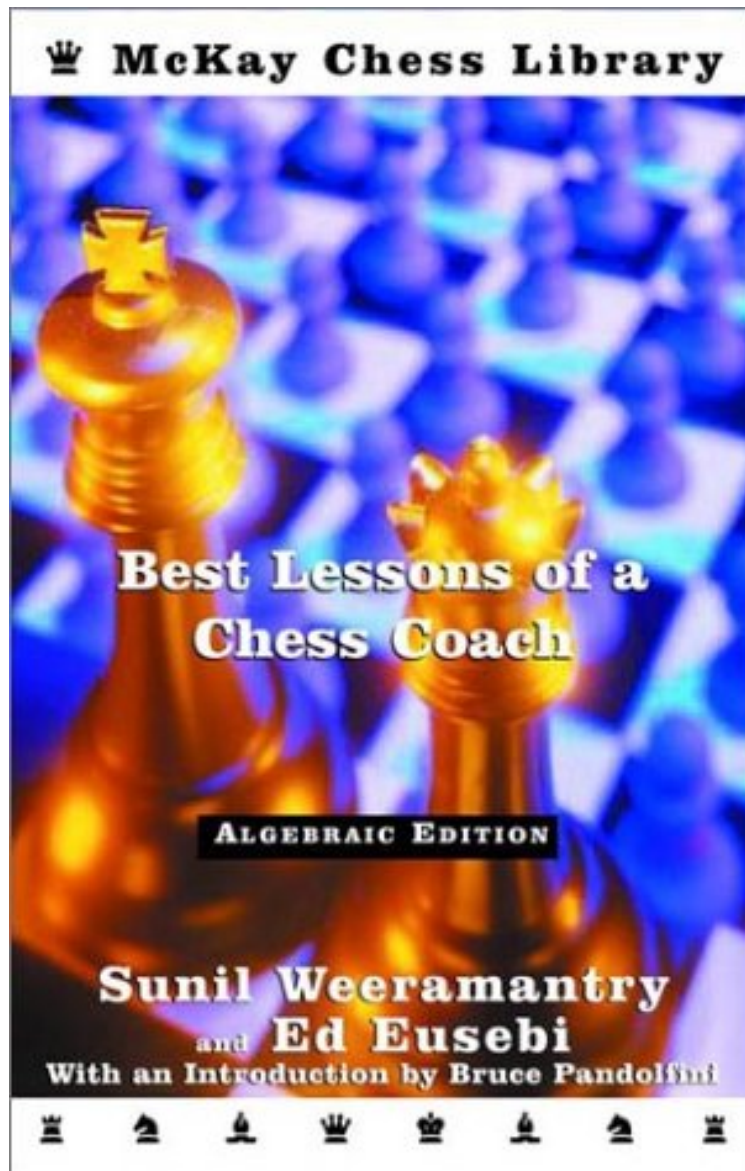


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. My favorite strategy book thus far. By k33pitReal30 pages in and this seem to be the best strategy book I have had so far. It uses algebraic notation, but limits it to 2-3 full moves (or 4 - 6 how others count them) at a time. Tactics are examined when they are available, but are not the central focus. On top

of that, the themes are flawlessly organized, and the author is kind enough to let the reader do some thinking for a bit and provide additional games, resources and exercises. If you could imagine the best teacher you have ever had in school teach you chess, that is the dialog of this book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great positional chess instruction. By Jack Reader "I would much rather read a beautiful, novel-like account by Sunil Weeramantry, author of "Best Lessons of a Chess Coach", of how a game was won than plough through 50 tactical problems..." writes Michael de la Maza in his book "Rapid Chess Improvement". What he essentially implies is that reading this book is a waste of time and more fun than useful. I have to disagree. The book simulates a coached lesson more than anything. This book is similar to the style of the books by Max Euwe, Robert Snyder and Irving Chernev. 10 games are discussed in detail, move by move, complemented by question and answer analysis, discussion of positional principles, diagrams, complementary games. Positional principles in general could be easy to understand, but hard to apply or recognize and the author does a fine job pointing out the significant details. As much fun as tactical fireworks could be, in a well played game they rarely could be found. Tactics serve more of a possible threat, deterrent, tools to select the next best move by eliminating riskier options. Although it is not a "novel-like account", a positional discussion is inherently more verbose and descriptive than a tactical test book. Also, in order to come up with a plan after completing the opening, one has to understand the structural (pawns, open diagonals, dark/white square complexes etc.) elements of the game. We amateurs often get caught up with the idea of equal exchanges to simplify the game to an endgame without recognizing those minuscule cracks that could be exploited to trigger a much more devastating collapse. If anything, the only "weakness" of this book is not having more lessons or sequels to follow. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. What A Great Find By Mike H This book is unique in chess literature: It is 10 lessons presented to the reader in somewhat of a Socratic, didactic method, as if FIDE Master Sunil Weeramantry were in your room and asking questions and making you think about the game as you play it. It was the best find I've had since I began chess. I only wish I had found it 18 months sooner. The book is presented in two sections: 1) Strong Squares and Weak Color Complexes and 2) The Initiative and Piece Coordination. Each section consists of five complete games, each of which has several particular positional themes (e.g., the first game is about the outpost square, space advantage in the center, building the attack, preventing counterplay and focal points). In several spots of each game, Weeramantry asks a quiz question and then supplies the answer. At the conclusion of each game, there is a review of the themes, guidelines, advice and several supplementary games (including the famous Queen sac in the "Game of the Century" -- Donald Byrne-Fischer), featuring the same themes, which serve to reinforce each of the 10 "lessons." There is also a glossary and a bibliography of recommended books. Innovative and entertaining, I was left wishing there were dozens of other books by Weeramantry, each progressively tougher, written in the same style. It is one of my favorite chess books, as it even explains the openings used, not to mention how to read each position and formulate a plan. In this latter regard, I'd call it "Silman Light," meaning this book should be read by the developing player after Irving Cherev's "Logical Chess: Move by Move" and Jeremy Silman's "The Amateur's Mind" and before Silman's "How to Reassess Your Chess, 4th edition." This book played a large hand in helping me get out of Class D and into Class C (I'm currently low Class B USCF). I've been coached by the late GM Larry Evans (for the last 18 month of his life) and am currently under the tutelage of an excellent Master, with whom I share a great connection. If I had the means, I would literally move to Europe or India or South America to be Weeramantry's student. I can't recommend this book highly enough.

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