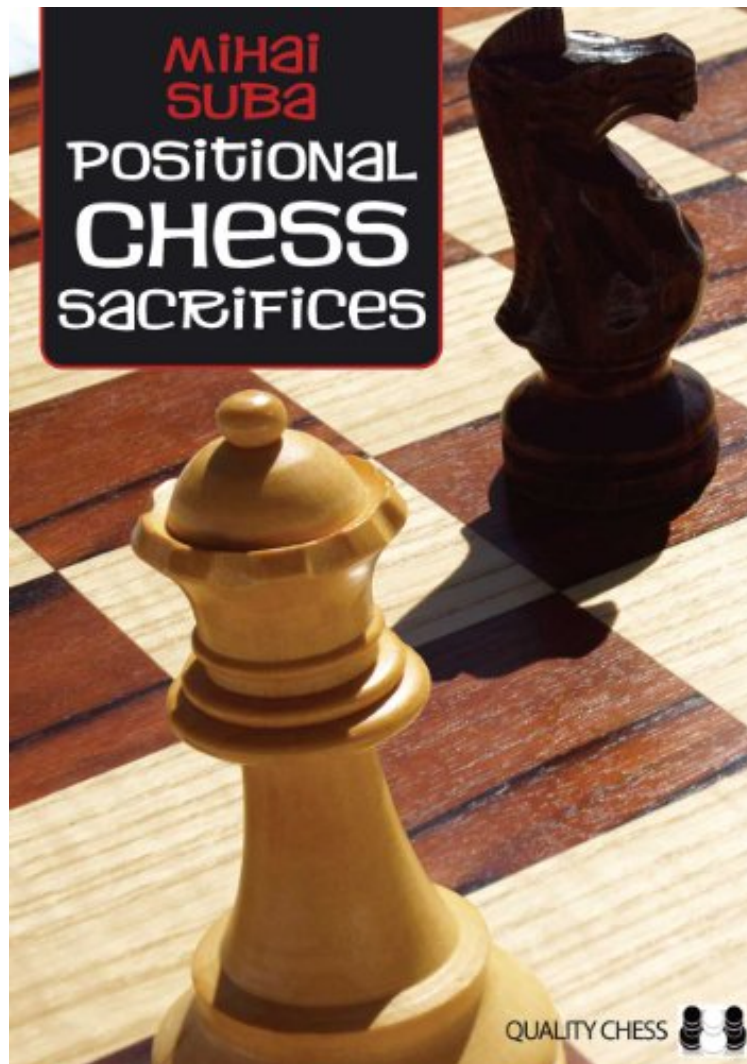


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material. One interesting aspect of this book is that the games are presented by opening -- although Suba usually does not focus on sacrifices well-known to opening theory. For example, he documents the Botvinnik variation of the Semi-Slav, but only by way of a game with a positional rook sacrifice on move 14 that discredited one variation of this complex. As with the other games he selects, the point of the sacrifice was that it paralyzed Black's remaining forces, giving the depleted but mobile White army essential dominance of the board. All told there are 104 complete games, many with very deep annotations, arranged first by opening system, and then sometimes continuing in later sections by type of sacrifice. This book offers excellent training material for players who want to increase the dynamism in their play, as opposed to the approach of collecting small advantages to turn them into an attack. Essentially a "how-to" manual for dynamic play.

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