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Genrikh Kasparian : 888 Miniature Studies before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 888 Miniature Studies:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Years of delightful thinkingBy Terence MillsThe chess study is a chess problem of the type: White to move and win, or, White to move and draw. The author defines a "miniature chess study" as one that involves a total of 7 pieces or less on the board. So, it's like resolving an end-game situation. This book is a classic collection of miniature studies. Now I like chess problems - although I am not particularly skilled at solving them. In this book, the solution appears under the diagram that sets out the study. Normally I find this annoying because you can't help looking at the solution. But when I read the solution to the first problem, it was truly delightful. So I changed my tune and decided that I will read this book for enjoyment. I will read the problems and their solutions to enjoy the solutions rather than to take delight(?) in solving (or more likely not solving) the problems. I assume that +- under a problem means "White to move and win" and "=" under a problem means "White to move and draw": this could have been explained. The author is famous in chess problem circles; look him up. The English is delightful. It's a nice book to hold: good size, well bound; would fit well in my brief case; many photographs are scattered throughout the book; it would make a good present for a chess enthusiast; you won't find this book in your corner store; it will provide me with years of delightful thinking.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Relatively good quality printing with clear diagramsBy bobsie67This will take a lifetime of study. Relatively good quality printing with clear diagrams. Lots of material, so diagrams and solutions somewhat crammed together, which means you'll need to read with an index card to hide solutions. If you are a patzer like me, you'll need to set up on a

board.

The book presented here by G. Kasparian is one of the books that deserve to be greatly appreciated. Its technical value can be useful for all studies lovers and especially for practical chess players, in preparation. Not once it was proved that studies can be extremely useful for chess players, because they not only develop their imagination and creativity, but face them with unusual situations that may appear on the chess board, sometimes seemingly impossible to be solved. Compared to the first version of this wonderful work, this edition brings additions that grow, not only numerically, but especially its quality. As a coach, who commonly used the first edition of this work, ``555 miniature studies``, I can appreciate, without the fear to be wrong, that we are dealing with a complex material, very useful for coaches who want to put ``to work`` their students, in preparing them for high performance. For these reasons I consider that such a book must have its place in every coach`s library and, probably, in any chess lover`s library. Especially I would like to take this opportunity to thank to the son of the great Genrich Kasparian, Mr. Sergei Kasparian who, by his kindness, provided us his father`s manuscript and without whose goodwill is not known when this book might see the daylight. Sergei Kasparian is also a chess composition lover, which is why, at the end of this book, I introduced some of his most interesting studies.