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4. Transformation of Pawn Structures 5. Transformation of Advantages. The Appendix contains an interview of Gelfand from 2012. I've 'read' through much of the book without putting in the necessary work to get any improvement out of it but enjoy it immensely already. I'm only a 1700 player but feel like I can learn a lot here. There is deep analysis but also plenty of regular English for amateur/club players to understand Gelfand's thinking and ideas. What really attracted me to the book was the fact that I would get to see Rubinstein's games, a player I've always wanted to study, through a top player's eyes. In addition to this there are fully annotated battles of Boris versus lots of the World's elite including Carlsen, Anand, Kasparov, Aronian, Grischuk and Morozevich. Basically I can't wait to put the time into this book that it really, really deserves! If you're interested in what some notable players think of the book check out the reviews on the Quality Chess website. I will update my review once I get into the meat of the book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ... from other books but Grandmaster Gelfand is among the greatest teachers on positional chess. By M. T. Palang This book does not contain heavyweight variations (a chess engine can do this job) we normally see from other books but Grandmaster Gelfand is among the greatest teachers on positional chess. He does not overload you with variations like Dvoretsky books, but rather gives you a detailed positional picture of the games, and the real time "how it felt" thing with his games, in the book.

offers a rare look into the mind of a top grandmaster. In his efforts to explain his way of thinking, Boris Gelfand focuses on such topics as the squeeze, space advantage, the transformation of pawn structures and the transformation of advantages. Based on examples from his own games and those of his hero, Akiba Rubinstein, Gelfand explains how he thinks during the game.

About the Author Grandmaster Boris Gelfand won the European Junior Championship in 1987 and reached No. 3 in the World in 1990. He has led the Israeli team to numerous medals at both European and Olympiad level. Gelfand won the 2009 World Cup and has participated in six Candidates cycles, winning it in 2011. He lost the 2012 World Championship match in the play-off. At 46 he is still winning tournaments ahead of the best players in the world, in many cases men half his own age. Grandmaster Jacob Aagaard is the only chess author to have won all the major awards for chess writing.