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The Sicilian Najdorf is one of Black's best and most combative responses to 1.e4. The Najdorf was championed by Fischer and Kasparov during their respective periods of dominance over the world chess scene, and has been used extensively by many other World Champions and elite GMs, including Anand, Gelfand, Topalov and Vachier-Lagrange to name but a few.

Despite the Najdorf's obvious pedigree, many players are intimidated by the highly tactical and theoretical nature of some of its main lines. In **Playing the Najdorf**, IM David Vigorito shows that this need not be a problem, as he offers a complete repertoire for Black based on positional principles, offering sound recommendations which lead to a fighting game without turning the battle into a memory contest.

David Vigorito is an experienced International Master and a respected chess author and coach, who has had the Najdorf as the backbone of his repertoire for most of his career, making him ideally qualified as a guide to this opening.

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Reviews

"Vigorito's orientation towards helping the reader understand the opening pervades the book. He clearly explains the plans for both sides, as well as the tactics and positional points. He frequently explains which moves don't work as well as those that do, which is often the best way to understand what is going on and to get to grip with the various subtleties that make this opening so rich. He does not seek to make the material appear simpler than it really is, rather he guides the reader every step of the way.

I highly recommend this book. It provides great coverage and excellent explanations. Even more importantly, at least to me, it is enjoyable to read and a pleasure to dip into. The size of the book might put some potential readers off but, if you want to understand this much-played opening, I don't think there is a better guide."

IM John Pigott, CHESS Magazine

"While the Najdorf may have a great pedigree, it also has a reputation as being complicated and requiring tremendous

theoretical knowledge. While there is no free lunch in chess, American International Master David Vigorito, in 'Playing the Najdorf' makes the case that learning this opening is not as daunting as it might seem...

Another way the author makes this book more accessible is by including a large amount of explanatory prose. This is a big book, well over 500 pages, which enables Vigorito to explain things without leaving out theoretically significant material. Despite the serious subject matter this book is very readable."

IM John Donaldson