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Mark Dvoretsky, Artur Yusupov : Positional Play before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Positional Play:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Classic. Definitely Not "Lousy"By Geometric AnalystPlease ignore the 1 star review of this book that calls it a "lousy work." The author of that review was apparently looking for a textbook on positional play for less advanced players. In that context, some (though far from all) of his criticisms may have been justified. This book, however, is intended to teach and demonstrate advanced, subtle aspects of positional and strategic play to experienced players who have already absorbed the more basic principles.A book like Positional Play also does not lend itself well to the structure the 1-star reviewer apparently expected. Additionally, in his attack on Kramnik Khenkin's chapter on the Dutch Defence, the aforementioned reviewer seems to miss the miss the point entirely. Although they do give a little bit of theory on that opening, that isn't the purpose of the chapter. The main purpose of that chapter, like many of the others in this book, is to demonstrate discuss positional/strategic ideas in context.7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. The Contributors really shine hereBy Andre E. HardingMy USCF rating is currently over 1950.The first series of books by Mark Dvoretsky and Artur Yusupov (from the 1990s) was highly praised, and I feel that much of the acclaim is justified. However, sometimes the best chapters in the books come from the so-called

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This is the fourth in the series of phenomenally successful training manuals by the world's leading trainer and his star pupil. By instilling players with an understanding of persistent positional features, they stress the features of positional play most relevant to the practical struggle, assuring over-the-board success. Beginner

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