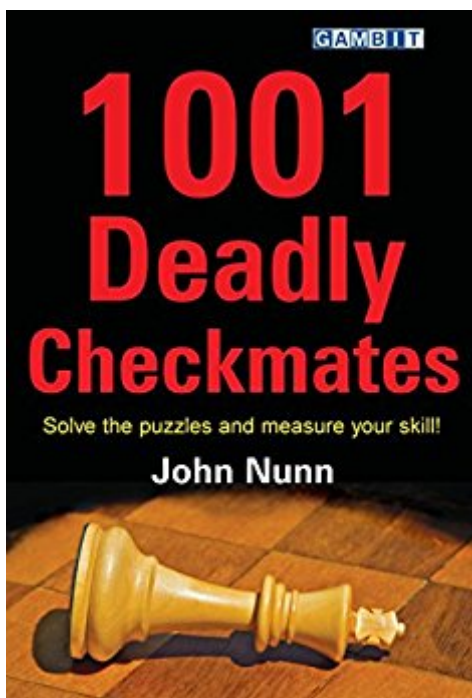


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1001 Deadly Checkmates



Synopsis

"A new book that I found delightfully appealing" - Bruce Pandolfini, www.chesscafe.com For all chess-players, from beginners to world champions, from kids to seniors, delivering checkmate is the greatest thrill the game has to offer. The ability to spot checkmates is a vital skill - and this easy-to-use book shows you how it is done. With the help of Grandmaster John Nunn, you will be ready to shock your next opponent with a deadly checkmate, whether in a school match, a club tournament - or even a championship game! By focusing exclusively on positions from real games, ranging from junior events to grandmaster encounters, Nunn ensures that the mates featured are those which arise most often in real life. He also highlights themes and ideas that are often missed in practice. While solving these puzzles, your all-important 'mental library' of patterns will grow, leading to an immediate increase in your playing strength. All 1001 puzzle positions have been carefully checked, and are graded by theme and difficulty. Points are awarded for finding the checkmate, so you can measure your skill. Most of the puzzles are suitable for novice and junior players. The last chapter challenges you with 'extreme checkmates', but don't worry: you'll be ready for them! The Kindle edition of this book has been specially reorganised for easy use. The solution to each puzzle is always on the page following the puzzle itself, and the puzzle diagram is repeated there, so it is not necessary to flip backwards and forwards when viewing the solution. Dr John Nunn is one of the best-respected figures in world chess, having numbered among the world's leading grandmasters for nearly twenty years. He has won four gold medals in chess Olympiads, and was crowned World Chess Solving Champion in 2004, 2007 and 2010. Nunn's playing style is notoriously aggressive, with sacrifices, king-hunts and checkmates featuring in many of his finest wins. "Recognizing patterns has long been recognized as one of the hallmarks of chess mastery and 1001 Deadly Checkmates offers a series of exercises to train this skill arranged by theme and increasing difficulty. To challenge those of a competitive nature points are awarded for each correct answer with solvers able to track their success." - IM John Donaldson, Gold-Medal Winning USA Team Captain "John Nunn, renowned king-hunter, presents 1001 checkmate puzzles. Players who study this book will learn much about tactical motifs leading to mate... a delightful tome for any lover of chess" - Bab Wilders, *Nederlands Dagblad* "...like a feast for me! The long list of chess stars to be found there includes hundreds of players with whom I am either very well acquainted, or at least slightly so, and it's a lot of fun to try to find the same brilliant moves that they actually played at the climax of real battles. Though the book is quite thick and heavy, weighing in at over 300 large pages, its content is so enjoyable and easily readable for me that my feeling when packing it in my summer holiday suitcase is that I'm taking along a light yet precious companion." - GM Paul

Motwani, The Scotsman

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Customer Reviews

I think that this is a modern chess classic. It is one of the finest chess books I have ever seen. English GM John Nunn is universally acknowledged to be one of the best chess authors in the world, and he has again lived up to his reputation. The content of the book is outstanding. Nunn has combed many thousands of games to find the best examples from modern play. (You may be surprised at how many strong and even famous players fall into relatively simple mates.) Every significant type of mate is included (eg, back rank mates, mates w/ doubled rooks, mates on the diagonal, queen sacks, mates by line opening, and many, many more), including mates that were not easily categorized. Most examples are from quite recent play. A useful feature is that the mates are categorized into 5 levels of difficulty. Level one problems are just that, quite elementary, while the level five problems require rather advanced skills to solve. So one approach is to solve all the level one problems, then cycle through the book again on level two, and so forth. Each chapter is followed by a valuable quiz to test your mastery of the material. The large format book is very

attractive, with clean, dark fonts and large clear diagrams that allow you to work w/o a board if you like. Answers are kept separate from the problems, placed at the end of each chapter, so you won't be tempted to glance over at an answer. My favorite checkmates book had always been Renaud and Kahn's 'The Art of the Checkmate' (still a delightful and useful work), but this book easily surpasses that one. It is one of the finest chess books I have ever seen, and should be part of your core collection of chess books. Mastering a wide variety of checkmates is one of the best ways to improve your chess, and this may well be the best book available on the subject. Very highly recommended.

This is the perfect book for me. I used to play a lot of chess, but somewhere along the line I grew tired of the win-lose-draw aspect of it. I guess I always liked the beauty of chess more than the struggle over the board. So I really enjoy solving puzzles like those presented here. But if you are still interested in winning, this books will certainly help.

I have been wanting to get a good checkmate puzzle book with chapters divided into themes, and I'm really happy with this one. Perfect for training pattern recognition.

This book is exactly what it claims to be - a massive collection of find-a-mates. Nunn's collection is the best of its kind that I know of (although the Polgar book is a time-consuming marvel as well). I bought the Kindle edition and, to echo the comments of a previous reviewer, the formatting is sublime. One (and only one) problem per page, followed immediately by the solution. The board display is quite large in each example. Why in the world this format has evaded other puzzle books is a mystery to me. (On a side note even "The Giant Chess Puzzle Book," also written by Mr. Nunn, differs slightly. It seems this is the lone chess book that really "nailed it" for the Kindle.)

Loved this book. Thank you Dr Nunn. You taught me so much and you helped enormously in my chess.

Can't stop using this book...!

The book is very useful. We checked several others, and this one is the best. It covers all degrees of expertise. Buy it, you will never regret!

I've been yearning for someone to do something to leverage ebook technology to improve the chess book experience, and this publisher has done it. Lots of the reviews here will tell you that this book is nicely formatted for Kindle, and I agree. I just have one nuance to add: I have 2 Kindles, the older e-ink version, the Kindle DX, and I also have a Kindle Fire. The book works fine on both Kindles, but the interesting thing (to me anyway) is that the image of the chess problem actually looks better on the older DX Kindle. On the DX, the chess diagram takes up most of the screen, and it's awesome. On the Fire, the diagram is smaller, only taking up a portion of the screen. It's almost too small, though still useable. Why? Because the Fire can be turned to horizontal screen mode, and if you do that, you will see that the smaller diagram just fits the screen vertically that way. So even though I did not expect to keep it active, this book has given me a reason to keep my Kindle DX up and running. It's wonderful to have a publisher reformatting chess books for e-consumption, and it works well on either Kindle, but the reformatting looks BEST on a Kindle DX.

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