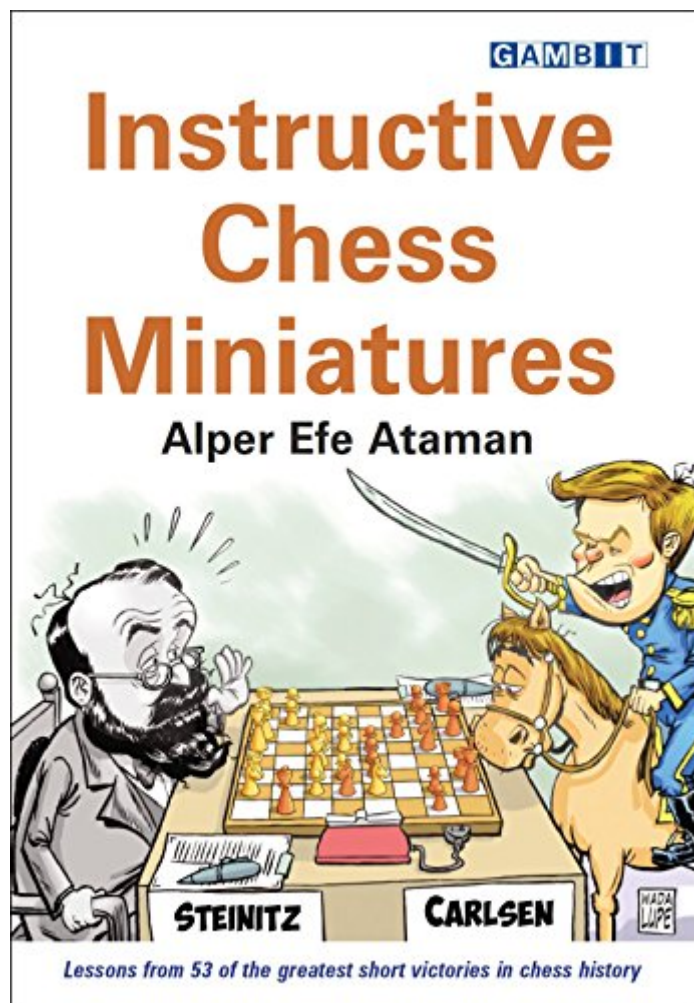


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Synopsis

“a book that will provide plenty of pleasure and instruction at a very reasonable price ... recommended”

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Warning: this book is not just entertainment. The author wants to teach you a lot about chess and improve the quality of your play! He has selected 53 miniatures from throughout chess history – the earliest are from the 1850s, while the most recent are from grandmaster events just a few months ago. A miniature is a decisive game, won in 25 moves or fewer. Most of these 53 games feature brilliant tactics, attacks on the king, and even a few outrageous king-hunts. In many, the winner had to overcome cunning defensive ploys and inventive counterattacks. But our aim in this book is not just to admire the players’ skill, but to learn how we can play like this in our own games. Chess coach Alper Efe Ataman is keenly focused on the instructive points, explaining which features of the position justified the attacks, and what prompted the critical decisions. Where analysis is given, it is restricted to what it would be realistic for a human to work out at the board. But why are miniatures so instructive, especially for younger players? It’s because we get to see an idea or plan implemented successfully, in full. Once we understand what players are trying to achieve, we can then appreciate how to oppose these ideas, and the cut-and-thrust typical in modern grandmaster play will make a lot more sense.

Alper Efe Ataman is a FIDE Master from Turkey. He is a chess publisher, author and an experienced trainer, especially at the scholastic level.

“Following the annotations opened my eyes to a different understanding of the game. Yes, we can have 1000 miniatures at our fingertips with a few clicks of the mouse, but they will not open our eyes to the meaning behind those miniatures if we don’t have a wise teacher like FM Ataman guiding us ... through the review of these games, I’ve noticed how many things I thought I knew and I didn’t, so I thank FM Ataman for writing a book which is really instructive!”

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