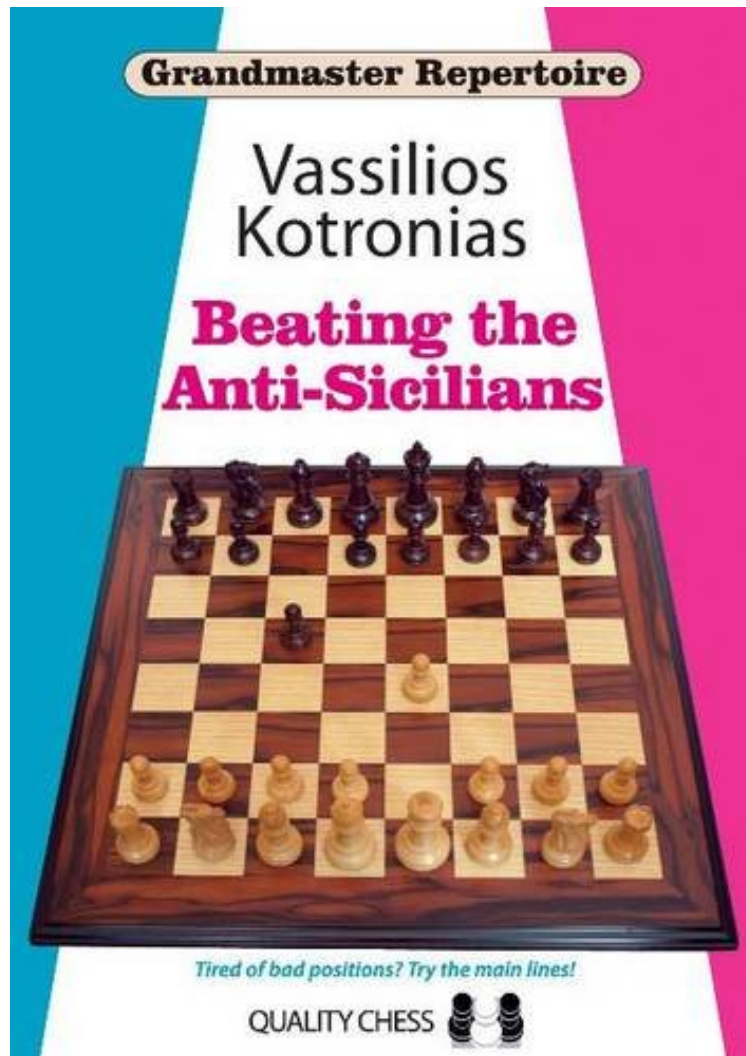


Beating the Anti-Sicilians: Grandmaster Repertoire 6A

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Rogozenko's work is not listed in the bibliography. When you do a reprint can you please correct this omission.] I will summarise Rogozenko's repertoire below - which I have mainly followed over the last 15 years - and then identify the changes Kotronias has made. Forgive me if I approach this from the perspective of a ...d6 player, but ...Nc6/...e6 players are amply served as well. Rogozenko's repertoire: GPA: 3...g6 and later ...e6. Kotronias covers 5 Bc4 e6 6 f5!? and 5 Bb5 Nd4. Curiously he overlooks 5 Bc4 e6 6 0-0 which I have found more common in my games. Closed: meet 6 f4 e6 and 6 Be3 e5. I can verify that playing two different systems actually works 2 c3 Sicilian: 2...Nf6 with ...e6 systems. These systems are very sound as long as Black doesn't expose himself to a king side attack. 2 b3 is met with ...e5; the treatment of 2 g3 and 2 d3 is a bit more precise than Rogozenko; and as well as the Wing gambit, the deferred Wing Gambit is covered, which Rogozenko overlooked. Differences- The big difference is 3 Bb5, which is met with the "Universal" ...d6/...Nc6 (or ...Nc6/...d6). Kotronias admits that the Moscow with 3...Bd7 is completely sound for Black but thinks there are more winning chances in the "Universal" system. I suspect he is right - most of Blacks tries in 3...Bd7 seem to be to obtain equality.- He covers the Tiviakov Rossolimo, which didn't exist when Rogozenko wrote. Here he favours systems with Palliser's ...a6, rather than the more popular ...e6. I have played ...a6 myself and think it leads to sound positions, and avoids a trap in the ...e6 systems.- Against 2 f4 he recommends 2...g6 to transpose to a normal GPA. I have gone through his analysis of 3 d4 with the engines running and they don't seem quite as optimistic as he is. There may be a problem with the repertoire here.- Against the Morra Gambit he recommends systems with ...g6. (I normally "pass" with ...Nf6)- Against the 4 Qxd4 he covers ...Nc6 under the universal system (Rogozenko gave 4...a6) I have used Rogozenko's book as my guide for 15 years, with only minor extensions. I am a fan of the repertoire; its served me well. I do have one criticism of Kotronias's book, the analysis doesn't always appear 100% accurate/comprehensive. I have given a couple of examples above, and there are others. Nonetheless, I have no doubt that Kotronias's update and extension of Rogozenko's repertoire will provide me with ample material to work with for another 15 years. Consequently I have no difficulty giving it a 5 star rating.

The Sicilian Defence is the most combative way to meet 1.e4, but Black's hopes of reaching his favourite Dragon, Najdorf or Sveshnikov are often quashed at an early stage. In Grandmaster Repertoire 6A Beating the Anti-Sicilians, grandmaster Vassilios Kotronias provides full coverage against White's many attempts to steer the game away from Open Sicilian territory. Beginning with sidelines on move 2, and extending all the way to variations tested at World Championship level, the author provides expert recommendations against all White's sensible deviations (as well as some not-so-sensible ones!) with specific advice tailored for 2...d6, 2...e6 and 2...Nc6 players. Be it tackling Wing and Morra Gambits head first, outmanoeuvring 2.c3 and Closed aficionados, bashing 3.Bb5 or ruining the Rossolimo, this book contains everything you need to make your opponents wish they had played 2.Nf3 and 3.d4!

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