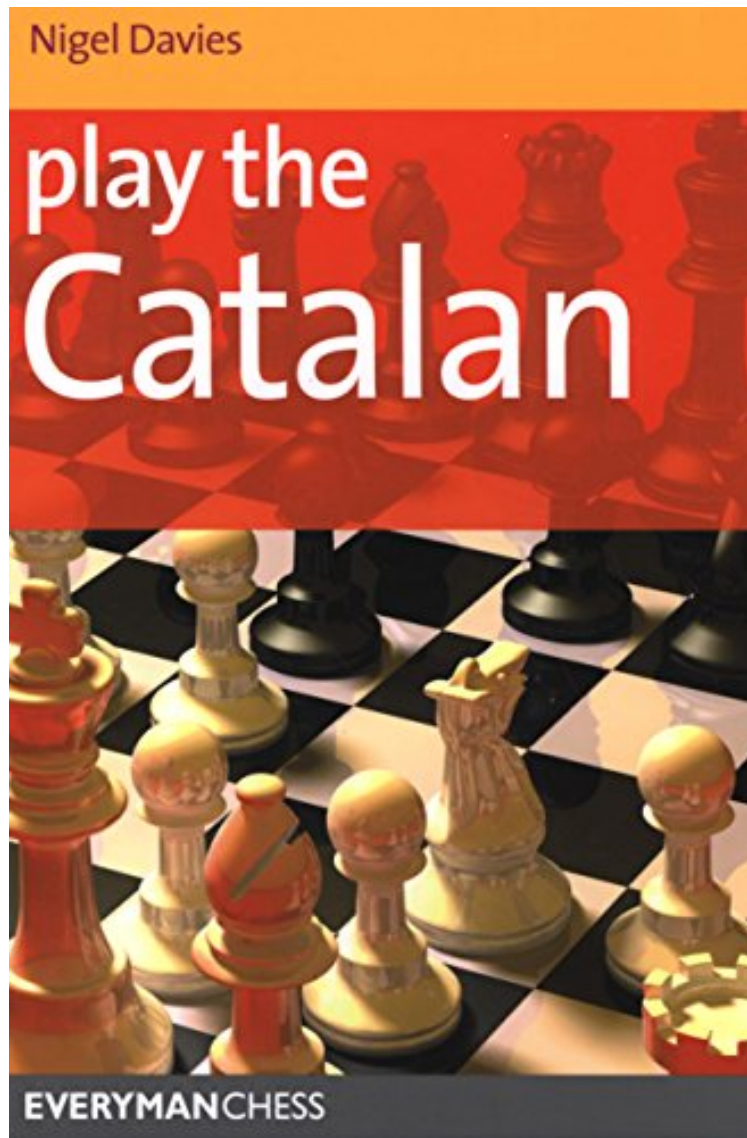


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**Nigel Davies : Play the Catalan** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Play the Catalan:

30 of 34 people found the following review helpful. Play the CatalanBy Alan RodensteinNigel Davies is one of the more prolific and outstanding British chess authors and teachers. His ability to clearly communicate a variety of chess concepts in print and in video has made him an author whose work I have come to expect high quality. Play the Catalan does not dissappoint. The Catalan like the King's Indian Attack and Reti are difficult to classify due to the high

level of transpositions among them and the English and other closed openings. Usually, the Catalan is divided into two sections Open and Closed - Davies develops a third category - the Main Line involving a later capture of the pawn. 10. Bd2 is popular at the highest levels of GM Play but Mr. Davies recommends playing 10. Bf4 as a more solid alternative. Other practical recommendations are contained throughout. I would hope that Chessbase would supplement this outstanding book by providing a video lecture on the Catalan - Mr. Davies' easy manner, dry wit and incisive comments has one feel relaxed and focused while learning the material. For players rated 1600 plus who are interested in the Catalan, Mr Davies' latest is highly recommended! 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Gabriel Adrian Romanelli Excellent 12 of 42 people found the following review helpful. Rubbish! By Customer Another lame repertoire book. Davies will often use the word rubbish as an explanation for why a move doesn't work. Yeah, that is teaching!! I have been disappointed by two of his books now. (this and his also useless Play 1.e4 e5) I think that some chess authors forget they actually have to write when they write a book.

The Catalan is a sophisticated and wide-ranging opening system which is popular at all levels of chess. In recent years it has been catapulted into the limelight by Vladimir Kramnik, who has revitalized it with many new ideas and has utilized it with great success against the world's strongest players on occasion making it look like a forced win for White! In this book, Grandmaster Nigel Davies presents a major study of this important opening. Drawing upon his wealth of personal experience with the Catalan, Davies provides a reliable and dynamic repertoire for White, covers the keys plans for both sides, and tackles crucial modern day issues such as move orders.

About the Author Nigel Davies is a Grandmaster, a renowned chess coach and the author of many successful books.