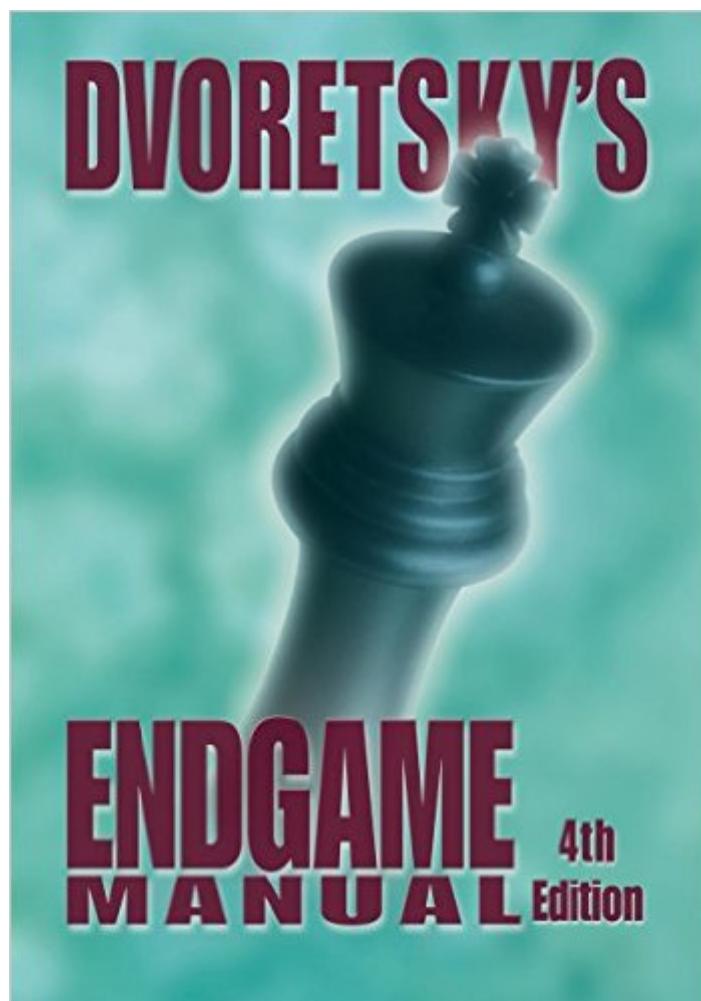


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Synopsis

The Fourth Edition of a Modern Classic When you are serious about improving your endgame skills, it is time for Dvoretsky's Endgame Manual. Perhaps the best known and most respected instructor of world class chessplayers, Mark Dvoretsky has produced a comprehensive work on the endgame that will reward players of all strengths. For those ready to immerse themselves in endgame theory, there may be no better manual available today. But, even if you do not play at master level, the book has been designed to help your endgame too. Basic theories and "must-know" concepts are highlighted in blue. You may skip the more complex analysis, focus on the text in blue, and still improve your endgame technique. When it appeared in 2003, the first edition of Dvoretsky's Endgame Manual was immediately recognized by novice and master alike as one of the best books ever published on the endgame. The enlarged and revised Fourth Edition is better than ever! "I am sure that those who study this work carefully will not only play the endgame better, but overall, their play will improve. One of the secrets of the Russian chess school is now before you, dear reader!" - From the Foreword to the First Edition by Grandmaster Artur Yusupov "Going through this book will certainly improve your endgame knowledge, but just as important, it will also greatly improve your ability to calculate variations... What really impresses me is the deep level of analysis in the book... All I can say is: This is a great book. I hope it will bring you as much pleasure as it has me." - From the Preface to the First Edition by International Grandmaster Jacob Aagaard Here's what they had to say about the First Edition: "Dvoretsky's Endgame Manual ... may well be the chess book of the year... [It] comes close to an ultimate one-volume manual on the endgame." - Lubomir Kavalek in his chess column of December 1, 2003 in the Washington Post. "Dvoretsky's Endgame Manual is quite simply a masterpiece of research and insight. It is a tremendous contribution to endgame literature, certainly the most important one in many years, and destined to be a classic of the literature (if it isn't already one). The famous trainer Mark Dvoretsky has put together a vast number of examples that he has not only collected, but analysed and tested with some of the world's strongest players. This is a particularly important book from the standpoint of clarifying, correcting, and extending the theory

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I have been a Master (over 2200) for 30 years, and a collector of chess books for more years than that (I have about 1800 chess books). All of Dvoretsky's books are tough reads as they are intended for a more advanced audience, but they are absolutely awesome. Simply put, in terms of instruction and value to your game, this is THE greatest chess book ever written. Study this book thoroughly, and you will have more endgame knowledge than most ordinary masters, and many IMs too. This book will serve you better than any opening manual ever will, and for a lifetime of chess.

Awesome book. This book is for the serious chess player who is willing to learn, this is not a regular coffee table book. Mark Dvoretsky is a master and needs no introduction. The Guru is praised by many famous authors and that's enough introduction. Great examples, clear explanation, he has picked up ideas that are important and might arise in actual games. That differentiates the book from thousand of other endgame books.

Aspiring NM, I think the book is dense and well done. Endgame is my favorite phase to play, but least favorite to study. Dvoretsky is more successful in this book at capturing my interest than any other endgame book so far.

Well what more to say. Everybody hypes this book and for good reason. You can't play chess unless you know the rules that are in this book. Very detailed and would purchase again. I watched a video of a very respectable GM who downplayed this book saying its a bit too technical for his students. I disagree. Chess is complicated throughout your whole life. This book gives you what you need for endgame theory. I'm sure you've heard that before about this book.

I leafed through this book at a tournament site where they were selling books (in November 2015).

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I just got the 4th edition in the mail. The blue type is very faint to varying degrees on dozens of pages while on other pages it is fine. Other reviewers noted the same problem in previous editions. Not sure if this is hit and miss or not. Is there actually a decent copy out there or are they all like this? To clarify, I do not have a problem with blue type per se, just faded blue type. I am returning it to for a replacement. Of course the content of the book is great... but faded out print in a brand new book is unacceptable. Addendum: I just got the replacement book. While it is much better than the one I am returning, it is STILL not up to par. None of the pages with blue type that I have looked at so far are as seriously faded as the first book, but it is still very inconsistent throughout and I find this unacceptable. This second book will be returned as well... I will forego this book for now. Might try again in a few months when there is a new production run. A real shame. My alternative for the interim will be to purchase Muller and Lamprecht's "Fundamental Chess Endings". Maybe after I get that book I will find that I really don't need Dvoretsky's Endgame Manual after all. Too bad.

This book is excellent. I've skimmed the first few pages and the quality jumps off the pages. I look forward to studying this book. I am a 1700 uscf player.

It was what I needed to study so that I feel comfortable when I reach the endgame.

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