student to understand the positions thoroughly by exploring many alternatives, and includes more options to do so. Mostly the two authors reach the same conclusion on those lines they both analyze. In general, the rule is simple. If you want to get up and running with a repertoire of interesting ideas against the Ruy Lopez, Brunello's book is for you. If you want a wider variety of early deviations at move 3, such as the Classical or the Smyslov, Sokolov's book fits the bill. If you have any interest in lines where black plays ...d5, you must have Brunello's book. If you have a special interest in the Schliemann / Jaenisch and want to master it completely, you really need both books. As always with Quality Chess, the production values here are outstanding: good heavy paper, strong binding, plenty of diagrams and margins that are wide enough but not too wide.

19 of 21 people found the following review helpful. The latest theory, but you won't drown! Superb! By Andre E. Harding

When I reviewed "The Sharpest Sicilian" I said that Chess-Stars is now the best chess publisher out there. While they are outstanding, I'm going to revise that statement: Quality Chess is probably the best chess publisher in the world now (though New In Chess has upped the ante, entering the book-publishing side of chess with some awesome stuff of their own). When it comes to opening books, however, Quality Chess is the undisputed Number One, and nobody can touch them.

First of all, if you play or have any interest in the Schliemann Defense/Jaenisch Gambit (3.Bb5 f5) or the new Gajewski Variation (3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 d5!?) you need to have this book, since there hasn't been an up-to-date Schliemann book in years, and no previous books on the Gajewski as far as I know (it was first introduced into GM practice in 2007 by the Polish GM of the same name). Of course, if you are a Marshall Attack specialist, this is the most up-to-date book on MA theory.

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Brunello presents variations in a tree format that would be helpful to a professional, but he does so in a framework that can be used by players even as low as 1500. Within each of the nine chapters, there are sections on Strategic highlights, Theoretical highlights, and/or Theory. He also takes care to explain important ideas along the way or to explain the motives behind moves played in the games he shows. This is NOT a database dump, by any means! He also includes a Conclusion at the end of each chapter, summarizing the variations/ideas. I should also add that this book is pleasant to open because there are typically 2-3 diagrams per page and the text is nicely spaced: IT DOESN'T LOOK DENSE! To open a dense database dump is demoralizing to me (I'm rated 2000, and certainly no professional). Another winner by Quality Chess. Their books are worth their price. Keep them coming, please!