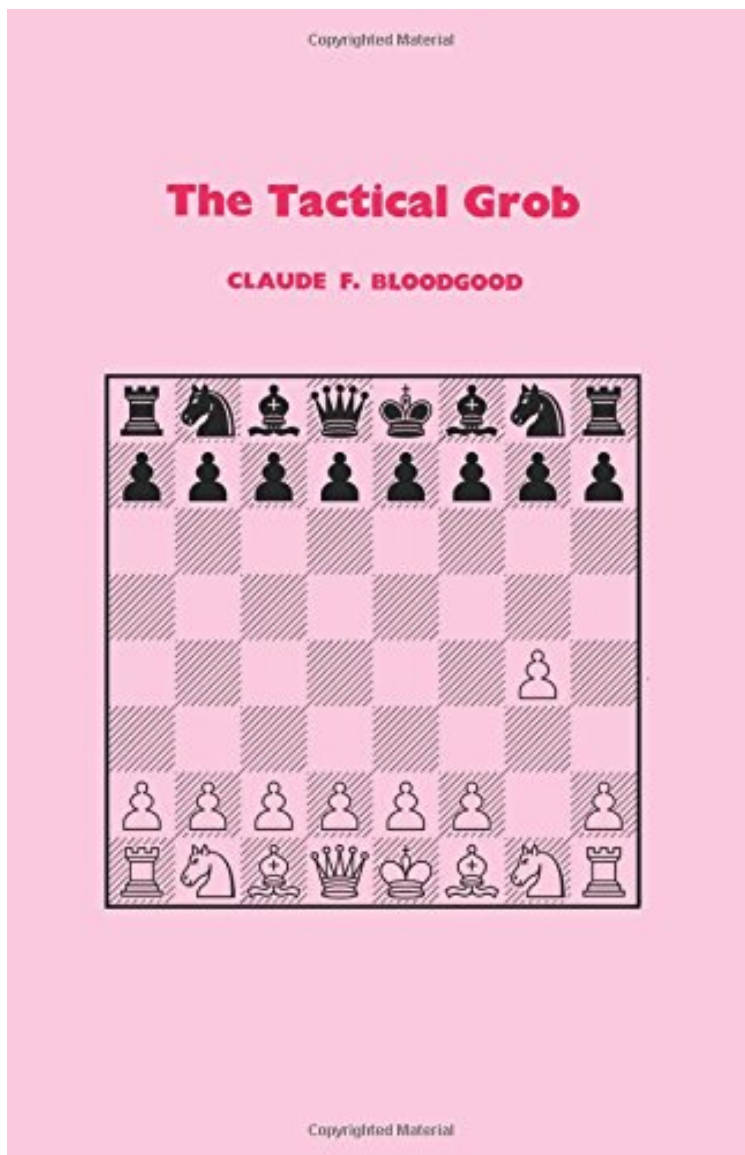


The Tactical Grob

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Claude Bloodgood : The Tactical Grob before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Tactical Grob:

The Tactical Grob This book is on the chess opening known as Grob's Attack. This chess opening starts with 1. g2-g4

or, in Descriptive Notation, 1. P-KN4. Once thought of as a joke, the Grob Opening is a very dangerous opening to both the white and black sides in chess. The 1. g2-g4 opening was named after the true Renaissance man Henry Grob, a portrait painter, newspaper columnist, and international chess master. This book was written by Claude Bloodgood who became the second highest rated chess player in the United States with a rating of 2702 while playing this opening. However, the book is highly controversial because Bloodgood was in prison serving a sentence of life while writing this book

About the AuthorBy 1996 Claude Bloodgood was rated 2702 and was the second highest rated chess player in the United States, behind only Gata Kamsky, who was the US Champion and was playing a match against Anatoly Karpov for the World Chess Championship. Many people including myself accused Bloodgood of manipulating the rating system. For example, it was widely believed that when a new chess player would enter the prison system, Bloodgood and the other players would lose games to this new player giving him a high rating. Once the high rating was established, then the new player would start losing, raising everybody else's rating. This sort of crude manipulation would not have worked in Bloodgood's case because of the large number of players in the Virginia prison system. Others have tried this and have been caught. Bloodgood did not manipulate the rating system. His games were legitimate. His rating rose to astronomical levels because of a flaw in the system.