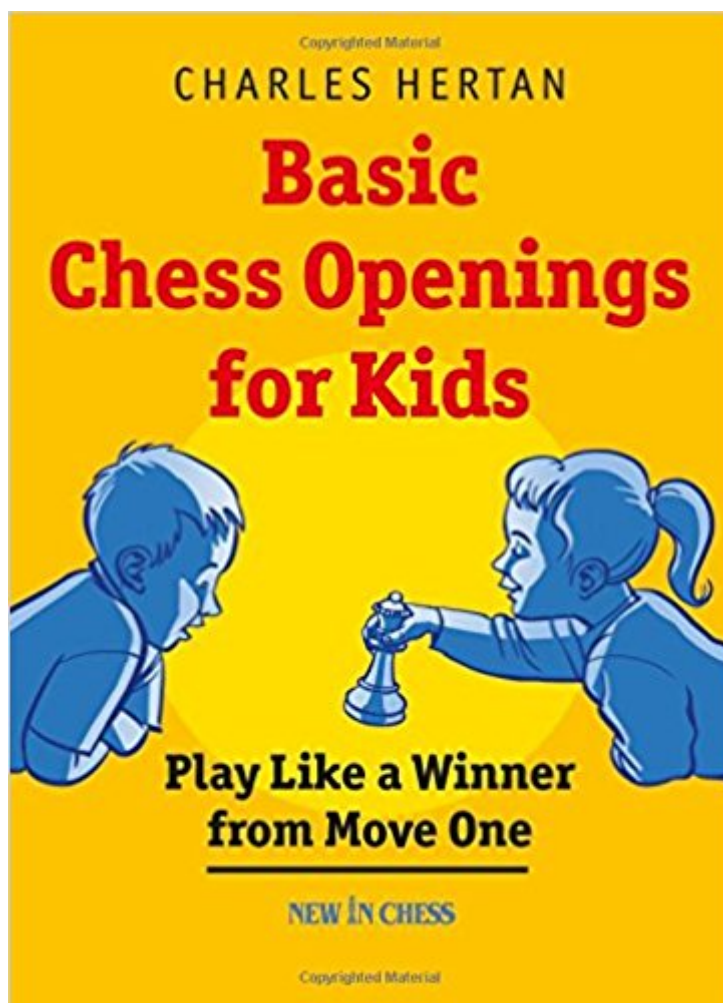


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# Basic Chess Openings For Kids: Play Like A Winner From Move One



## Synopsis

Award-winning author Charles Hertan knows what kids really need to know (and want to know) about mobilizing their pawns and pieces. Traditional chess opening books concentrate on the variations in different openings. Charles Hertan believes that for beginners and advanced beginners memorizing lines in the Sicilian and Nimzo-Indian defenses is not only boring but also a waste of time. Hertan's approach is different. He helps kids to develop a solid understanding of the fundamental opening ideas and principles. What are the properties of each chess piece, and how can they be mobilized effectively to work together and get a strong position on the board? In his trademark humorous and kid-friendly way, Hertan teaches what you should actually be trying to achieve at the start of a game. Kids will love learning how to avoid The Five Most Common Opening Mistakes. This is a fun, easy-to-use, down-to-earth and accessible chess opening primer.

## Book Information

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"I like the way in which Hertan breaks down the section on development to focus on each individual piece. The explanatory notes are perfectly accessible to juniors and novices (..) A very accessible book for juniors to take their first steps into opening theory." (Sean March CHESS Magazine (UK)) Best Chess Improvement Book of 2016 - Honorable Mention (Chess Journalists of America (CJA)) "In his newest book Hertan discusses good opening play. He starts with basic principles such as development and activity. Hertan also gives advice on how to play certain openings and tips on errors he sees children make. An entertaining book." (Max Euwe Centre, Amsterdam) "Very good for

trainers or parents with a chess background." (Dirk Schuh, International Master)"Excellent. Ideal for young players who already have basic knowledge of the rules of the Royal Game, including how the chess pieces and pawns move, and are now looking to improve to the next level and beyond." (Paul Motwani, Chess Grandmaster)"Hertan's basic strategy -- investigating what each piece 'likes' to unpack good piece play -- is solid and his ideas-based approach of the opening is good for beginners." (John Hartmann Chess Life Magazine (US))"Hertan's clear explanations are never childish. That's why this book will also appeal to adults." (Kees de Groot Reformatorisch Dagblad (NL))

This book is definitely kid-friendly. It is probably too advanced for rank beginners, but they should be reading a basic primer, anyway, not an opening book. Hertan's approach is more accessible to kids than typical opening books that cover only variations. I especially like the early chapters where he describes how to use each piece well in the opening and beyond. Any kid who is an avid chess player with a firm grasp of the rules, who has been playing for a while, should benefit greatly from this book, but more advanced tournament kids will learn a lot from it too. Could be the best book out there of this genre.

Here is my daughter's review: "It was easy and fun to read. I learned new moves and tactics to help me win games. His others are really good too."

I've never seen an opening book that explains how to activate each piece effectively. Hertan's simple clear language makes him the perfect teacher for children. Five stars plus, a great book for kids who seriously want to improve and learn openings without having to memorize.

Not a kids read. Filled with way too much information. Would need to be a chess champion to appreciate this book.

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