

Training for the Tournament Player

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admission. If only he wrote entire books himself! I have several of Dvoretsky's books (of course, having them is not the same as having read them), and have found this to be the best of those I have read. It is very readable, with several articles, which are inter-related, but do not require each other. That is, you can pick and choose which articles interest you.

The authors of this book introduce their approach to chess, based on years of successful top-level practical experience. A training manual for anyone interested in improving their play, this book deals with all aspects of tournament preparation.

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