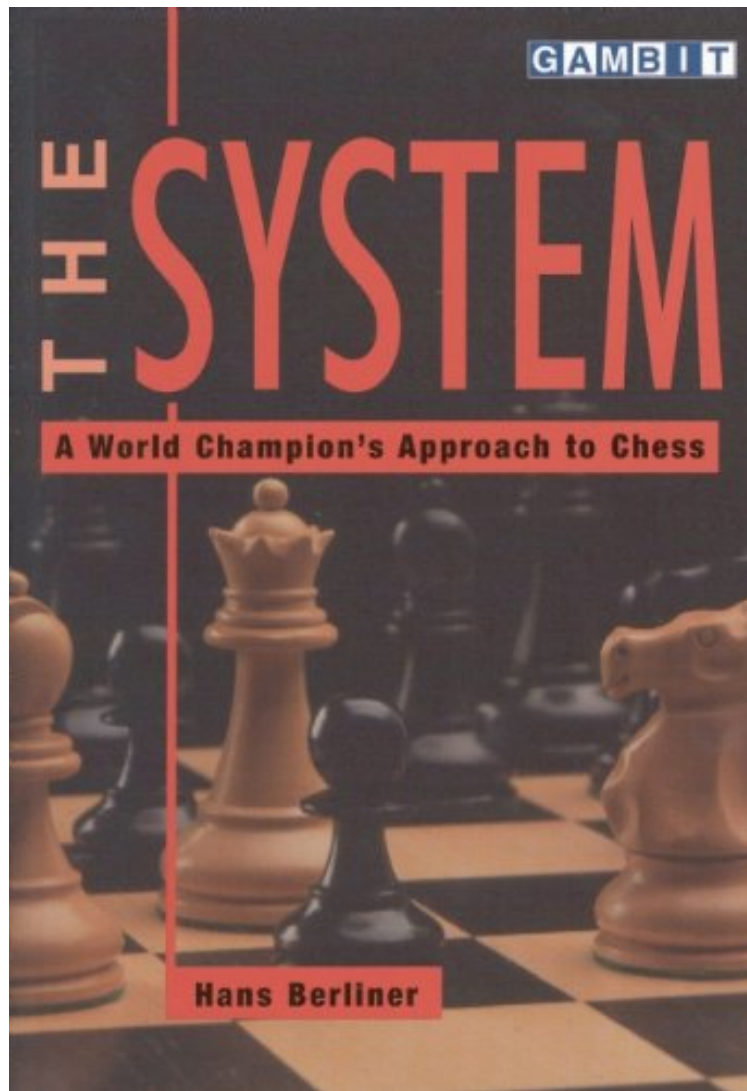


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Play 1.d4!By MarconAlthough I have not fully embraced 'The System' as presented in this book, nevertheless it is a book that I have come back to off and on over the last three years. It is well written, logical, and is filled with some very impressive ideas. It is the kind of system that you can take as little or as much of it as suits your style. For example, in the (early) exchange variation of the Queens Gambit declined: 1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Bf5 8.Qf3 Qb6 (Pachman's idea) 9.Qxf5

Qxb2 10.Qc8+ Ke7 (Smyslov vs. Pachman 1956) he suggests 11.Rb1! (instead of Smyslov's 11.Nd5+) And then if 11. . . Qxc3+ 12.Kd1 g5 13.Bg5 Ne4 14.Nf3 Bg7? 15.Rb7 Kf6 16.Be5 Kg6 17.Nh4! winning. However, it would have been even better to include the queen sac after 17. . .gxh4 18.Qe6!! with mate to soon follow. Fritz found that his suggested alternate line 14. . . Nd7 15.Qxa8 is also winning for White. Starting from the position after 8.Qf3, this is all part of his system while explaining why White should not fear Blacks 7. . . Bf5. Since I like to play 1.d4, I find the book to be very helpful. Others may not find it as entertaining, but it is still a good book! 10 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Frederick H. Jarmuz Great book. Spending time going through it right now. Great service 8 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Great book on Chess Theory! By A Customer Although not widely available yet, I managed to get a copy directly from the author. I highly recommend it. Not for the novice, but presents the theory of chess in a unique way - the success of which is born out by the author's past professional correspondence chess record of 94 wins, 1 loss and 10 draws. New "SYSTEM" concepts and a unique theory on "chunking" of the position makes this a must buy for all serious students of the game of chess. The author (also a Grand Master in over-the-board play) developed a computer chess program that dominated the computer chess algorithm field until late 1988, and the software itself even obtained the class of US Chess Federation Senior Grand Master.

Hans Berliner is one of the most successful correspondence chess players of all time, and was utterly dominant in the 5th World Championship. Here, for the first time, he explains the set of principles - The System - that he used to guide him to the right moves. Readers will be astonished by the simplicity and power of Berliner's methods as he takes several major openings and subjects them to System principles, and finds radically new approaches to them.

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