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John Emms : Attacking with 1e4 (Everyman Chess) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Attacking with 1e4 (Everyman Chess):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Broad opening repertoire, albeit it leads to fairly closed ...By Aleksey Bashtavenko Broad opening repertoire, albeit it leads to fairly closed and tame positions with white. In that sense, the title is misleading because it implies that these strategies lead to attack-oriented middle-game positions. Especially in the case of the Bishop's opening against e5, that's simply not true. Similarly, the King's Indian Attack is a formidable way to meet the French Defense, yet it certainly isn't the most dynamic option available to white. The same

criticism applies to the Closed Sicilian lines Emms recommends. To his credit, all of the lines the author suggested fulfill the book's purpose of providing the reader with an e4 repertoire that does not require them to learn "reams and reams of theory". Unfortunately, one cannot have his cake and eat it too. If we are looking for a truly dynamic way to handle the King's pawn opening for white, we will have to study highly double-edged positions. To that end, learning volumes of theory simply is inevitable. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. ExcellentBy fadertraderI got this book even though I'm primarily a 1.d4 player. I just wanted to change up my openings a little. While reading "New in Chess", one of the grand masters, I believe it was Wang Hao (2700+ elo) was asked what book(s) you have read to help your game. He replied, "Attacking with 1.e4 by Emms, that's how I got the GM title!" I thought that statement was pretty profound so I had to check it out for myself. The opening's that Jon Emms recommends are all very good starter points. You may want to tweak them a bit for your own personal taste, for instance, Emms recommends playing the closed Sicilian against 1...c5. Some people like to go into mainline theory and dislike closed positions, so this may not be for them. I personally don't care since I like playing new openings and finding new ideas in all positions. So for me, Emms' book was perfect. He gives a nice, compact strategy for almost every reply to 1.e4 and seems to avoid a lot of main stream theory. I recommend this for anyone looking to expand their opening repertoire. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ExcellentBy arne debeaufortDoes excellent job of presenting an easy to understand attacking system for white, especially good for club players. Emms is a respected chess writer.

Fed up with having to learn so much opening theory? Struggling to keep up with all the latest developments? Then this book may well be the answer to all your problems! Grandmaster John Emms offers a new arsenal of opening weapons with which to attack to your unaware opponents. Starting with the move 1 e4, the reader is armed with systems against all possible black defences. In each case learning ideas is more important than memorising long variations, so this repertoire should be ideal for players who dont have the luxury of being able to spend countless hours studying theory. Each line is easy to learn and play, but will they will still pose your opponent with difficult problems to solve over the board. *All possible defences to 1 e4 are covered* Written by a battle-hardened 1 e4 player *Ideal for club and tournament players