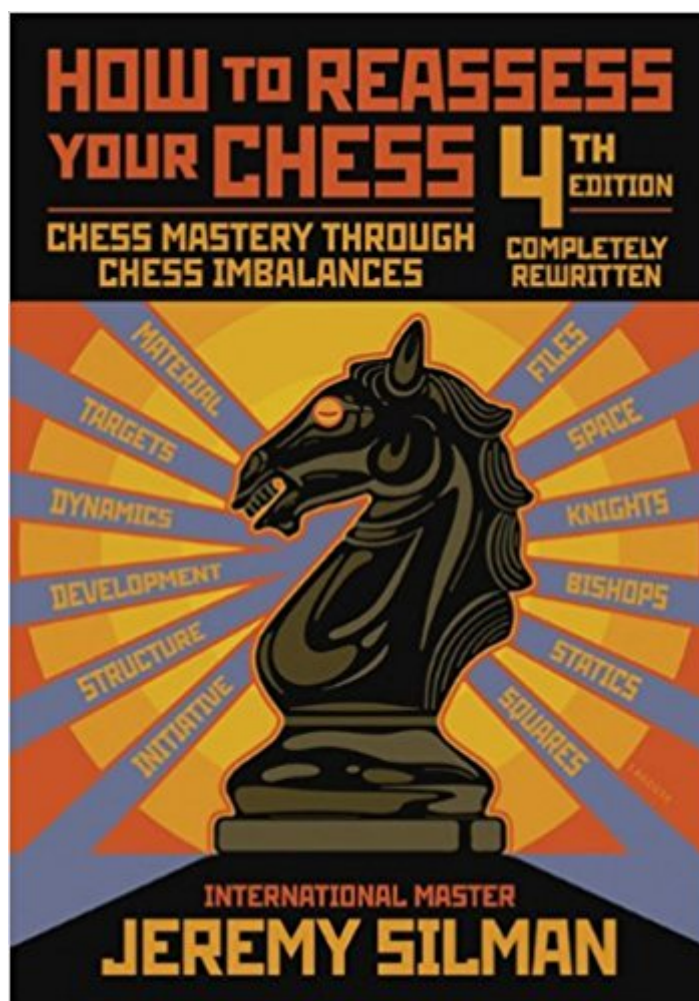


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# How To Reassess Your Chess: Chess Mastery Through Chess Imbalances



## Synopsis

How to Reassess Your Chess is the popular step-by-step course that will create a marked improvement in anyone's game. In clear, direct language, Silman shows how to dissect a position, recognize its individual parts and ultimately find the move that conforms to the needs of that particular situation. By explaining the thought processes that go into a master's choice of move, the author presents a system of thought that makes advanced strategies seem clear, logical and at times even obvious. How the Reassess Your Chess offers invaluable knowledge and insight that cannot be found in any other book.

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## Customer Reviews

How to Reassess Your Chess has long been considered a modern classic. This fourth and final edition completely rewritten and featuring all new examples takes Silman's groundbreaking concept of imbalances to a whole new level. Designed for players in the 1400 to 2100 rating range and for teachers looking for a ready-made chess curriculum, the author shares a mind-expanding journey that takes the reader through imbalance-basics, ensures that every detail of all the imbalances are mastered, and leaves the player/lover of chess with something he always wanted but never believed he could achieve: a master-level positional foundation. A section on practical chess psychology (titled Psychological Meanderings) presents never-before-published ideas on psychological processes that hinder players of all levels, and gives easy-to-follow advice and techniques that will help anyone overcome these ubiquitous mental/emotional failings. Hundreds of games brought to life by instruction-rich prose, and stories that offer humor while highlighting

various lessons, vividly illustrate all the book's topics in a manner that's both personal and fun. If the positional masterpieces of the chess legends have always been a mystery to you, if chess strategy has always been an unsolvable enigma, if you find yourself a positional pawn rather than a positional master, then *How to Reassess Your Chess*, 4th edition will prove to be a life-changing experience. Jeremy Silman is an International Master and a world-class teacher, writer, and player who has won the American Open, the National Open, and the U.S. Open. Considered by many to be the game's preeminent instructive writer, he is the author of over thirty-seven books, including *Silman's Complete Endgame Course*, *The Amateur's Mind*, *The Complete Book of Chess Strategy*, and *The Reassess Your Chess Workbook*. His website ([www.jeremysilman.com](http://www.jeremysilman.com)) offers fans of the game instruction, book reviews, theoretical articles, and details

If you want to move from a woodpusher to a Chess Club Player, then this is the book for you. Excellent book for building your chess foundation in easy to understand layman's terms. This is definitely a chess training study book and you will need a chess set and board, along with some free study time. Welcome to the Chess Club Player level of chess enjoyment and beyond!

Excellent book! You don't know what you don't know. Its amazing how you can be so confident in the wrong way of thinking. Since reading this book as well as *The Amateur's Mind* I see the game in a completely new light. I am a much more careful player now when it comes to all aspects of the game and my level of understanding has greatly improved. If you desperately want to get better at chess this is one of the best books to read.

Silman has done it again.....and again.....and adain, but this time, no REALLY! He \*\*\*HAS\*\*\* done it again!!! The man just can't quit (thank the higher powers above!). I absolutely LOVED this easy to read, fun to read, immensely deep to read instruction book on HOW TO, and HOW TO UNDERSTAND. No one tells it better than Silman what the Chessboard is telling you to do. Or in showing you how to do what you need to do. My only regret is that the book ended when I finished - GRIN! It is a book I will re-read many a times. There is an enormous amount of information, but it's easy to comprehend. That is what makes Silman so darn valuable. Even an old duff like me can understand, AND begin to actually use in my games. Now that says it all. It isn't about Silman showing us what a vast fund of knowledge he possesses and how fabulous his chess games are. He wants US to get as good as him, and he lets it all out in his books so that if we will pay attention, we CAN play like him. Heh..... what possible more can you want out of a Chess book?!One final

word. If you don't purchase Silman's books and learn them, you truly only cheat yourselves.

Best chess book out there. Easy to comprehend insights offer practical way to build your game. Parts of the book are interesting from a self-management perspective and I have given it to some of my professional colleagues who are not chess players.

Quick review: I just got the book, and am in part 2 (minor pieces) and I must say, I'm impressed. I read the 3rd edition a couple of times, but honestly his prior obsession with the knight/bishop struggle was a bit wearisome. But he is a good author, and I kept reading. When this 4th edition came out I thought "what the heck he says it's rewritten, I'll give it a shot". And he is right. Totally re-written. For me the big items are:-- Paying attention to all pieces and pawns, all the imbalances, not just knight/bishop-- Instructive nice tests along the way (and he throws in off topic tactics to keep you on your toes)-- And the best part is that he explains what people with different ratings will likely "see", and reflect that in general discussion, as well as the tests Great buy!

I have at least 40+ chess books and I can honestly say that I have learned the most from Jeremy Silman's How to Reassess Your Chess books. I haven't finished re-studying the 3rd addition due to being out of chess for a while but I am fast approaching the end of it. I will then jump right into this edition. From scanning the pages, I know I won't be disappointed. I'm rated about 1500 but after applying myself to his lessons I began giving 1700 players a hard way to go! I didn't win many but I was close.

Silman is a translator. He expresses lofty chess ideas in a language that makes them intelligible to mere mortals. There are chess masters and there are masterful teachers. Either attribute by itself doth not guarantee the other. Some people are capable of mastering more than one skill. Silman is one of them. It's a big thick book. I purchased it many months ago but I'm steadily working through it. I have the previous 3rd edition as well. The current 4th edition is definitely an improvement and I intend to reread it soon after competing it.

This book brought me from 1700 to 1950. So, yes, I recommend it.

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