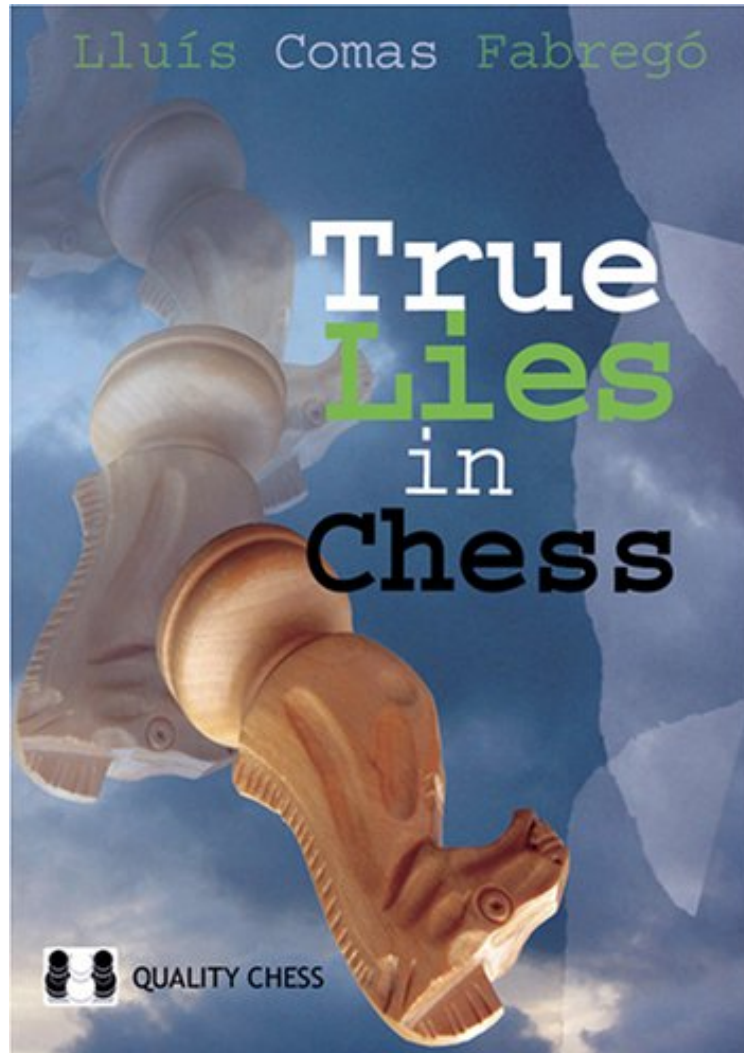


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Lluís Comas Fabrego : True Lies in Chess before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised True Lies in Chess:

68 of 69 people found the following review helpful. Critical Thinking in Chess By Fx3 This refreshing book by an international grandmaster is a delightful exercise in critical thinking. Comas revisits a large number of games and their interpretations by top chess authors, uncovering serious flaws and misleading lessons. I was for example struck by a remarkably bland analysis on the subject of the pair of bishop in Watson's celebrated "Secrets of Modern Chess Strategy". In this and many other positions, Comas demonstrates a much deeper understanding of strategy than earlier

authors, whose analyses had been superficial at best. The book seems very helpful at developing a more independent approach to chess, which can only lead to a much more solid and creative comprehension of the game. I feel that this is the strongest point of the book, and an original contribution to chess literature. Interestingly, I always felt that grandmasters are far more adept to independent thinking than weaker player (even IMs!), and this book reinforces this impression. My argument is not that GMs, being stronger, are more likely to discover errors, or more willing to venture into unknown territory. Instead, I feel that being extremely critical (of your own play and of what others believe and write) is a necessary condition for truly mastering the game of chess. In this regard, I feel that the present book is complementary to Yermolinsky's "The Road To Chess Improvement", which I also highly recommend. Besides making a very convincing case for critical thinking in chess, the book has a large number of revealing comments about chess literature (there are plenty of books and authors to avoid!). I also really enjoyed his chapter on little-known Russian chess masters. Comas argues that each of these remarkably strong players possessed a unique understanding of the game that seems lost or at least overshadowed by more popular players, which became World Champions or prolific writers. In conclusion, "True Lies In Chess" is a highly original book that would be a great addition to the library of any serious chess player. Note that this book is definitely not appropriate for beginners and intermediate players, since it assumes some good understanding of chess strategy. In contrast, players in Class B or above should find it fascinating.

5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. very good and interesting book
By catalanplayer
Very good and interesting book that shows how GM really thinks and works, and why you should analyze yourself chess and not just trust what you read in books. Congrats to Comas for this excellent book.

For the author, chess is about more than just winning as many games as possible, it is a creative search for the truth. In True Lies in Chess, Comas Fabrego takes on the challenging task of separating the truth from lies in chess literature. Guided by many practical examples and clear advice, the readers will learn how to reduce the complexity of chess towards the essential features of each position, and so improve their play.

True Lies is also a delight to read... a treasure-trove of highlights
James Vigus, British Chess Magazine
One of the best books published in the last ten years
Andy Ansel, Chess Today