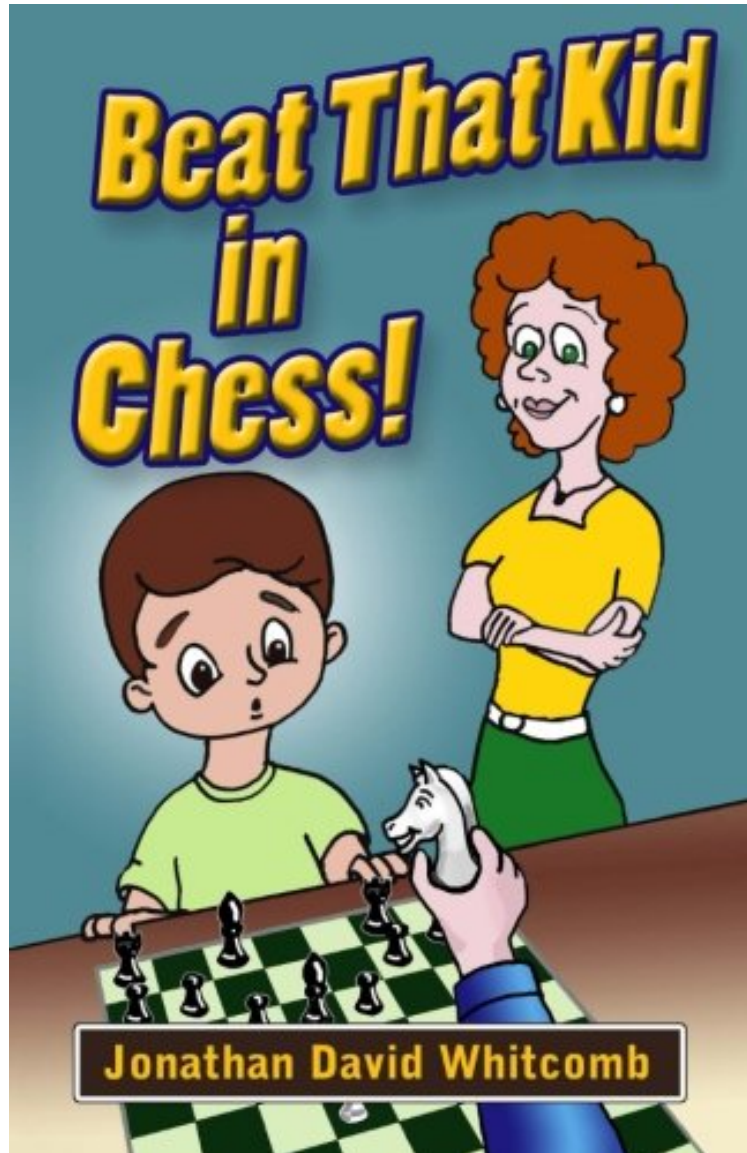


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Camiloverly nicely done for beginners. puzzles are well thought out2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Beat that Kid in ChessBy Sonya JeffordsI received this book for review at the end of October and have been using it with my daughter (now 8) to help her improve her chess

ability. We have enjoyed this book and the lessons have been helpful. For beginning chess players who know the basics and are looking to improve their game, I think this book is a good choice. We liked that the first chapter in this book was on Checkmate. My daughter has been playing chess since she was four, but she would still struggle with finding checkmate when it was possible for her. As we went through this book, I set up the board according to the diagrams shown, and we worked together on finding checkmate when it was available. I think this provided a good confidence boost for her, and this added confidence helped give her the motivation to want to keep learning and discovering how to spot the sorts of moves that would eventually lead her to a possible checkmate during a game. Other things we found particularly helpful were the pages about spotting potential knight forks, and the pages about the values of various pieces. I think sometimes for children it can be easy to just think a piece is a piece and not think about the greater value a rook has over a bishop, for example, when making an exchange. And for little girls, especially, it can be tempting to consider the knight as the most valuable piece simply because its shaped like a horse. Going over the values of the pieces was a helpful lesson. The back cover states that this book is for the early beginner. On some level I would agree with that, but I do find it necessary to clarify that this book is for someone who already has a strong grasp of how the pieces move. I would describe this book as being a great fit for someone who knows all the basics of how to play chess but who struggles with spotting checkmate and spotting the right moves. For the beginner who doesn't yet understand how all the pieces move, I would recommend finding another resource first, and then moving on to this book after the basics are understood. Overall, this has been a great resource and a great next step for my daughter. There was, of course, a lot more to this book than the things I've mentioned already. This book has ten chapters, and I thought they were all well-done. I anticipate going through it again with my other daughter in a year or so when she is ready for it. I received a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Who doesn't want that for themselves and their loved ones? This book is perfect for someone who ... By Eric M. Studies show that the study of chess increases problem-solving and reading skills, improves concentration, teaches planning and foresight, and more. Who doesn't want that for themselves and their loved ones? This book is perfect for someone who knows the basic rules of chess but needs additional help to actually win. I learned chess as a child, but as someone who hasn't played in over a decade, this is a great refresher. I sometimes find myself in a rut, playing mainly defense and moving each piece carefully so as to not lose material. My weakness is seeing how I need to position my pieces to move forward to a checkmate. I love the way this book is organized: It starts with a few simple chess terms, progresses to chapter topics that start where most puzzles start-the end, and then ends with simple and advanced exercises, as well as a thorough index. This is going to help me get back into the game, so to speak, as well as help me know in what order to teach my own children, so that they too can enjoy the benefits that come with playing chess.

Reading level for the text: teenagers and adults (Assumes the reader already knows the rules) This book has been carefully crafted for the raw beginner who wants to win a chess game as soon as possible. It's for the beginner who knows the rules but not much else. Children, teenagers, and adults can benefit from these lessons and the two chapters of exercises: simple and advanced exercises at the end of the book. This chess book is balanced in depth and breadth, with lessons on how to checkmate your opponent, gain a material advantage over another beginner, promote a pawn to a queen, pin one of your opponent's pieces, make a knight fork, avoid becoming checkmated, and much more. It emphasizes what a beginner most needs to know and understand, as soon as possible. The approach was organized by a professional nonfiction writer who began teaching chess beginners in the 1960's. He knows what the raw beginner most needs to learn. Of the countless chess books which have been published, very few appear to be carefully written for beginners, perhaps less than 10%. Of those that seem to be for beginners, most are too confusing and more appropriate for lower-ranked tournament competitors. "Beat That Kid in Chess," however, is especially for early beginners. Consider the advantages in this book: 1) Simple - It really is for the early beginner 2) Concise - no chess history or reciting the rules 3) Huge Diagrams - no magnifying glass needed 4) Win-focused - quickly learn to win a game 5) Two levels of exercises - learn at your pace 6) Reviews - appropriate repetition, as needed 7) Internal references - find things quickly 8) Two indexes - general and exercises 9) All three phases - opening, middle, end game 10) Critical tactics - pin, knight fork, etc 11) Checkmates explained - attack and defense 12) Common pitfalls explained - avoid errors "Beat That Kid in Chess" has another benefit over other chess books for beginners. Being written by a professional nonfiction writer gives advantages, including this: Similar chess positions are shown, with slight changes that make all the difference. This helps the beginner avoid accidentally memorizing positions and remembering particular tactics by general appearances. This requires an explanation: Tactics rule in chess, more than 90% of the time, with some estimates being around 98% to 99%. General principles, proclaimed in proper English, have limited benefit to the raw beginner, who needs to see examples that illustrate the pin and the knight fork, etc. But greatly-different positions, commonly shown in almost all chess books, can allow a reader to accidentally memorize general patterns that are not relevant to those tactics. "Beat That Kid in Chess" solves this problem, perhaps the only chess book ever written that solves it. For example, Diagram-17 and Diagram-18 are almost the same (pages 27 28), but the pawns on the left are different. A white bishop can capture a black knight, identical possibilities in both

positions, for those two pieces are on the same squares. But in one position that capture would be a great move and in the other it would be a terrible blunder. This helps the reader to learn to see the important details in each position.