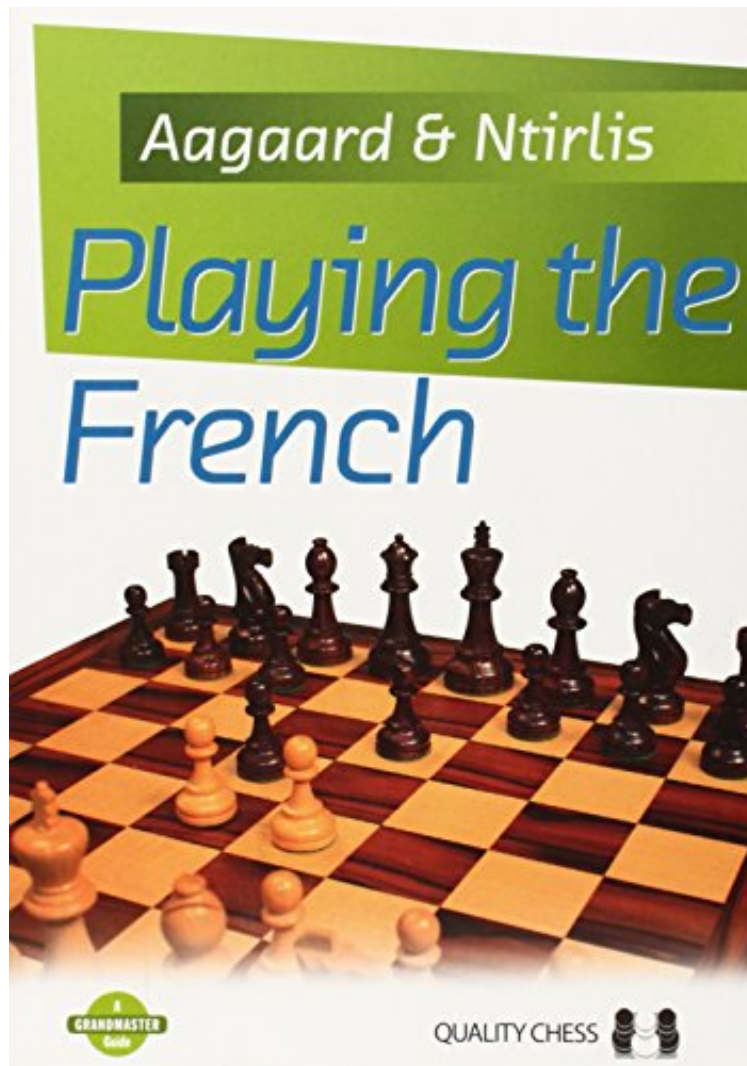


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This book is one of the best opening books I have seen, and I have 100s. Aagaard provides an excellent repertoire that coincides with mine: 3.Nc3 Nf6 and MacCutcheon with 4.Bg5 Bb4, and Steinitz with 4.e5 with an interesting 7.Be3 a6 8.Qd2 b5 9.a3 Qa5!?! line. In the Tarrasch, he indicates why 4.Ng3 Nf6 may not quite equalize. The Advance covers the solid Euwe line with 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2 Nge7 and 7...Ng6. Aagaard is one of my favorite authors, and you can't go wrong with his entries in the Grandmaster Prep series, too.

The French Defense is one of the most solid and strategically rich responses to 1.e4. Many chess opening lines have been analyzed to death by computer, but the French is relatively resistant to this growing trend, as the characteristic blocked pawn centre leads to situations where a player with superior understanding can overcome an opponent whose expertise lies in computer-assisted preparation. Acclaimed authors Ntirlis and Aagaard present a complete repertoire for Black based on 3.Nc3 Nf6 and 3.Nd2 c5. With many new discoveries and detailed explanations of positional and strategic motifs, this book is essential reading for those playing this complex opening with either color.

About the Author
Nikolaos Ntirlis is a computer specialist and supplier of opening ideas for many grandmasters. GM Jacob Aagaard is the only chess author to have won all the major Book of the Year awards.