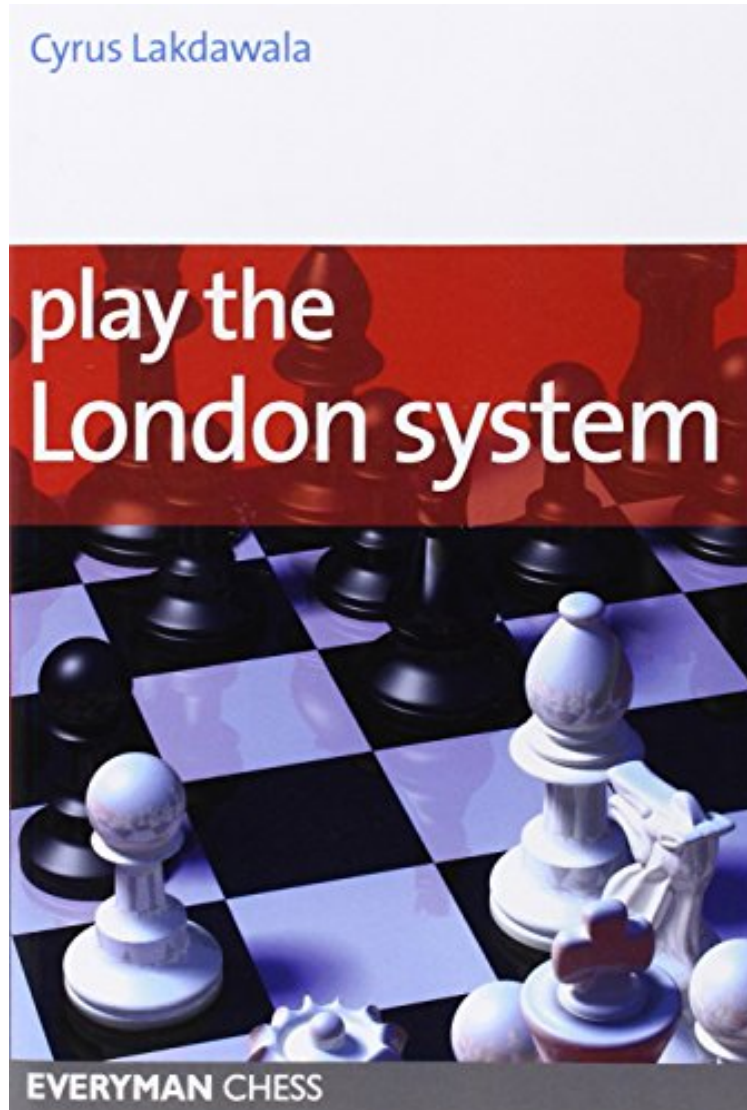


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project of researching the current state of so-called "theory." The result is a recap / rehash of other books, with little that is new, perhaps some lines from Fritz thrown in. Okay, not very special, a dime a dozen. This book is different. Cyrus really DOES play the London, and he loves it. And you get 92 well-annotated and profusely diagrammed complete games, from Lakdawala and other leading practitioners. Unlike so many other's books, the author's grasp of English is excellent. He provides just the right amount of verbal analysis and variations, as well as a summary of every game. If you are interested in a solid opening that does not require reams of theory but has more punch and is more flexible than the Colle or Stonewall or similar "system" openings, get this book. After reading this book, you will not just know how to get an advantage (or the plus side of equality) against best Black play, but you will know many typical tricks for White and for Black (see his chapter, An Inconvenient Move Order for a major Black transpositional trick and how to avoid it). More importantly, you will have many excellent examples of how the middlegames and endgames are played for typical structures. Buy this book! 39 of 41 people found the following review helpful. Great Book. A solid backup to Win with the London System By Joe I have to say I agree with the first reviewer from Arizona who made some excellent comments. I play the London pretty much exclusively as White and it can be used against anything Black throws at you. Most players as Black, even higher rated ones (such as an IM I drew with it) hate facing the London. As others have said, it will not necessarily give you a major advantage against a strong player, but it's hard for Black to develop any major counterplay against it. Aggressive Black players will get frustrated and impatient and ultimately make a mistake. In short, you'll generally end up equal, slightly better, or much better out of the opening. At the amateur level, that's all you can ask for. Often I find, however, that I get a positional advantage in the middlegame or endgame. It's up to me to convert that into a win. Win With the London System - in my humble opinion - is probably the best book in print on the London right now, and I'll argue most would agree. If you only want to get one book, I would get Win With... first, as it's much more thorough and detailed and contains more sidelines. Then you can follow it up with this book and the game analyses it contains. The prose in both books are excellent. If you're a club player looking to boost your rating, both these books should carry you for quite some time as far as your openings with White is concerned. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. New opening to me! By Garry Williams Excellent

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