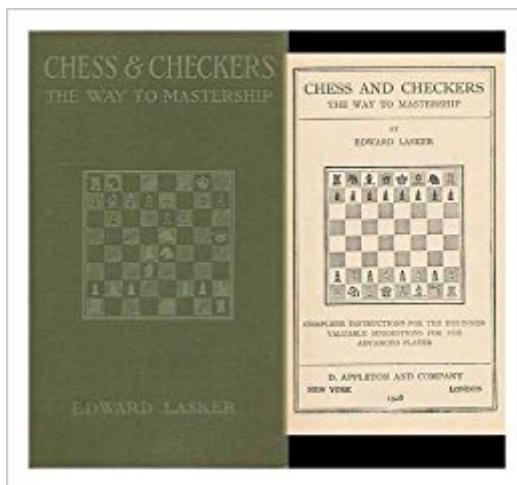


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As many of you are probably aware, Edward Lasker has written several books on chess which are available at Project Gutenberg. Although I am a chess expert, it appears that the instruction provided by Mr. Lasker is quite high. The explanations are clear and concise. I certainly learned quite a bit reading this book. The problem with the free edition of these books is that the ascii diagrams of the boards doesn't render properly on the Kindle (ie the whitespace is omitted resulting in a squigly, unreadable diagram). The person who released this Kindle version of the book took the time to create images for each of the diagrams which are done quite nicely which is a substantial improvement, but these new images are nearly as large as the screen on the Kindle 2. Hence, you spend a LOT of time flipping back and forth between the diagrams and the text. Contributing to this problem, the original book appears to have been formatted so that you would have a diagram on one page and explanation on the opposite page resulting in substantial page flipping. This version is an improvement, but there is still more room for improvement.

This is a horrible reissue of the old book. The main problem that the diagrams for positions are unreadable. Rather than using real diagrams, they are typed with a keyboard, with letters standing for the pieces and horizontal and vertical lines delineating the squares. But, get this, that is not even done in a fixed-width font so it is readable! It is done in a proportional-spaced font so most of what should be blank space is taken out, so the columns don't line up! Furthermore, very often the "diagrams" are broken by the page breaks. And to make it even worse, the first line of each "diagram" is indented. That alone is sufficient to avoid the book. But, in addition, there is a clumsy attempt to translate the original Descriptive Notation for chess moves to Algebraic Notation, which isn't even close to standard. Do not buy this reissue of this book, published by General Books.

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