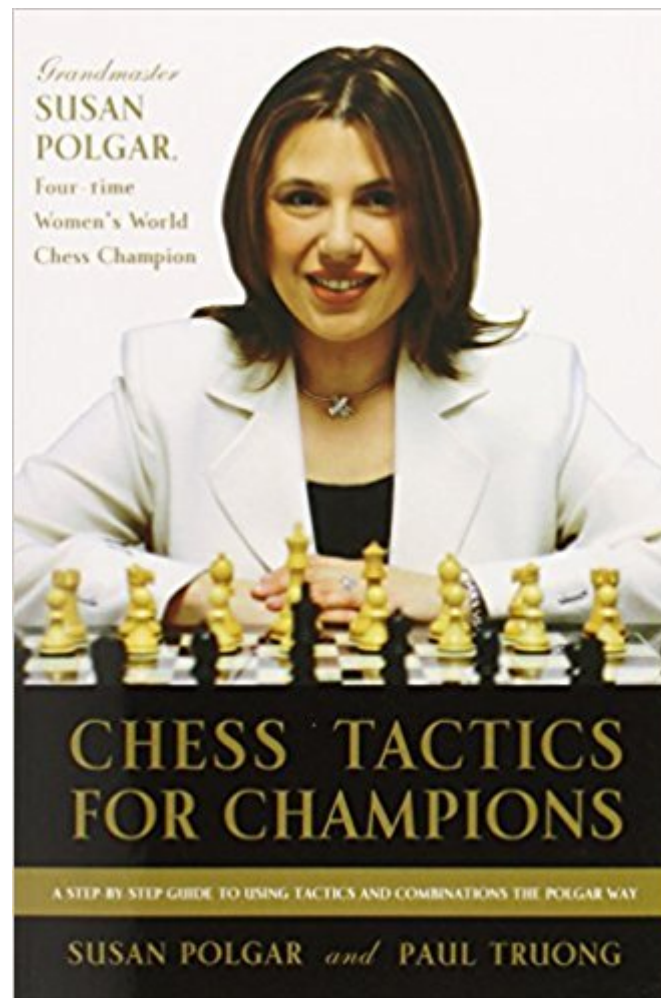




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# Chess Tactics For Champions: A Step-by-step Guide To Using Tactics And Combinations The Polgar Way



## Synopsis

Susan Polgar became the first female Grandmaster at age 15 "and it wasn't luck that got her there. Her use of tactics, combinations, and strategy during her games gave her the critical advantage she needed against her opponents. In *Chess Tactics for Champions*, Polgar gives insight into the kind of thinking that chess champions rely on while playing the game, specifically the ability to recognize patterns and combinations. With coauthor Paul Truong, Susan Polgar teaches the tactics she learned from her father, Laszlo Polgar, one of the world's best chess coaches.â €¢ Teaches players how to calculate the effect of a move in order to gain an edge over an opponentâ €¢ For intermediate to advanced chess players of all ages

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Susan Polgar was a gold medalist at the 2004 Chess Olympiad. She is the current World Champion in Women's Chess and the top ranked female chess player in the United States. Paul Truong is an eleven-time National Champion and was the captain and business manager of the 2004 U.S. Women's Olympiad Team.

Features that make "Chess Tactics for Champions" superior to other tactics books:1. Only 3 puzzles per page; allowing ample space to take notes in the margins2. No hints (just text like "white to move"), making the puzzles more realistic and challenging (although they are grouped by theme)3. Large quantity of puzzles, with more puzzles on the more common tactics (forks/double attacks,

pins and discovered attacks)4. Nice, but brief, explanations of each tactic with several good examples5. No errors that I've foundDownsides to this book:1. Too many combinations that involve a queen sacrifice. This is just not that common at the amateur level.2. For the absolute beginner, these puzzles might be too difficultThis book is a terrific second tactics book. If you are new to chess, tactics is the most important thing you can study. But you need the right learning materials to get started. I recommend GM Yassir Seirawan's "Winning Chess Tactics". After reading that you will be ready to take on the more challenging puzzles you will find in "Chess Tactics for Champions". Also good is NM Dan Heisman's book "Back to Basics: Tactics" which has a difficulty level somewhere in between these two books. Good luck!

My son's chess coach (a USCF CM) recommended this book so we bought it. the boy went over the first section (1-16) twice in 6 weeks. his rating was 1100 before reading this book. after going over 1-16 for the first time (took about 4 weeks), he drew with a 1250 and a 1500 (both in G30); half way through going over it for the second time, he won against a 1250 (not the same one) and a 1400 (G60); after finishing going over 1-16 for the second time, he won against a 1600 (G60). He is also taking weekly one-on-one lessons. His coach and him both give high credit to this book for his recent progress.

Amazing book.

This is a fun presentation of beginning to intermediate chess problems. They are presented with an introduction for each section by the author showing an example of the theme from one of her games. These are presented in an easy to read format with a nice description of the correct answer at the back of each chapter. There are a few typos where the problem is stated for the wrong color, but not that many. The cover material is pretty much ruined by the time you complete the book. It curls up a bit too much for my liking. Overall a fine book for fun problem solving.

this is an interesting book that is used for beginning and intermediate player. Also players will improve tactics while playing against The players can study without coach.

I like this book because it show many types of tactical themes which we usually meet over the chessboard. Even more important is that this books give hundreds of exercise for you to practice. Some book on tactics or similar features books called " how to attack, how to sacrifice etc ", they just

choosed games from grandmasters for illustration and neglecting to give exercises. ( or even have, just a few ). This is not helpful. To improve one' standard, you have to work hard. After finishing reading this book, I would recommnend to read John Nunn's " Learn chess tactics" which the presentations are similat, but the exercises are more difficult.

Very well organized, structured volume on tactical thinking. The presentation of material is designed to build on the prior material presented. I am only an advanced beginner (maybe around 800-900) and found this book to be pleasant to use.

For an occasional tournament player, like me, this book is a gem. Tactics are among the first that weaken if you dont play often enough and in case you dont analyse your own games later with an engine to find missed opportunities. This book will help sharpen those blunt edges. Nice format helps in realizing what you are studying. I go around the chapters a day before the tournament, solving a couple of puzzles from each section. Since starting this book my rating has improved by more than 100 points. So definitely a good buy for practicing tactics.

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