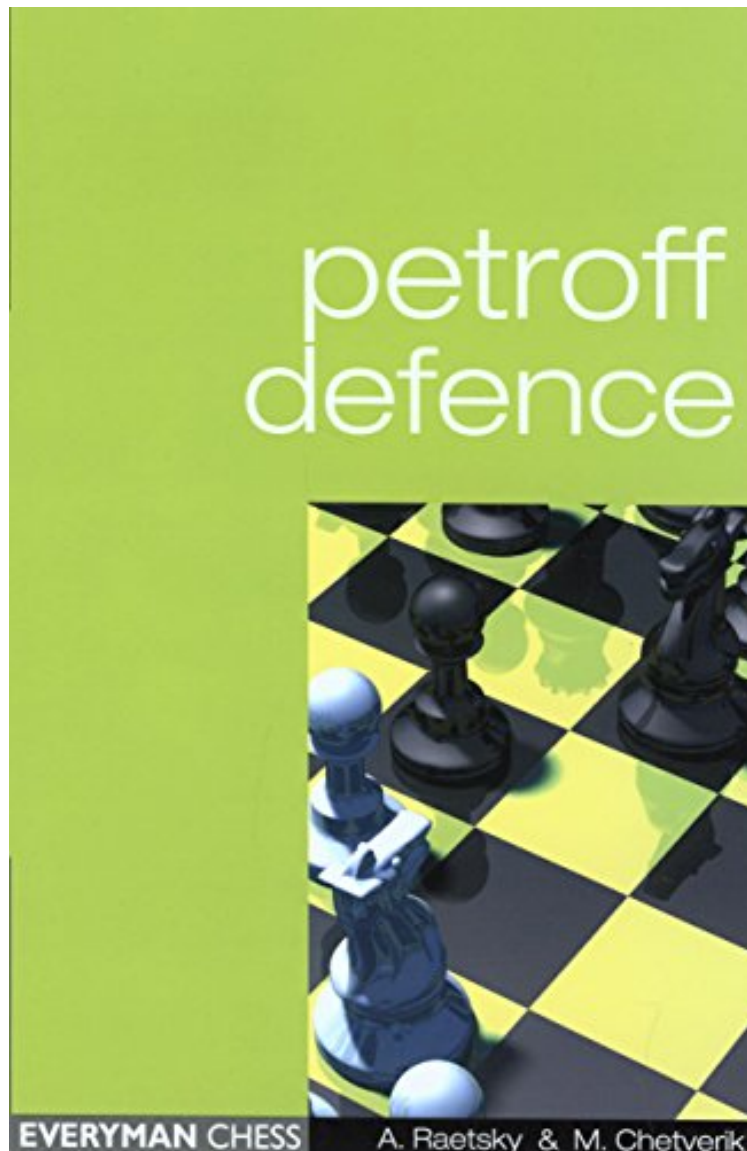


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**Maxim Chetverik, Alexander Der Raetsky : Petroff Defence (Everyman Chess)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Petroff Defence (Everyman Chess):

26 of 26 people found the following review helpful. A starting point, although dated.By Wallace H. HannumArtur Yusupov wrote a massive 400+ page book on the Petroff that was meant to cover all the opening theory up until that time. However, it was not very good for average club players since it was very dry and didn't have much in the way of explanatory prose. Plus...it was overwhelming.This book is much more accessible and is a decent introduction to this

under-rated defense. However, since it was published, interest in the Petroff at the highest level (thanks mainly to Kramnik) has caused the theory to advance significantly and many of the lines discussed in this book are already quite out-of-date. For white players, you can turn to 'Beating the Petroff' by Kotronias and Tzermiadianos for the explanatory prose and nearly ANY repertoire book based around 1.e4 for white; most especially Khalifman series on Anand. Unfortunately, no one has written a "Starting Out" or "Beginner's Guide" to the Petroff for the Black side. So, I'd recommend that you get this book and then look at recent annotated games of Kramnik and Gelfand to try to get more updated on the latest ideas. By the way, there are also DVD's from Shirov and Kasimdzanov on the Petroff as well, though neither is from black's point-of-view. Basically white has several good resources and black has few. so, if you want to explore 2...Nf6 for black, this is probably your best starting point since it at least explains the basic ideas and the early evolution of theory. But you will still NEED to check the latest theory because you play the Petroff against strong opposition. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. The only real Petroff out there By anonymous Looking to study the Petroff. I've found this is about the only comprehensive study on the Petroff. Covers all the lines and is specifically geared for the black pieces. Even covers the 3) KNC3 lines which usually takes you out of the petroff but this book shows you how to keep within the petroff lines. A well written easy to understand book. If you want white to play your lines instead of his such as the Ruy Lopez and complicated Sicilian this is an excellent choice. A typically quality Everyman Book and a definite buy for the Petroff lines. I give it 5 stars. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. a must read for petroff players By Expert Chessplayer If you play the petroff you definately want this no-nonsense guide in your library. They dont waste time in mundane sidelines and provide solid analysis of the thematic ideas for each variation.

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From the Back Cover The Petroff Defence is considered as one of Black's most reliable methods of meeting the king's pawn opening. By counterattacking as early as move two, Black avoids the hazards of having to face lines such as the Scotch Opening, the Italian Game and the 'Spanish torture' of the Ruy Lopez. An early breach of a central file together with active piece play for both sides characterizes the Petroff as a typical king's pawn opening. Until a few years ago, the Petroff opening was favored only by a few top Grandmasters, including Anatoly Karpov and Artur Yusupov. However, the last few years have seen a dramatic rise in its popularity, and it now provides battlefields for many clashes of the modern elite players, including Kasparov, Kramnik, Anand, Leko, Topalov and England's Michael Adams. This is bound to have a positive effect on its popularity at club level. In this book, openings experts Alexander Raetsky and Maxim Chetverik study the typical plans and tactics for both White and Black in this complex opening. Using illustrative games, the authors provide up-to-date coverage of a line that has experienced a major overhaul in the last decade. \*Written by renowned opening theoreticians\* Ideal for club and tournament players \*All main lines are covered\* Provides everything you need to know to play the opening with confidence