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Some 250 years ago, the great Philidor wrote, "The pawns are the soul of chess." Although that statement is perhaps the most common cliché in the literature of the game, it is too often misunderstood.

Pawns are usually considered weak because of their limited range of movement. But the pawns' restricted mobility is precisely what makes them so important strategically: they form a semi-permanent structure -- often called a "pawn skeleton" -- that establishes the territorial lines of the coming battle and thus the nature of the battle itself. Understanding how pawns affect strategy is the subject of this important book. In it you will learn:

- how to handle the characteristic pawn structure of each opening "family" and each major variation
- how to recognize the strengths and weaknesses of pawn chains
- when to exchange pawns in the center -- and when not to
- how to cramp your opponent's position and what to do if your opponent cramps yours
- how to create and exploit pawn "holes"...and much, much more, all copiously illustrated by complete games from actual play.

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zxvasdf says

I've played thousands games of Chess, and I feel like I'm no better than I was after the first few hundred. Sure there might be games in which you're totally in the zone against a much better opponent and there's nothing like the thrill of making that checkmate, but even if you're a Grandmaster there's room for improving your game.

Now, I'm not the kind of chess player who has all the openings memorized. I only know the openings that I like to use. I play them because they have seemed to work for me all this time. This book is neat in which it shows you how to think, rather than telling you what to do. It shows the logic of this and that, and you absorb this.

Steven says

The best feature of this book is that it is organized by openings and the pawn structures they create, which makes it imminently practical. You can go right to a chapter for the opening you want to play and read about how its pawn structure affects play.

Manny says

Okay, Goodreads Recommendation Engine, you've got my attention. Now give me the inside scoop on Andrew Soltis.

James says

I think I forgot all but the last page of the book by the time I closed the back cover. There's just so much material here, I think this one will take a few more readings to really sink in. Just an amazing book.

Barry says

Where are the pawn breaks and what is the inverse of the position become more important than recapping move order. A useful book.
