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The Queen's Gambit Oct 31 2022 NOW A MAJOR NETFLIX SERIES starring Anya Taylor-Joy from Academy-Award nominee Scott Frank and BAFTA nominee Allan Scott 'Superb' Time Out 'Mesmerizing' Newsweek 'Gripping' Financial Times 'Sheer entertainment. It is a book I reread every few years - for the pure pleasure and skill of it' Michael Ondaatje 'Don't pick this up if you want a night's sleep' Scotsman When she is sent to an orphanage at the age of eight, Beth Harmon soon discovers two ways to escape her surroundings, albeit fleetingly: playing chess and taking the little green pills given to her and the other children to keep them subdued. Before long, it becomes apparent that hers is a prodigious talent, and as she progresses to the top of the US chess rankings she is able to forge a new life for herself. But she can never quite overcome her urge to self-destruct. For Beth, there's more at stake than merely winning and losing. 'Few novelists have written about genius - and addiction - as acutely as Walter Tevis' The Telegraph

Deadpool V Gambit Dec 09 2020 Gambit-one of the smoothest, best-looking operators in the world of the X-Men. Deadpool-one of the most annoying, ugliest dirtbags in the world of everything. Naturally, these guys got beef. But do you know what they have in common? A secret history of working together to pull con-jobs. That's right-the grift is on as the Regeneratin' Degenerate and the Ragin' Cajun begrudgingly take on one last job together. Writers Ben Acker & Ben Blacker (THUNDERBOLTS, The Thrilling Adventure Hour) and artist Danilo Beyruth (GWENPOOL) lead us into the dirty underbelly of Deadpool and the squeaky-clean abs of Gambit! COLLECTING: DEADPOOL V GAMBIT 1-5 **Necromancer's Gambit** Mar 12 2021 A soldier is raised from the dead by a desperate magician who needs his help. The soldier cannot remember who he was when alive, so sets out to discover his former life, those who killed him and what he can do about the fact he's dead. Hunted by demons and frustrated by gods, what hope is there for just one man? **Necromancer's Gambit** is the first novel in A J Dalton's best-selling *Flesh & Bone* Trilogy. A J Dalton is the UK's leading author of gothic fantasy.

The Prince's Romance Gambit 5 Aug 24 2019 Tsubaki's sudden confession of love rattles Koume. Before she can recover, she has to attend Akari's family party as Hatsuyuki's partner, but the glamorous world she sees there causes her to feel a distance between herself and Hatsuyuki, increasing her distress. Who is it that saves Koume when she feels so completely out of place? Find out in the turbulent fifth volume of this Super High-Spec Prince x Commoner Social Gap Excessive Love Story!!

Prince's Gambit: Captive Prince Book 2 Oct 26 2019 The extraordinary second novel in the acclaimed trilogy by international sensation C. S. Pacat. With their countries on the brink of war, Damen and his master Prince Laurent exchange the intrigues of the palace for the sweeping might of the battlefield as they travel to the border to avert a lethal plot. Leading a band of loyal men against desperate odds, Damen must fight together with Laurent to overcome machinations, ambushes and betrayals. With the future of both their nations at stake, a single misstep could be fatal. Despite himself, Damen is increasingly drawn to the dangerous, charismatic Laurent. But even as the fledgling trust between the two men deepens, their enemies are poised to deal them a devastating blow . . .

Gambit Vol. 1 Feb 29 2020 When Marvel's premiere thief sets his sights on his biggest score yet, he may just end up over his head.

Desperately searching for a means to destroy the pilfered artifact that's cursed him, Gambit journeys deep into the Guatemalan jungles in search of a lost temple - but finds an ancient god-monster accidentally loosed on Earth! It's going to take more than just playing cards and southern charm to get out of this one! Then, coerced by a criminal mastermind, Gambit is sent to the United Kingdom to heist the greatest weapon in the history of man: Excalibur! How will Marvel's premiere thief manage to dupe his extortionist while also escaping with a clear name? Be here as the X-Men's ragin' cajun kicks off his all-new solo career! COLLECTING: Gambit (2012) 1-7

Assassin's Gambit Apr 12 2021 Vitala Saloni, champion of the warlike game of Caturanga, is as deadly as she is beautiful. She's a trained assassin for the resistance, and her true play is for ultimate power. Using her charm and wit, she plans to seduce her way into the emperor's bed and deal him one final, fatal blow, sparking a battle of succession that could change the face of the empire. As the ruler of a country on the brink of war and the son of a deposed emperor, Lucien must constantly be wary of an attempt on his life. But he's drawn to the stunning Caturanga player visiting the palace. Vitala may be able to distract him from his woes for a while—and fulfill other needs, as well. Lucien's quick mind and considerable skills awaken unexpected desires in Vitala, weakening her resolve to finish her mission. An assassin cannot fall for her prey, but Vitala's gut is telling her to protect this sexy, sensitive man. Now she must decide where her heart and loyalties lie and navigate the dangerous war of politics before her gambit causes her to lose both Lucien and her heart for good....

A Complete Guide to Queen's Gambit Play Jul 16 2021 Three classic titles from the Everyman Chess Starting Out Series in one volume.

Starting Out: Queen's Gambit Accepted by Alexander Raetsky and Maxim Chetverik; **Starting Out: Queen's Gambit Declined** by Neil McDonald; **Starting: Slav Semi Slav** by Glenn Flear. The Queen's Gambit Accepted (QGA) is Black's simplest way of dealing with one of White's most fashionable openings, the Queen's Gambit. Black grabs the gambit pawn and thus refuses to succumb to the passive positions so typical of the Queen's Gambit Declined. This direct and uncompromising way of playing gives rise to dynamic positions where both sides have excellent chances to play for the win. It's no surprise that the QGA has attracted many high-class advocates, including Garry Kasparov and Vishy Anand. The Queen's Gambit Declined is an opening of great historical importance and Black's fundamental answer to 1 d4. From the very first move Black obtains a firm foothold in the centre, something that White finds extremely hard to undermine. Indeed, Black often bases his entire strategy around this control. The soundness of the Queen's Gambit Declined has never been in question, and its supporters at the highest level include a long list of Grandmasters headed by Kasparov, Kramnik, Karpov and Short, as well as many World Champions from the past. The very closely linked Slav and Semi-Slav Defences are two of the most popular and combative openings that Black can play against the Queen's Gambit. They have provided the battleground for thousands of exciting encounters between the world's chess elite, including Garry Kasparov, Vishy Anand, Vladimir Kramnik, Alexei Shirov and Alexander Morozevich. Players of all levels are attracted to the Slav and the Semi-Slav because they are solid, dependable defences that do, however, promise abundant possibilities for dynamic counterplay.

The Cybernetic Walrus Nov 19 2021 That was the strange message left on Cory Maddox's e-mail - just at the moment when years of work on a revolutionary subspace computer system were about to pay off. Nothing would be the same for Cory again. Suddenly his life was thrown into chaos when the company that controlled his patent was sold out from under him, and instead of imminent watch, Cory was facing immediate poverty. Then along came Alan Stark, who wanted to recruit Cory for a special research project on virtual reality. Initially thrilled to be involved, Cory quickly discovered that there was nothing virtual about the realities he was working on. Instead, he found that Stark was on the verge of controlling the very fabric of reality itself. Cory was unsure of Stark's ultimate goal until he began to recall pieces of another life and found himself in the middle of a battle between two groups of people who could use "rabbit holes" in space and time to jump between different realities, personalities, and lives. Whoever had control of the power to shape reality would have power to become a god - or a devil. But before Cory could combat Stark and his minions, he first had to remember which side he was on.

Black Gambits 1 Dec 29 2019 This is an instructional manual for improving chess players. Sharpen your tactics and learn to play dynamic attacking chess while studying the most entertaining gambits. Lines covered include: Benko Gambit, Blumenfeld Gambit, Vaganian Gambit and more.

Queen's Gambit Declined Mar 24 2022 In this book Grandmaster Sadler explains the ideas behind the Queen's Gambit Declined, one of Black's most dependable replies to the queen's pawn. He discusses all of the major variations in popular practice, explaining the key plans and ideas and highlighting important recent developments. Written by Grandmaster Matthew Sadler, one of the world's top young players, this book offers a full explanation of both the latest theory and important thematic ideas and covers the ever-popular Queen's Gambit Declined. (6 1/4 x 9 1/4, 176, pages, b&w illustrations)

The Fabulous Budapest Gambit Aug 17 2021 The Budapest Gambit is popular with club and internet chess players all over the world, and it is easy to see why. It has surprise value, it's not hard to learn, and it leads to sharp and dynamic play from the very start of the game. But what about its strategic value? When Grandmaster Viktor Moskalenko started playing the Budapest many years ago, its all-round appeal struck him, and since then he has won many games with it. This book contains quite a few of Moskalenko's own games, as well as games by other star players from the past and the present. They illustrate perfectly the dynamic character of this gambit as well as its solid strategic foundations. Moskalenko does not shower you with long computer-generated variations but clearly explains the plans for both White and Black. This New Edition is completely reworked and fully updated from the original 2007 publication; it has been extended by 25% and contains new analysis, new games, new ideas and lots of novelties.

The Hutt Gambit: Star Wars Legends (The Han Solo Trilogy) Dec 21 2021 Here is the second novel in the blockbuster new trilogy that reveals the never-before-told story of the young Han Solo. Set before the Star Wars(r) movie adventures, these books chronicle the coming-of-age of the galaxy's most famous con man, smuggler and thief. Solo is now a fugitive from the Imperial Navy. But he has made a valuable friend in a former Wookiee slave named Chewbacca, who has sworn Han a life debt. Han will need all the help he can get. For the Ylesian Hutts have dispatched the dreaded bounty hunter Boba Fett to track down the man who already outsmarted them once. But Han and Chewie find themselves in even bigger trouble when they agree to lend their services to the crime lords Jiliac and Jabba the Hutt. Suddenly the two smugglers are thrust into the middle of a battle between the might of the Empire and the treachery of their outlaw allies...a battle where even victory means death!

Gambit Sep 05 2020 The next Kirk McGarvey novel, *Gambit*, is an international thriller with non-stop action, perfect for fans of Jason Bourne. "If you like thrillers full of international intrigue, Hagberg is a major find." —Dean Koontz, New York Times bestselling author An American billionaire and a Russian oligarch want Kirk McGarvey dead. First they send a South African assassin, and when Mac kills him, they commission a Canadian sniper for the kill. When Mac put him down, they hire a team of highly specialized Chinese killers called "Scorpions." When Mac dispatches them, they send a squad of Russian special ops armed to the teeth with high-tech firepower. Mac's only chance of survival is to turn on the tables on the people behind this assassination conspiracy, that is, if he can find them. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Scotch Gambit Jun 02 2020 Seize the Initiative Right from the Start! Are you bored with slow maneuvering in systems such as the the Italian game with d2-d3 and the anti-Berlin? Do you enjoy confrontation in the center and sharp, tactical play? Alex Fishbein shows how the Scotch Gambit can give you exciting yet sound positions where you aim at the enemy king. In the Scotch Gambit, White immediately strikes in the center and attacks the f7-pawn, provoking concessions from Black. An imbalance typically results, where White has attacking chances on the kingside. The Scotch Gambit will help you develop a finer feeling for the initiative and improve your combinational vision. You will also better understand strategic concepts, such as weak squares of one color and pawn structure nuances. Fishbein, an experienced player and author, takes you into a modern grandmaster's research lab. Here, all ideas are scrutinized and prepared for use against an opponent who is similarly armed with the latest theory and technology. The most critical responses for Black receive special emphasis. Alex Fishbein is an American grandmaster. His peak world ranking was #150. He was competitive in each of his four U.S. Championship appearances, including in 2004 when he won the Bent Larsen prize for the most uncompromising chess. A lifelong 1.e4 player, Fishbein is known for interesting and creative play.

The Final Gambit Apr 24 2022 OVER 1 MILLION COPIES SOLD OF THE #1 BESTSELLING SERIES! Avery's fortune, life, and loves are on the line in the game that everyone will be talking about. To inherit billions, all Avery Kylie Grambs has to do is survive a few more weeks living in Hawthorne House. The paparazzi are dogging her every step. Financial pressures are building. Danger is a fact of life. And the only thing getting Avery through it all is the Hawthorne brothers. Her life is intertwined with theirs. She knows their secrets, and they know her. But as the clock ticks down to the moment when Avery will become the richest teenager on the planet, trouble arrives in the form of a visitor who needs her help—and whose presence in Hawthorne House could change everything. It soon becomes clear that there is one last puzzle to solve, and Avery and the Hawthorne brothers are drawn into a dangerous game against an unknown and powerful player. Secrets upon secrets. Riddles upon riddles. In this game, there are hearts and lives at stake—and there is nothing more Hawthorne than winning.

Prince's Gambit Aug 29 2022 The second novel in the critically acclaimed Captive Prince trilogy from global phenomenon C. S. Pacat. With their countries on the brink of war, Damen and his new master, Prince Laurent, must exchange the intrigues of the palace for the sweeping might of the battlefield as they travel to the border to avert a lethal plot. Forced to hide his identity, Damen finds himself increasingly drawn to the dangerous, charismatic Laurent. But as the fledgling trust between the two men deepens, the truth of secrets from both their pasts is poised to deal them a final devastating blow...

The Italian Gambit System, And, A Guiding Repertoire for White-E4! Jul 04 2020 Introducing a new book, bound in two volumes, not only containing an astonishing new "pure gambit" named the Miami Variation, but a very delightful, interesting and insightful adventure through a unique perspective of historical chess.

The Double Queen's Gambit May 14 2021 Alexey Bezgodov provides a complete chess opening repertoire for Black against 1.d4. After replying with 1...d5, the former Russian Chess Champion advises you to take up the Double Queen's Gambit and play 2...c5! against both 2. c4 and 2. Nf3. In The Double Queen's Gambit Black's attitude is as active and ambitious as that of White in the Queen's Gambit. This ambition may seem premature at first sight, but many strong grandmasters have already successfully played this system. After thoroughly investigating and analysing this opening, Bezgodov has gained a lot of experience in practical grandmaster play. The system not only turned out to be playable but also brought him success, and not just because of its surprise value. Bezgodov's conclusion is that there is no clear and compelling way for White to reach an advantage. The fresh ideas and the clear explanations in The Double Queen's Gambit may change your view on modern chess opening theory. Bezgodov provides dozens of exercises to test your understanding of his system.

The Alterman Gambit Guide Feb 08 2021 The Alterman Gambit Guide: White Gambits is both an opening book and an instructive manual. Sharpen your tactics and learn to play dynamic attacking chess while studying the most entertaining gambits. Lines covered include: Evans Gambit Panov Attack Morra Gambit Philidor Danish Gambit Urusov Gambit Morphy Attack Cochrane Gambit Max Lange Attack Fried Liver Attack Milner-Barry Gambit Boris Alterman is a strong grandmaster and founder of the Shevah-Mofet Chess Academy in Israel. Alterman is a product of the Botvinnik-Kasparov chess school. He helped to develop the Deep Junior program which famously drew a match with Kasparov and defeated both Radjabov and Deep Fritz.

The Fascinating Réti Gambit Jul 24 2019 Are you one of those e4-players who absolutely hate to face the French Defence? And when it occurs, do you get the feeling that black has all the fun, whether he's pressuring your d-pawn, breaking down your pawn centre, rounding up your a-pawn or boring you to tears with the Rubinstein? - Then the Reti Gambit may be the solution for you too After having written two popular books on the King's Gambit for white (The King's Gambit for the Creative Aggressor in 1998 and The Fascinating King's Gambit in 2004/5) Thomas Johansson devotes his third chess opening book to a little known gambit that definitely spices up the French Defence I can't guarantee that white always gets an advantage in the RG - after all, even the theoretical main lines after 2.d4 tend to end up equal after about 20 moves - but the positions that arise are usually so interesting and fun that once you've learned how to play it, I think you will soon be

looking forward to your next encounter with the French Defence

The King's Gambit Oct 19 2021 There was a time when the King's Gambit was the favorite chess opening of every attacking player. In the glory days of Paul Morphy it was considered almost cowardly to play anything else. Legends such as Spassky and Bronstein kept the flame burning in the 20th century, but its popularity faded, as many players are wary of sacrificing a pawn for long-term compensation. There are honorable exceptions whose games prove that this ancient weapon can still draw blood: Morozevich, Short, Zvjaginsev and ex-US Champion Yury Shulman are world-class players who attack with the King's Gambit.

The Agent Gambit Jun 14 2021 Two space adventure novels in the popular Liaden Universe® series in one Omni-trade edition: *Agent of Change*: Once a brilliant First-in-Scout, Val Con yos'Phelium was recruited by the shadowy Liaden Department of Interior and brainwashed into an Agent of Change—a ruthless covert operative who kills without remorse. Val Con has been playing a deep game, far from the orderly life of clan and kin. Fleeing his latest mission, he saves the life of ex-mercenary Miri Robertson, a Terran on the run from interplanetary assassins. Thrown together by circumstances, Val Con and Miri struggle to elude their enemies and stay alive without killing each other—or surrendering to the unexpected passion that flares between them. Which name—or face—will the agent choose when the game gets tough and an escape for only one of them seems possible? *Carpe Diem*: On the run from interplanetary assassins and a ruthless interstellar crime cartel, covert operative Val Con yos'Phelium and former mercenary sergeant Miri Robertson formed an alliance of necessity and wound up stranded on a planet with no rescue in sight. Their on-world problems were looking manageable after they assumed new identities as musicians, that is until a local war forced them to reveal their alien combat skills—and doubt their own growing partnership of trust and love. By then the relentless hound of an agent on Val Con's trail was closing in with the very weapon Val Con and Miri most feared, and the game got very rough indeed. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). I rarely rave on and on about stories, but I am devoted to Lee and Miller novels and stories. © Anne McCaffrey

Gambit Killer Sep 25 2019 Your opponent plays a gambit against you. How dare they! But how can you punish them? Spanish Grandmaster Salgado has taken a close look at a wide variety of 'Gambit Lines'. Many gambit lines, where one or more pawns are sacrificed for the initiative, have to be taken seriously, but Ivan has succeeded in finding many new ideas and theoretical improvements. The result is the neutralisation or refutation of most of these common and well known 'Gambits'. This book is simply a must for anyone who wants to be fully prepared to engage in battle against a 'Gambit Player'. If you are a gambit player yourself, you need to read this to prepare yourself for new challenges to your systems.

Ninefox Gambit Aug 05 2020 Captain Kel Cheri of the hexarchate is disgraced for using unconventional methods in a battle against heretics. Kel Command gives her the opportunity to redeem herself by retaking the Fortress of Scattered Needles, a star fortress that has recently been captured by heretics. Cheri's career isn't the only thing at stake. If the fortress falls, the hexarchate itself might be next. Cheri's best hope is to ally with the undead tactician Shuos Jedao. The good news is that Jedao has never lost a battle, and he may be the only one who can figure out how to successfully besiege the fortress. The bad news is that Jedao went mad in his first life and massacred two armies, one of them his own. As the siege wears on, Cheri must decide how far she can trust Jedao—because she might be his next victim. **Gambit Jun 26 2022**

Gambit: Thieves' World Oct 07 2020 Ever wonder what Gambit is up to when he's not saving the world with the X-Men? Then join him in the exciting and treacherous terrain of the New Orleans underworld, where Remy LeBeau's skills and mastery as a thief are unquestioned! But Gambit's confidence may be his downfall - and his world might soon collapse like a house of cards! When the reanimated dead crawl out of their graves and overrun the streets of the Big Easy, Gambit is the only person who can save the city from a zombie apocalypse! But he's got even bigger problems: two women, both heartbroken, both angry...and both demanding his head on a platter! Then, the talented thief faces his most dangerous job yet: infiltrating the heavily fortified home of...the X-Men?! You've got to read it to believe it, mes amis!

COLLECTING: GAMBIT (2004) 1-12, MATERIAL FROM X-MEN UNLIMITED (2004) 3

The Queen's Gambit & Catalan for Black Jan 28 2020 This volume, the first by Lasha Janjgava, provides chess-players with a reliable defense against one of the most popular chess openings, the Queen's Pawn Opening. Rather than the risky option of going all-out for counterplay, the grandmaster recommends that Black adopt a more solid, classical approach, and first carefully neutralize White's initiative. By defending the Queen's Gambit Declined, Black puts a firm road-block in the way of White's ambitions. If, as often happens when faced by a sturdy defense, White becomes careless or impatient, Black is ready to break out and seize the initiative. Janjgava also shows how White's more hypermodern Catalan treatment can be met with the same strategy, and explains how, once Black has equalized, he can unbalance the position and play for a win.

X-Men May 26 2022 For years, they have loved each other from a safe distance. Now Rogue and Gambit will become closer than ever - and it may shatter their lives permanently! For when Remy LeBeau's past actions are revealed, he will be put on trial - but who will serve as judge, jury and executioner? A suitably uncanny battle between Cannonball and Gladiator sends one squad of X-Men on their latest intergalactic adventure. Can they free the Shi'ar from the deadly grip of the Phalanx and return safely to Earth in one piece? COLLECTING: UNCANNY X-MEN (1981) 341-350, -1; X-MEN (1991) 62-64, -1

Gambit Jan 22 2022 Rok 1966. Jerzy Ostrowski, konstruktor samochodów i mistrz szachowy, zostaje uprowadzony przez tajniaków. Jest przekonany, że czeka go egzekucja z zemsty za brata, ułana AK, który naraził się nowym władzom Polski. Rok 1943. Ludwik Kalkstein, gwiazda podziemnego wywiadu, zmienia front i doprowadza do aresztowania dowódcy AK. Wanda Kuryło, jeszcze niedawno współpracownica Kalksteina, rozpoczyna misję, która może odmienić powojenne losy Polski i Europy. W tym czasie w Oświęcimiu umiera jedyny człowiek, który może jej pomóc. Co łączy losy mistrza szachowego, zdrajcy i dziewczyny o niezwykłej urodzie, która po wojnie stanie się agentką M16, a potem amerykańskiego kontrwywiadu? Gdzie ukryty jest bezcenny skarb, do którego chcą dotrzeć za wszelką cenę szpiedzy Hitlera, Stalina, Churchilla i Roosevelta? Czy Wandzie uda się poznać tajemnicę człowieka, którego kochała? Czy powiedzie się jej zemsta?

Understanding Before Moving 2 - Nov 27 2019 In volume 2 Dutch International Master Herman Grooten provides the full coverage of the Queen's Gambit Structures. As usual his instructive material is impressive, explaining in detail all possible plans for White and Black, making this book indispensable if you want to understand these typical structures or play this opening.

Queen's Gambit May 02 2020

Italian Game and Evans Gambit Jan 10 2021 Investigates the different strategies and tactics in the Italian Game (sometimes referred to as the Giuoco Piano) and Evans Gambit and uses model games for both White and Black, providing crucial coverage of both the main lines and offbeat variations.

Starting Out Jun 22 2019 This book is a further addition to Everyman's best-selling Starting Out series, which has been acclaimed for its original approach to tackling chess openings. Neil McDonald goes back to the basics of the Queen's Gambit Declined, introducing the key moves and ideas, and taking care to explain the reasoning behind them? something that is often neglected or taken for granted in other texts.

The Last Gambit Feb 20 2022 Success by design is infinitely better than a win by chance. Vasu Bhatt is fourteen years old when a mysterious old man spots him at a chess tournament and offers to coach him, on two simple but strange conditions: he would not accompany his student to tournaments, and there was to be no digging into his past. Initially resentful, Vasu begins to gradually understand his master's mettle. Over eight years, master and student come to love and respect each other, but the two conditions remain unbroken - until Vasu confronts and provokes the old man. Meanwhile, their hard work and strategy pay off: Vasu qualifies for the world chess championship. But can he make it all the way without his master by his side? Inspiring, moving and mercurial, *The Last Gambit* is a beautiful coming of age tale in a uniquely Indian context.

The Queen's Gambit Sep 29 2022 The basis for the hit Netflix series! "What Walter Tevis did for pool in *The Hustler*, he does for chess in *The Queen's Gambit*" (Playboy). When eight-year-old Beth Harmon's parents are killed in an automobile accident, she's placed in an orphanage in Mount Sterling, Kentucky. Plain and shy, Beth learns to play chess from the janitor in the basement and discovers she is a prodigy. Though

penniless, she is desperate to learn more—and steals a chess magazine and enough money to enter a tournament. Beth also steals some of her foster mother's tranquilizers to which she is becoming addicted. At thirteen, Beth wins the chess tournament. By the age of sixteen she is competing in the US Open Championship and, like Fast Eddie in *The Hustler*, she hates to lose. By eighteen she is the US champion—and Russia awaits . . . Fast-paced and elegantly written, *The Queen's Gambit* is a thriller masquerading as a chess novel—one that's sure to keep you on the edge of your seat. "The Queen's Gambit is sheer entertainment. It is a book I reread every few years—for the pure pleasure and skill of it." —Michael Ondaatje, Man Booker Prize-winning author of *The English Patient*

The Gambit Book of Instructive Chess Puzzles Nov 07 2020 Solving tactical puzzles is one of the most effective ways to improve your chess. This convenient book provides 300 exercises, with instructive points highlighted in the solutions. There is something here for everyone. The puzzles in the first two chapters are based on a clear-cut tactic or checkmate, such as those explained in Gambit's best-sellers *How to Beat Your Dad at Chess* and *Chess Tactics for Kids*. The endgame challenges highlight tactics and principles in action. In practice it is vital to defend resiliently and seek counterattacking chances - there is an innovative chapter on these rarely-covered themes as well as puzzles where the reader must decide how to punch home an attack. Later chapters help readers develop a vital skill: the ability to make tough chessboard decisions. Attack, sacrifice, grab material, defend or simplify - it's for you to decide! Principles and guidelines are emphasized, together with common sources of error. The final section of puzzles will prove a stern challenge even for the best players, with the reader exposed to the full complexity of modern chess - with a few helpful hints along the way.

Queen's Gambit Jul 28 2022 A tale inspired by the life of Henry VIII's sixth wife follows her reluctant marriage to the egotistical and powerful king in spite of her love for Thomas Seymour, a situation that compels her to make careful choices in a treacherous court.

Gambit Sep 17 2021 Collects *Gambit* (2012) #1-17 and material from A+X #3. Gambit has set his sights on his biggest scores yet — but he may end up over his head! Raiding a lost temple of doom is all in a day's work for Marvel's premier thief until an ancient god-monster is accidentally loosed on Earth. Then, Gambit travels to the United Kingdom to heist the greatest weapon in the history of man: Excalibur! Whether he's rescuing archaeologists from the Forever City, teaming up with Avengers marksman Hawkeye, chasing a mysterious lady thief or facing down a horde of super villains, the ragin' Cajun is the one holding all the cards! But when Pete Wisdom calls in a favor, Gambit will need all his skills to save those dear to him! Who is Remy's friend Fence, and what secrets is he hiding?

The Club Player's Modern Guide to Gambits Mar 31 2020 This is no ordinary opening book. This practical guide describes only such openings in which White or Black sacrifices material at an early stage of the game. They are called gambits (in Old Italian, gambetto means tripping). The justification for such sacrifices can differ quite a lot. In most cases, the side that sacrifices material tends to get ahead of the opponent in development and/or opens lines to attack the enemy king. However, there are also gambits aimed at the occupation of the center (Blumenfeld Gambit), depriving the opponent of castling (Cochrane Gambit or Traxler Variation), weakening the opponent's pawn structure (Anti-Moscow Variation), luring an opponent's piece to an unfavorable position (sacrificing the b2-pawn), obtaining a certain positional compensation (Volga Gambit), etc. Gambits are often associated with the romantic chess of the 19th century. Indeed, that was the heyday of such sharp openings as the King's Gambit or Evans Gambit, but even nowadays, many games begin with one of the well-known or even innovative gambits. This should come as no surprise: gambits help to reveal the true essence of chess, "the triumph of spirit over matter." The concept of this book is to examine practical games and give theoretical insights in the notes rather than in stand-alone articles. Practice has shown this to be the most effective way of mastering new material. More often than not, recent games by the world's top players have been chosen as an illustration, played in the last few years in particular. However, the most important classic games are mentioned as well. The present book analyzes almost 50 of the major gambit lines and systems. Almost 140 games are given in full, with many game fragments selected to illustrate the important deviations. And there is a special section about types of sacrificial themes, such as sacrificing the b2-pawn, sacrificing on f7, etc. Readers who may wish to employ one of the examined gambit variations on a regular basis should, no doubt, study the specific books on that very opening, although in most cases the lines and ideas given are sufficient for a beginner or club player to include the system in his or her opening repertoire and give it a try.