

## *Ruy Lopez For Black*

**Grandmaster Neil McDonald examines one of the most important openings of all, the Ruy Lopez. He shares his experience and knowledge, and continually challenges the reader to answer probing questions, thereby encouraging the learning and practising of vital opening skills.**

**I would like to thank you for purchasing this book, I really appreciate it. It also means that you found an interest in my work of trying to crack the Ruy Lopez. As I said in the introduction to the first volume, I had no idea what I was signing up for when deciding to write a book on Ruy Lopez. This opening has such a rich history and good reputation that proving advantages in many lines is nearly impossible. Writing the first volume on this opening was a Herculean effort and I thought "it cannot be more difficult". After all, I was covering such solid variations as the Berlin and the Open Spanish. Well, I got surprised again! I am not exaggerating when I say that writing the second volume was at least as hard as writing the first one. This second volume on the Ruy Lopez consists of two parts. In the first part I focus on modern systems with ...Bc5, attempting to dissect both the Archangelsk and Moller Variations. These two variations have**

quite a rich history but in 2020 there have been several developments. If I had to name one person that contributed the most to the developments in those lines it is, without a doubt, Fabiano Caruana. His encounters in the Candidates Tournament in Ekaterinburg, then his theoretical discussion in those lines with Leinier Dominguez, revised my opinion on many of those lines and led to interesting discoveries that I analyze in this book. In the subsequent part I discuss the Closed Ruy Lopez. It is easily one of the most popular openings throughout the history of chess with many games occurring as early as the 1800s. I suggest going for 9.h3 which usually leads to a positional battle. I present new trends and find new paths and ideas in such evergreen variations as the Zaitsev, Breyer, Chigorin and others. Additionally, I attempt to crack the Marshall Attack by suggesting the Anti-Marshall lines with 8.a4. I must admit that I thought that it would be a pretty easy task to analyze those openings having some prior analysis and experience with both colors. However, time after time I was encountering new challenges and new ideas from both sides that I had to resolve. My conclusions, based on careful analysis with the most powerful engines currently available is presented in this book. This book completes my series on the Ruy Lopez. I would like to take a moment and recall what

I said in the introduction to the first volume. When both sides play very good and sound chess, it is normal that games end in a draw. It is especially true for such sound openings as Ruy Lopez. I do not attempt to dismiss one line or another because somewhere with best play Black can make a draw by force on move number 30, playing sometimes ridiculous moves that are only found during the analytical work. Over the board the reality is way different - practical aspect plays an important role in chess. Some positions are easier to play, some harder. Similarly to what I did in the first volume, I try to offer the most playable positions. I do not mind if the positions are equal, provided it is easier to paly with White or the chance of an error by Black is quite large. Sometimes I go into forced variations (e.g. in Moller Defense or Archangelsk Defense), sometimes into more positional battles (like in the Zaitsev) but I truly believe that the positions I aim to reach have potential and are tricky for Black. With proper knowledge I think White can put pressure on Black in the Ruy Lopez. I hope that you will find my approach to tackling the Ruy Lopez interesting. I am aware that there is only so much I can analyze and someone may say that I did not analyze some positions deeply enough but that is the nature of chess - possibilities are pretty much unlimited and there will always be

**theoretical debate! Finally, I wish you, dear Reader, good luck and I hope you can successfully use the ideas that I present in this book in your games. Dariusz Swiercz February 2021.**

**The Zaitsev System is one of the most dynamic setups for Black in the ever popular Ruy Lopez chess opening. When Alexey Kuzmin joined the coaching staff of World Champion Anatoly Karpov in the 1980s he started analysing the Zaitsev System, and later continued his investigations as a second of Alexander Morozevich. For this book he has updated and improved his analysis, and found countless innovations that change the assessments of many lines. One of the drawbacks of the Zaitsev, some feel, is that White, if he wishes, can make a draw by repetition early on. To avoid this possibility, Kuzmin presents a brand-new weapon, which he calls the Saratov Variation, based on an early exchange on d4, that was never played by either Karpov or Morozevich. Kuzmin has written a practical guide for Black with extensive verbal explanations of the strategic ideas for both sides. His lucid style combined with groundbreaking analysis has resulted in a unique chess opening book: a guide that is suited for both club players and Grandmasters. Former World Champion Garry Kasparov once called the Zaitsev System ‘a revelation’.**

**Kuzmin's book, chock-full of novelties and presenting a most remarkable new plan for Black, can be called a revelation as well. Igor Zaitsev himself wrote a special introduction.**

**This book analyses a number of dynamic opening systems that can be used to counter the white options after 1 e4 e5.**

**Dangerous Weapons: The Ruy Lopez**

**A Complete and Surprising Repertoire against the Ruy Lopez**

**Caruana's Ruy Lopez**

**Play the Ruy Lopez**

**The Open Games for Black**

*The Berlin variation of the Spanish Opening is one of the best and most popular openings among world-class chess players because there are relatively few forcing lines. Black can play a completely sound chess opening based on understanding, rather than memorising theory. The Berlin was Vladimir Kramnik's major weapon with Black when he defeated the great Garry Kasparov to become World Champion.*

*This book provides an overview of the positions an corresponding plans arising from the Ruy Lopez and Italian Openings. This learning method was developed by the author enabling the chess player to understand any structure that is derived from both opening set-ups.*

***In the Ruy Lopez chess opening White immediately starts the battle for the centre, fighting for the initiative. This strategic clarity has made the Ruy Lopez, or Spanish Opening, an eternal favourite with chess players at all levels. Inevitably, this popularity has also led to a wealth of opening theory. In this book, Fabiano Caruana takes you by the hand and lays out a complete and practical White repertoire for club players. He avoids chaotic lines, but loves to punish Black tactically for risky choices. In this concise and crystal-clear repertoire book Caruana explains general characteristics, such as permanent weaknesses long-term goals, and is always looking for an advantage for White. The insights of the World #2 in this classic opening, will not only greatly improve your results in the Ruy Lopez, but also sharpen your general chess knowledge.***

***This Ruy Lopez Tactics gives you 500 positions from actual games that use combinations and checkmates in the opening. If you're good at tactics, you're good at chess. Opening theory may help you start well. Endgame knowledge may help you finish well. Tactical skill helps you win games and avoid losses. Tactics include pins, forks, removing the defender, attacking two pieces at the same time, and threatening to mate your opponent. The easiest path to tactical success is to recognize patterns that occur frequently in your favorite chess openings. Everyone knows a few positions. Here's 500 in the Ruy Lopez. Tactical knowledge helps you to improve your winning chances. Take your opponent's pieces. Pick off the pawns. Mate the king! To advance in chess, you need more than dumb luck. You need tactics. The purpose of this book is to teach you Ruy Lopez (or Spanish Game) tactics. I assume you can read algebraic chess***

***notation. The White pieces are positioned at the bottom of each diagram. Above each diagram note who can move and win. It's either White to play a tactical move or Black to play a tactical move. Some moves are simple and easy. Others are subtle and tricky. That's chess - lots of obvious moves and lots of sneaky moves. Look at each diagram. It's a key position ready for a tactical win. The final moves are in bold with a brief analysis or comment. Chess engines were used to ensure the accuracy of analysis. Follow the moves in your mind. The skill to visualize each new position without moving pieces improves your tactical strength. Games are arranged by ECO (Encyclopedia of Chess Openings) coding (C60 to C99) from less popular to more popular moves. White tends to win more than Black due to having the first move, but C78 and C89 seem to win a fairly high percentage for Black. All the World Champions played the Ruy Lopez with success. In my hope to follow them, I won prize money with a Ruy Lopez in my first rated tournament in 1972. He's played it over a thousand times in the last 48 years. It's a good opening for winners. Are you ready to win? Buy Ruy Lopez Tactics, pick up your e-pawn, and go win!***

***Bologan's Ruy Lopez for Black***

***The Modernized Marshall Attack***

***Slay the Spanish!***

***Fresh Ideas and New Weapons for Black in the Ruy Lopez***

***Ruy Lopez Tactics***

***The Zaitsev System***

Milos Pavlovic devises a sound and yet ambitious repertoire for Black against the Ruy

Lopez, the basis of which is provided by the legendary and ever-popular Marshall Attack.

The Ruy Lopez is perhaps the most classical of all chess openings. It dates back to the 16th century and has featured in the opening repertoire of every modern world champion. It is a highly flexible variation: Bobby Fischer used it to create numerous powerful strategic masterpieces. In the hands of Anatoly Karpov it led to many of his trademark positional squeezes, whereas Garry Kasparov often used it as a springboard for his typically powerful attacks. Opening Repertoire: The Ruy Lopez is a modern examination of this perennial favourite. Joshua Doknjas has put together a repertoire for White based firmly around contemporary trends in the Lopez. He examines all aspects of this highly complex opening and provides the reader with well-researched, fresh, and innovative analysis. Each annotated game has valuable lessons on how to play the opening and contains instructive commentary on typical middlegame plans. \* A complete repertoire for White in the Ruy Lopez. \* A question and answer approach provides an excellent study method.

The Chigorin Variation is one of the oldest variations of the Ruy Lopez, 'in-vented' (according to my database) at the Monte Carlo tournament in 1902 by Carl Schlechter in his game versus Siegbert Tarrasch. Doing our research for this book I was surprised to discover that in the early years of the development of the Chigorin Variation, Black often intentionally kept his king in the centre by opting for 8...Na5 9. Bc2 c5 instead of



8...0-0, trying to be flexible and keeping extra options. The drawback was that White was not obliged to spend time on h2-h3, as he was on 9.h3 in a regular move order. Nevertheless this unusual move order was tried with Black by Capablanca, Lasker, Botvinnik, Euwe, Rubinstein and Reshevsky, amongst others. However, sometime in the late 1940s, this flexible plan more or less disappeared from Grandmaster practice, so I did not include it in the games in this book.

A layman's guide to the supergrandmasters' favorite gambit

A Complete Repertoire in a Famous Opening

What to Do when White Avoids the Ruy Lopez

Mastering the Spanish

The Modernized Ruy Lopez - Volume 1 -

The Berlin Wall

The Art of the Game of Chess

*Explains the strategies and tactics of the Ruy Lopez Exchange. Using model games for both White and Black, this book provides a schooling in the key ideas of both the fashionable lines and the more offbeat variations. This book is useful for club and tournament players.*

*The Spanish opening, one of the oldest known chess openings, is still highly popular at every level of the game. It leads to highly complex play, whichever variation arises. In this volume of the Mastering series, the authors explain, with the aid of many diagrams, the*

*essential features of the main variations of the Spanish opening. This series organizes the subject matter according to strategic themes and, by concentrating on the essentials, the books ensure that the reader genuinely understands the underlying principles instead of merely memorizing variations.*

*Written by a legendary world champion, this great book has taught generations of players. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved. The Open Spanish is one of Black's most direct methods of fighting against the Ruy Lopez. Instead of subjecting himself to the so-called "Spanish torture" of the Closed Ruy Lopez, Black boldly captures the e4-pawn and provokes an early confrontation. Grandmaster Repertoire 13 – The Open Spanish provides a complete repertoire for Black after 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6, based on the Open Variation which occurs after 5.0–0 Nxe4. Black's system is built on the principles of fast and active development, and fighting for the initiative whenever the opportunity arises.*

*My Secrets in the Ruy Lopez*

*Understanding the Marshall Attack*

*A Complete Repertoire for White*

*Bologan's Black Weapons in the Open Games*

*The Schliemann Defence*

*A Spanish Repertoire for Black*

*The Ruy Lopez is an incredibly popular opening at all levels of chess; this is perhaps unsurprising given that it is recognized by most experts as White's greatest chance of obtaining a lasting advantage after the moves 1 e4 e5. Also known as the Spanish Opening, the Lopez is steeped in rich tradition, having provided the battleground for countless clashes between World Champions of past and present: Kasparov, Fischer, Karpov, Topalov, Kramnik, Anand the list is endless! Given its immense popularity, one issue a prospective Lopez player has to face up to is the mountain of theory that has gradually developed over the years. In this book, however, Andrew Greet circumvents this potential problem by advocating a comprehensive and yet concise repertoire for White, one that can be assimilated into an opening armoury with relative ease. He also covers thoroughly the typical tactical ideas and strategies for both White and Black, arming the reader with enough knowledge to begin playing the Ruy Lopez with confidence in his or her own games.\*Written by a Ruy Lopez expert\*All black defences are covered\*Ideal for improvers, as well as club and tournament players Andrew Greet is a young International Master, a former British Junior Champion, and is one of the UK's most rapidly improving players. In 2005 he scored a perfect 11/11 in the British National League, the first time any player had achieved this remarkable feat. He is also an experienced coach and writes regular articles for CHESS."*

*The Ruy Lopez (or Spanish Opening) is one of the critical chess battlegrounds. It*

*has long been recommended as an excellent chess opening for training purposes, as it leads to a wide variety of structures and strategies. This book is a complete guide to handling the black side of the Lopez, based principally around the Zaitsev Variation, upon which Anatoly Karpov relied during much of his career. This line leads to sharp play, often in open battles where Black gains active counterplay and challenges White to seize the initiative on the kingside. The authors explain in detail how Black can weather the storm. They also explain how Black can handle the practical problem of the Ng5 repetition, and recommend reliable procedures against White's other options in the Lopez, starting off with the Exchange Variation, and moving on to a variety of closed systems. Throughout, the emphasis is on what readers actually need to know and understand in order to play the opening successfully in practice. There is a great deal of explanation of important ideas, and the authors take pains to guide their readers away from potential pitfalls. Former US Open Champion Timothy Taylor presents weapons for Black against the hugely popular Spanish Opening, basing his repertoire on the Modern Steinitz Defence. This opening can lead to razor-sharp lines, such as the Siesta Variation, where one slip by either player could prove to be fatal. But a major attraction of the Modern Steinitz is its flexibility, as Black can also choose to play in a more positional manner. Taylor studies in depth the critical main lines, and also what to do if White avoids these. Read this book and be ready to slay the Spanish!*

*This book fills a gaping chasm in chess literature. For years, those who wish to take on the black side of the Ruy Lopez have had to muddle their way through against the variety of alternative openings at White's disposal, because there have been no good books to assist them. This is a detailed guide, written from Black's viewpoint, to facing such openings as the King's Gambit, Vienna, Scotch, Four Knights, Italian Game, Bishop's opening, and the variety of oddball gambits White can try.*

*A White Repertoire for Club Players*

*The Ruy Lopez*

*A Guide for Black*

*Fighting the Ruy Lopez*

*Ruy Lopez Explained*

*The Ruy Lopez Revisited*

*White players will thoroughly dislike the Neo-Møller! The Ruy Lopez is one of the most important chess openings, hugely popular with amateurs and masters alike. Black players allowing the Ruy Lopez main lines are usually condemned to passivity, defending a slightly worse (though solid) position for as long as White chooses this situation to continue. World Champion Magnus Carlsen doesn't like passivity. He likes unconventional and active systems that allow him to take command and put pressure on his opponent from early on. That's why Magnus Carlsen revolutionized the old Møller Attack, one of the sharpest and most uncompromising variations against the Ruy Lopez. As yet largely disregarded and unexplored by the majority of players, Carlsen's new approach allows Black to break free*

*early and start giving White a hard time. FIDE Master Ioannis Simeonidis is the first to investigate this system, cover it in detail, and make it easy to grasp for club players. He has called it the Neo-Møller. Simeonidis has made lots of exciting discoveries, presents many new ideas and shows that it is a reliable and playable system. Since the Neo-Møller is a very early deviation from the main lines, it's easy for Black to actually get it on the board and take opponents out of their comfort zone. Simeonidis has created a compact, accessible and inspirational book. One thing looks certain: White players of the Ruy Lopez are going to thoroughly dislike the Neo-Møller!*

*Openings expert Junior Tay examines the Schliemann Defence and its many variations. He provides repertoire options for Black, answers all the key questions and tells you all you need to know about successfully playing the Schliemann.*

*Mastering the Spanish* B. T. Batsford Limited

*The Ruy Lopez is the most enduring and popular of openings. It was a favourite with Steinitz, Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine, Tal, Spassky, Fischer and Kasparov. The Lopez is the ultimate Grandmaster opening. It is also one of the most difficult to learn how to play well. In this treatise International Master Shaun Raulbut guides readers through the right paths and shows how to make this formidable opening a regular point-scorer in their own games.*

*Ruy Lopez - Italian Structures*

*Chess Opening Combinations and Checkmates*

*The Modernized Ruy Lopez - Volume 2: Complete Opening Repertoire for White*

*Understanding Before Moving 1*

*How to Play for a Win Against the Spanish Opening*

### *The Variation That Brought Down Kasparov*

**This book is about the Marshall Attack and the lines which can be grouped together under the banner of the so-called Anti-Marshall. The theory has developed so much in the last decade that there is more than enough material to be going on with just in those areas, but I also decided to include a detailed look at an important line in the Exchange Variation. Black's key concept in the Marshall is giving up a central pawn in return for activity, and I have tried to give as many lines as possible which adhere closely to this principle. Why is this so significant? Well, for starters, usually in the Ruy Lopez Black is looking for long, slow games in solid, closed positions. The Marshall flips this on its head and Black tries to accelerate the play and radically change the character of the game at an early stage. Let's briefly discuss the material of the book itself and the lines that I have decided to give. First of all, I started off with the standard Marshall Attack, after the initial moves: 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5. I have given direct analysis wherever possible and I have tried to cover all the essential lines. Of course, with the passing of the years and the continual development of theory we can see how the popularity of some positions has shifted and, in some cases, how certain lines have simply been rendered obsolete. I also discovered, to my surprise, that there are still new, unexplored, and interesting paths for further analysis.**

**If you are ready to play the Ruy Lopez with Black you will also need to be prepared in case White doesn't go for the Ruy and deviates after you have played 1.. e5. In this book world class grandmaster and successful chess author Victor Bologan covers all those lines with a well laid-out, up-to-date, clearly explained and eminently playable set of responses. But he does much more than just provide you with a repertoire. Bologan presents two different options against every variation:**

**a common sense approach and a sharp weapon. He provides an index of strategic ideas: how pawn structures and piece positions define important themes. He offers a quick repertoire: the minimum knowledge required to start with. He clearly lists transposition possibilities and move order opportunities. And he has visually marked all traps and tricks. Victor Bologan has taken the chess opening repertoire book to a next level and has created an unparalleled instrument of chess instruction. Your worries are over if White deviates after 1..e5, because Victor Bologan teaches you everything you need to know. In this book International Master Arthur van de Oudeweetering supplies building blocks for your chess knowledge. In short chapters he presents lots of well-defined subjects, easy to remember because of their specific elements.**

**The Art of the Game of Chess is the first English translation of Fr. Ruy López's 1561 book about chess, Libro de la invención liberal y arte del juego del ajedrez. López was a priest who served as King Philip II's confessor and royal advisor. As a connoisseur of chess, King Philip II promoted the game in his court, and it did not take long for López to become known as Spain's and one of Europe's greatest chess players. López is widely acclaimed as one of the most influential chess thinkers of all time whose theories of chess are an integral part of how chess is played today. Academics, including historians, linguists, sociologists, and Hispanists, as well as non-academics, especially chess enthusiasts, will appreciate this translation, which opens with a Foreword by Andrew Soltis, who is a Grandmaster and a United States Chess Hall of Fame Inductee, and includes a critical introduction and more than 275 footnotes.**

**One of the important issues players face - both relatively inexperienced ones at the beginning of their career as well as seasoned ones as they realize their chess craves change - is choosing an opening repertoire. As a player and a coach, I have seen many approaches to this question, both**



remarkable and mistaken. Some players believe that the opening is something to ignore, that everything is decided in the middlegame. Others think that studying opening traps is what wins games. Some tend to follow their favorite world-class player's recommendations, while others like to sidestep well-known opening theory early on, preferring unpopular side-lines. To me, opening choice is about all those decisions. I think that many openings are good; there are some dubious ones, but they can also yield formidable results overall or in specific situations if chosen and handled carefully. I firmly believe that your opening repertoire should mostly be based on your playing style and other personal traits, such as memory and work ethic. It is important to evaluate yourself as well as your strengths and weaknesses properly in order to be able to build the right repertoire that would not only suit you well, but also improve your overall chess. The little detail, though, is in the word "mostly". Namely, I firmly believe that there are a few classical, rock-solid openings with an impeccable reputation, such as 1.e4 e5 as a response to 1.e4 or the Queen's Gambit and Nimzo as an answer to 1.d4 that players of all styles and standards should try, no matter what their style is. This will enable players to learn, appreciate and practice some of the key chess values, such as the importance of space, lack of weaknesses, bad pieces, and comfortable development and so on - you name it. I, myself, started out as a keen Sicilian player. Just like all youngsters, I cheerfully enjoyed complications, tactical massacres and everything else that the Sicilian is all about. However, as I was developing as a player, my style was changing also. Eventually, I realized I was much more successful with positional play, so it was time to change the outfit - and 1.e4 e5 suited me well. I have used this move as a response to 1.e4 nearly exclusively in recent years, both versus weaker and stronger opposition, with fantastic results. If only other openings would grant me such results as well! I have not only studied these variations

myself but have also shown them to numerous private students. To be frank, we have almost always concentrated on White's most dangerous possibilities, such as the Ruy Lopez, Italian and Scotch. Occasionally, we have also analysed the side-lines - either as a part of preparation for specific opponents or to make sure my students become more universal players and gain more all-round knowledge. Eventually, I realized that the knowledge I gained from 1.e4 e5 can and should be shared with more players, and this is how my book came to life. Of course, the readers will differ, so there is a no "one-size-fits-all" solution. But, I have carefully and diligently tried to achieve the same goal I used when working with my students: to keep my recommendations both theoretically sound as well as practical and accessible. I expect not only titled players but club players and the less experienced readers to equally benefit from this book. So, sometimes you will find razor-sharp novelties, but in many cases, we will rely on positional understanding, typical structures and standard ideas. I believe the opening is not all about memorization, so I have taken a different approach from many authors by keeping the balance between recommending objectively good variations as well as making sure an adequate amount of work will suffice to get you started. You won't need to spend years studying the material, fearing there is still much more to learn. 1.e4 e5! is not just an opening. It is repertoire that represents our game as a whole. It is something players of all styles will enjoy due to the countless possibilities 1...e5 provides. Hopefully, learning 1...e5 will also make you a better player. And, finally, I hope the book you are now holding in your hands will not only give you joy but illustrate a passion for chess with the variations presented in this work.

**Offbeat Weapons & Unexplored Resources**

**The Chigorin Bible -**

Carlsen's Neo-Møller

Ruy Lopez Exchange

How to Play the Ruy Lopez

How to Play for a Win If White Avoids the Ruy Lopez

***The Ruy Lopez is one of the oldest and most famous openings with plenty of attacking options for White and Black. It is favoured by world champions, such as Kasparov and Anand, and played successfully at every level. It is possible to understand and improve by knowing the typical themes and tactical combinations that have been discovered in recent years. Popular amongst beginners and advanced players alike, the Ruy Lopez is easy to learn but difficult to beat.***

***Why is this repertoire called simple? For the simple reason that the variations are straightforward, easy to remember and require little or no maintenance. International Master Christof Sielecki has created a reliable set of lines for chess players of almost all levels. The major objective is to dominate Black in the opening, by simple means. You don't need to sacrifice anything or memorize long tactical lines. Unless Black plays something stupid, when tactics are the simplest punishment. Sielecki developed this repertoire working***

***with students who were looking for something that was easy to understand and to learn. Most of the lines he selected are occasionally played by grandmasters, but on the whole they lie outside the mainstream of opening theory. That means that there is hardly any need to monitor theoretical developments. Sielecki always clearly explains the plans and counterplans and keeps you focussed on what the position requires. Ambitious players rated 1500 or higher will get great value out of studying this extremely accessible book.***

***Ideal for those wanting to understand the basics of the Ruy Lopez. The Ruy Lopez is one of the most famous of all chess openings. It has a long and distinguished history and has been played by virtually all of the strongest Grandmasters: Fischer, Karpov, Kasparov, Kramnik, Anand the list goes on! From very early on White activates pieces, takes the initiative and sets about building a dominant centre. In this user-friendly book, author John Shaw goes back to basics, studying the fundamental principles of the Ruy Lopez and its many variations. Throughout the book there are an abundance of notes, tips, warnings and exercises to help the improving player, while key strategies, ideas and tactics for both sides are clearly***

***illustrated. \* User-friendly design to help readers absorb ideas \* Concentrates on the key principles of the Ruy Lopez \* Ideal for the improving player"***

***The Ruy Lopez (or Spanish Opening) is one of the oldest and most important chess openings, popular with amateurs as well as professional players. Grandmaster Ivan Sokolov presents bold, but very playable, off-beat weapons for Black, as well as dynamic new ideas and refutations in many main-line variations, for both Black and White. An accessible and inspirational book book by world-famous Ivan Sokolov who, in his rich career, has beaten world champions Kasparov, Kramnik and Anand. Much useful material for aspiring club players, said British Chess Magazine about Sokolov's previous book - 'Winning Chess Middlegames'.***

***Play the Open Games as Black***

***A Grandmaster Guide***

***Chess Structures***

***A Complete Opening Repertoire for Black After 1. E4 E5!***

***The Open Spanish***

***A Classic Defence to the Ruy Lopez***

Mauricio Flores Rios provides an in-depth study of the 28 most common structures in

chess practice. In Chess Structures: A Grandmaster Guide you will find: Carefully selected model games showing each structure's main plans and ideas Strategic patterns to observe and typical pitfalls to avoid 50 positional exercises with detailed solutions

In this book, the companion volume to his acclaimed bestseller Bologan's Black Weapons in the Open Games, Victor Bologan presents a cutting-edge repertoire for Black based on the favorite lines of Magnus Carlsen and Levon Aronian. It's actually two books in one since it presents TWO different options against every main line! And there's a lot more: a quick guide for those who are new to the Ruy Lopez and have little time, an instructive strategy section, the Fast Lane repertoire with the minimum you need to know, a wealth of new ideas in old lines, a clear-cut presentation of tactical motifs, clearly identified transpositions and move-order subtleties, visually marked traps & tricks and lots of practical tips. Victor Bologan has created a unique instrument of chess instruction for players of almost any playing strength."

The Ruy Lopez is one of the most popular openings of all time. It is a frequent guest in the games of players around the world from novice to Grandmaster. As a result of the increased power of analysis engines the theory of the Ruy Lopez has greatly expanded. Lines that did not exist years ago have been fully developed, supported with extensive analysis, and incorporated into the repertoires of top players. Despite this exponential growth in theory, I believe that when armed with sound knowledge it is possible to pose certain practical problems for Black. The purpose of this book is to provide you with

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detailed and clear explanations of the intricacies of the Ruy Lopez.

Do you need to freshen up your chess openings? Stun your opponents with new and exciting ideas! Dangerous Weapons is a series of opening books which supply the reader with an abundance of hard-hitting ideas to revitalize his or her opening repertoire. In this book, three opening experts team up and take a contemporary look at the Ruy Lopez, one of the most popular chess openings. Instead of analysing the well-trodden main lines they concentrate on fresh or little-explored variations, selecting a wealth of 'dangerous' openings for both colours. Whether playing White or Black, a study of this book will leave you confident and fully-armed, and your opponents running for cover! \* A modern study of the Ruy Lopez \* Packed with original ideas and analysis \* Ideal weapons to shock your opponents

Move by Move

Opening Repertoire: The Ruy Lopez

Counterattacking Lines for Black Against the Ruy Lopez

Easy Guide to the Ruy Lopez

Keep it Simple: 1.e4

A Disreputable Opening Repertoire

**Two great books from the Everyman Chess Library, Fighting the Ruy Lopez by Milos Pavlovic and Open Ruy Lopez by Glenn Flear, brought together in one volume. The Ruy Lopez is a hugely popular opening, and**

**anyone who plays 1 e4 e5 as Black needs to have a reliable answer ready. This book provides a solution. Drawing upon his years of experience facing the Lopez, Grandmaster Milos Pavlovic devises a sound yet ambitious repertoire for Black based on the legendary Marshall Attack. The Marshall is a perfect counter-attacking weapon, as it avoids passive positions and the so-called 'Spanish torture'. Furthermore, Black's tactical and positional goals are usually clear-cut and often involve a direct attack against White's king. The effectiveness of the Marshall is clear if you consider that the last two world champions have both suffered crushing defeats on the white side (Kramnik vs Leko, Brissago 2004; Anand vs Aronian, Morelia 2008) whilst Garry Kasparov always avoided it with White. The Open Ruy Lopez (also known as the Open Spanish) has always been a popular choice at both club level and at grandmaster level, where it has withstood the test of time after decades of close scrutiny. It offers both sides the opportunity for a sharp clash of forces in which the better prepared player will often come out on top. It is therefore no surprise that fighting players such as Victor Korchnoi and Jan Timman have always used the Open Ruy Lopez as an important weapon in their armoury.**

**Here is a world-class chess repertoire for Black against 1.e4. As the title suggests, the repertoire is based on the respected Spanish Opening, or the Ruy Lopez, as it is sometimes called. In his previous book, Beating**



**the Open Games, Grandmaster Mihail Marin dealt with Whites options up to 3.Bb5. Now Marin provides all the answers for Black after 4.Ba4. This depth of chess expertise has rarely been published for a mass audience before, as grandmasters usually prefer to keep their secrets. The complexity of the material could have been daunting, but Marin is also a master of explaining profound ideas to a wide audience.**

**Starting Out**

**Chess Fundamentals**

**A Solid and Straightforward Chess Opening Repertoire for White**

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