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Bridge the Gap to Better Bidding Jack Wynns 2022-08-26 This book is intended for intermediate and advanced players and is designed along the lines of a convention card. Each subject (No Trump, Majors, Weak Two Bids, etc.) gets its own chapter. Within each chapter each topic gets a page of text along with examples and a quiz. Most intermediate players have a working, but incomplete, knowledge of the various topics. This book will fill in the blanks, add new ideas to your bidding arsenal and significantly improve your bidding skills.

Scouting Published by the Boy Scouts of America for all BSA registered adult volunteers and professionals, Scouting magazine offers editorial content that is a mixture of information, instruction, and inspiration, designed to strengthen readers' abilities to better perform their leadership roles in Scouting and also to assist them as parents in strengthening families.

Why Business Ethics Matters Wayne Nordness Eastman 2015-10-07 This book links game theory to business ethics by applying the classic Four Temperaments approach to a wide range of moral emotions, and offers academics and students of game theory a perspective that covers social preferences in a nontraditional way.

Serious Games Development and Applications Minhua Ma 2012-09-18 This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Serious Games Development and Applications, SGDA 2012, held in Bremen, Germany in September 2012. The 22 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. The papers cover various topics on serious games including engineering, education, health care, military applications, game design, game study, game theories, virtual reality, 3D visualisation and medical applications of games technology.

The HQ Training Manual John B. Clark 2018-07-12 The clock is counting down: 10, 9, 8, 7....Can you make it past Q3? Can you survive the savage questions and claim a portion of the prize? Anyone can breeze through the two no-brainers at the top. You need to be ready for the challenging questions that cut the crowd down and determine the winners. Be a winner! Who is the most adapted author of all time?* Train your brain with over 700 moderate to difficult questions across a variety of topics, from pop-culture to politics, movies to music, geography to zoology. In this guide, you'll encounter a simple multiple choice format with a factoid at the end to populate your mind with the information that will make you a trivia champion. Who pitched the fastest fastball?** The HQ Training Manual is your go-to guide for performing under pressure and competing with the crowd, whether online or at home. Become the quiz master you were meant to be! Tick tock... *Charles Dickens **Aroldis Chapman (105.1 mph)

Human Interface and the Management of Information Sakae Yamamoto 2013-07-03 The three-volume set LNCS 8016, 8017, and 8018 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, HCII 2013, held in Las Vegas, NV, USA in July 2013. The total of 1666 papers and 303 posters presented at the HCII 2013 conferences was carefully reviewed and selected from 5210 submissions. These papers address the latest research and development efforts and highlight the human aspects of design and use of computing systems. The papers accepted for presentation thoroughly cover the entire field of human-computer Interaction, addressing major advances in knowledge and effective use of computers in a variety of application areas. This volume contains papers in the thematic area of human interface and the management of Information, addressing the following major topics: interacting with information, information searching, browsing and structuring, design and development methods and tools for interactive systems and services, personalized information and interaction, cognitive and emotional aspects of interacting with information.

Handbook of Research on Tools for Teaching Computational Thinking in P-12 Education Kalogiannakis, Michail 2020-06-26 While the growth of computational thinking has brought new awareness to the importance of computing education, it has also created new challenges. Many educational initiatives focus solely on the programming aspects, such as variables, loops, conditionals, parallelism, operators, and data handling, divorcing computing from real-world contexts and applications. This decontextualization threatens to make learners believe that they do not need to learn computing, as they cannot envision a future in which they will need to use it, just as many see math and physics education as unnecessary. The Handbook of Research on Tools for Teaching Computational Thinking in P-12 Education is a cutting-edge research publication that examines the implementation of computational thinking into school curriculum in order to develop creative problem-solving skills and to build a computational identity which will allow for future STEM growth. Moreover, the book advocates for a new approach to computing education that argues that while learning about computing, young people should also have opportunities to create with computing, which will have a direct impact on their lives and their communities. Featuring a wide range of topics such as assessment, digital teaching, and educational robotics, this book is ideal for academicians, instructional designers, teachers, education professionals, administrators, researchers, and students.

Your Space Level 3 Garan Holcombe 2012-07-05 Your Space is a three-level course for teenagers, designed to motivate students as they change and grow. With a wide range of varied activities, the Workbook provides extra skills practice focusing on listening, reading, writing and speaking. The accompanying Audio CD contains extra listening material for practice at home. CEF: A2-B1.

Super Dog Word Puzzles and Word Scrambles Sandra Baird 2014-12-27 Imagine this...Having fun, munching on treats your kids made PLUS your kids' vocabulary and spelling skills are improving by the minute... Sitting around a table are three children, ages 8-11, and their grandmother. They all are each hurriedly printing something on a piece of paper; suddenly the youngest child shouts "I got another one!"Her older brother grabs the dictionary and is looking up a word from his paper, "It is a word. I knew it. I rock!" The last child picks up the Kindle and says, "Does anyone have the 6 letter word yet? I think I know what it is! It's my turn to pick the recipe today, right grandma?" ...What is the secret that these kids don't know? They are playing word scramble games especially designed to teach them new words and to improve their spelling...the kids think that they are just having fun! For Adults Only: The Secrets! Teacher Designed Games: Smarter in Minutes series Book 2 o This is a "kid friendly "classic word scrambles game. It is designed in the "Hangman" game style of a hint letter and blank lines for the missing letters. All children are familiar with this style. o The words selected are words for kids 8-11 years with some enrichment words to challenge. o These games are designed for adults to have fun with kids playing word games that improve spelling and enrich vocabulary. o Each game has words that are easy and more difficult to allow children of different ages to score stars in every game. o Every child will score stars in the game. Children gain confidence in their skills and try harder. o The games can be played with 5-6 kids at once or a child can have fun just playing alone or with his babysitter, parents, aunts and uncles, even older cousins. o For adults, it is a game of speed thinking. Most adults would be familiar with most of the vocabulary words, but how fast can they think of them? o Everyone will need paper and a pencil to work on the words. This helps children to get printing and

Game Analytics Magy Seif El-Nasr 2013-03-30 Developing a successful game in today's market is a challenging endeavor. Thousands of titles are published yearly, all competing for players' time and attention. Game analytics has emerged in the past few years as one of the main resources for ensuring game quality, maximizing success, understanding player behavior and enhancing the quality of the player experience. It has led to a paradigm shift in the development and design strategies of digital games, bringing data-driven intelligence practices into the fray for informing decision making at operational, tactical and strategic levels. Game Analytics - Maximizing the Value of Player Data is the first book on the topic of game analytics; the process of discovering and communicating patterns in data towards evaluating and driving action, improving performance and solving problems in game development and game research. Written by over 50 international experts from industry and research, it covers a comprehensive range of topics across more than 30 chapters, providing an in-depth discussion of game analytics and its practical applications. Topics covered include monetization strategies, design of telemetry systems, analytics for iterative production, game data mining and big data in game development, spatial analytics, visualization and reporting of analysis, player behavior analysis, quantitative user testing and game user research. This state-of-the-art volume is an essential source of reference for game developers and researchers. Key takeaways include: Thorough introduction to game analytics; covering analytics applied to data on players, processes and performance throughout the game lifecycle. In-depth coverage and advice on setting up analytics systems and developing good practices for integrating analytics in game-development and -management. Contributions by leading researchers and experienced professionals from the industry, including Ubisoft, Sony, EA, Bioware, Square Enix, THQ, Volition, and PlayableGames. Interviews with experienced industry professionals on how they use analytics to create hit games.

Making Sense of Virtual Risks C. Harteveld 2012-11-29 Along with the rise of digital games over the past decades came an increased interest in using games for other purposes than entertainment. Although a few successes are known, much research seems to suggest little evidence for games' advantages. Existing literature claims that more comprehensive, rigorous, and innovative studies are needed to investigate the effective design and use of games. To contribute to this emerging field, the author investigated the case of Levee Patroller. The target audience of this game, levee patrollers, are considered the "eyes and ears" of the Dutch water authorities. They inspect levees and report any risks they encounter. Similarly, in the game players have to find all virtual failures in a region and report these. If they do not find the failures in time or report them incorrectly, it could result in a levee breach that floods the whole virtual region. Using this game, an innovative game-based training was set up to prove its effectiveness in training inspection knowledge and skills, and to understand the contributing factors. In total, 147 levee patrollers from 3 water authorities in the Netherlands participated in a structured 3-week training which was evaluated using a quasi-experimental design with a mix of quantitative and qualitative methods. The results highlight a successful training. Clear evidence was found that the patrollers improved on their inspection knowledge and skills. But because how players perform in the game is most crucial for the game's success as a training tool, future research should consider game design, data, and performance more elaborately.

ECGBL 2021 15th European Conference on Game-Based Learning Panagiotis Fotaris 2021-09-23

From Here to There Terry Ofner 2000 Contains short stories, poems, biographical accounts, and essays about the immigrant experience and asks are we still a melting pot? Or are we a salad bowl. How should we manage immigration in the future?

Boost Your Brainpower Jackie Guthrie 2017-05-25 You need to exercise your brain like any other muscle, this collection of puzzlers will keep your mind strong!

Summer Brain Quest: Between Grades 3 & 4 Workman Publishing 2017-04-18 Workbook is "jam-packed with activities based on parts of speech, writing, reading, word problems, natural science, timelines, and more."--Back cover.

Game Theory and Exercises Gisèle Umbhauer 2016-01-08 Game Theory and Exercises introduces the main concepts of game theory, along with interactive exercises to aid readers' learning and understanding. Game theory is used to help players understand decision-making, risk-taking and strategy and the impact that the choices they make have on other players; and how the choices of those players, in turn, influence their own behaviour. So, it is not surprising that game theory is used in politics, economics, law and management. This book covers classic topics of game theory including dominance, Nash equilibrium, backward induction, repeated games, perturbed strategie s, beliefs, perfect equilibrium, Perfect Bayesian equilibrium and replicator dynamics. It also covers recent topics in game theory such as level-k reasoning, best reply matching, regret minimization and quantal responses. This textbook provides many economic applications, namely on auctions and negotiations. It studies original games that are not usually found in other textbooks, including Nim games and traveller's dilemma. The many exercises and the inserts for students throughout the chapters aid the reader's understanding of the concepts. With more than 20 years' teaching experience, Umbhauer's expertise and classroom experience helps students understand what game theory is and how it can be applied to real life examples. This textbook is suitable for both undergraduate and postgraduate students who study game theory, behavioural economics and microeconomics.

Supporting Multiculturalism in Open and Distance Learning Spaces Toprak, Elif 2017-11-03 The growing interest in transnational cooperation in education across borders has different implications for developed and developing countries. It is true that globalization affects all societies, but not at the same speed and magnitude. Supporting Multiculturalism in Open and Distance Learning Spaces is a critical scholarly resource that examines cultural issues and challenges in distance education arising from the convergence of theoretical, administrative, instructional, communicational, and technological dimensions of global education. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as cultural diversity, interaction in distance education, and culturally sensitive intuitional design, this book is geared towards school administrators, universities and colleges, policy makers, organizations, and researchers.

Methodologies and Intelligent Systems for Technology Enhanced Learning, Workshops, 12th International Conference Zuzana Kubincová 2022-11-18 This book covers the 12th International Conference in Methodologies and Intelligent Systems for Technology Enhanced Learning which was hosted by the University of L'Aquila and was held in L'Aquila (Italy) from July 13 to 15, 2022. The conference has established itself as a consolidated fertile forum where scholars and professionals from the international community, with a broad range of expertise in the TEL field, share results and compare experiences. Technologies in TEL are capable of delivering smart, personalized, tailored, and motivating learning solutions. Methods are coming from different fields, such as education, psychology, medicine, computer science, and from diverse communities, where collaboration and co-working are used.

גן שלנו **Hebrew for Young Children: Teacher's Guide Level 1** 2001 מורים מדריך

Level Up! The Guide to Great Video Game Design Scott Rogers 2014-04-16 Want to design your own video games? Let expert Scott Rogers show you how! If you want to design and build cutting-edge video games but aren't sure where to start, then the SECOND EDITION of the acclaimed Level Up! is for you! Written by leading video game expert Scott Rogers, who has designed the hits Pac Man World, Maximo and SpongeBob Squarepants, this updated edition provides clear and well-thought out examples that forgo theoretical gobbledygook with charmingly illustrated concepts and solutions based on years of professional experience. Level Up! 2nd Edition has been NEWLY EXPANDED to teach you how to develop marketable ideas, learn what perils and pitfalls await during a game's pre-production, production and post-production stages, and provide even more creative ideas to serve as fuel for your own projects including: Developing your game design from the spark of inspiration all the way to production Learning how to design the most exciting levels, the most precise controls, and the fiercest foes that will keep your players challenged Creating games for mobile and console systems – including detailed rules for touch and motion controls Monetizing your game from the design up Writing effective and professional design documents with the help of brand new examples Level Up! 2nd Edition is includes all-new content, an introduction by David "God of War" Jaffe and even a brand-new chili recipe –making it an even more indispensable guide for video game designers both "in the field" and the classroom. Grab your copy of Level Up! 2nd Edition and let's make a game!

English Grammar Rosemary Allen 2008

English in Mind Level 5 Teacher's Resource Book Brian Hart 2012-02-23 This second edition updates a course which has proven to be a perfect fit for classes the world over. Engaging content and a strong focus on grammar and vocabulary combine to make this course a hit with both teachers and students. The Level 5 Teacher's Resource Book contains extra photocopiable grammar and communication activities and full pages of teaching tips and ideas specially written by methodology expert, Mario Rinvolucri. A Testmaker CD-ROM and Audio CD which allows teachers to create and edit their own tests is also available separately, as is Classware which integrates the Student's Book, class audio and video.

Christian Icebreakers ; Christian Games Benefits Childrens Church Hillary Mays 2016-11-07 60 Unique Christian & Bible Themed Icebreakers, Team Building activities and Fun Lessons Guaranteed to Get Everyone, Every age Learning and having fun! Incredible, ready to use, Done for you, Easy games that everyone loves and which teach valuable religious lessons From: Eric Davis In Beautiful San Jose, California Written: Monday 8:21 a.m. Dear Friend, As an expert with 10+ years as a youth ministry group facilitator, I've gathered all my Christian, Bible-themed icebreakers into one manual. Kids and adults absolutely love these icebreakers and request them over and over! Everyone learns about the bible, Jesus and how we can be closer to God through tons of fun life-changing activities. Here it is step-by-step instructions of easy to play and fun for all ages icebreakers with valuable Christian lessons. Have you ever needed just the right activities or icebreakers for your youth ministry or after church meeting? Original lessons and games that require no money and bring everyone together, helping participants become closer and better people. Super-fun, interactive religious icebreakers keep everyone involved and entertained, break down barriers and improve communication while learning about the stories of the bible, how to treat people and what God wants for us. A total of 60 unique Religious Icebreakers! Full Detailed descriptions, including any materials needed such a bibles, sheets of paper, pencils, number of players and appropriate age levels, Christian/religious/life/scripture Lesson to be learned, indoor and outdoor game and noise level. ($19 value) Think about what Christian Icebreakers can do for us.............. · Icebreakers Require No extra Money · Icebreakers require No Preparation time · Icebreakers are easy to Print by game or the entire book · Physical Icebreakers with get kids and adults active and moving · Participants feel good about what they learned · Indoor and Outdoor Games · Scripture Reciting and Memorization Games · Icebreakers about accepting Others · Icebreakers about how we can be more like Jesus · Icebreakers Using the Bible · Games for 2 people and games for 20+ crowds · Help people get to know each other and feel comfortable · Varying Levels of time to complete from 10 minutes to all day · Encourage shy individuals to participate · Proven and effective games · Give skills for Life · Friendship Building · Problem Solving

Spotlight on Literacy 1997 Reading textbook series, organized by thematic units, utilizes award-winning, unabridged trade book literature to teach reading and language arts competency to students, grades K-6.

Games-Based Learning Advancements for Multi-Sensory Human Computer Interfaces: Techniques and Effective Practices Connolly, Thomas 2009-05-31 Explores the theory and practice of games-based learning, promoting the development and adoption of best practices. Provides a combination of theoretical chapters as well as practical case studies.

The Ultimate Code Book Prima Temp Authors 2002 Lists codes, cheats, and tricks for hundreds of games running on systems including Xbox and Nintendo's GameCube.

Key Maths David Baker 2001 Planned, developed and written by practising classroom teachers with a wide variety of experience in schools, this maths course has been designed to be enjoyable and motivating for pupils and teachers. The course is open and accessible to pupils of all abilities and backgrounds, and is differentiated to provide material which is appropriate for all pupils. It provides spiral coverage of the curriculum which involves regular revisiting of key concepts to promote familiarity through practice. This teacher's file is designed for stage two of Year 9.

Handbook of Research on Serious Games as Educational, Business and Research Tools Cruz-Cunha, Maria Manuela 2012-02-29 "This book presents research on the most recent technological developments in all fields of knowledge or disciplines of computer games development, including planning, design, development, marketing, business management, users and behavior"--Provided by publisher.

Detection and Estimation of Working Memory States and Cognitive Functions Based on Neurophysiological Measures Felix Putze 2019-02-05 Executive cognitive functions like working memory determine the success or failure of a wide variety of different cognitive tasks, such as problem solving, navigation, or planning. Estimation of constructs like working memory load or memory capacity from neurophysiological or psychophysiological signals would enable adaptive systems to respond to cognitive states experienced by an operator and trigger responses designed to support task performance (e.g. by simplifying the exercises of a tutor system when the subject is overloaded, or by shutting down distractions from the mobile phone). The determination of cognitive states like working memory load is also useful for automated testing/assessment or for usability evaluation. While there exists a large body of research work on neural and physiological correlates of cognitive functions like working memory activity, fewer publications deal witt the application of this research with respect to single-trial detection and real-time estimation of cognitive functions in complex, realistic scenarios. Single-trial classifiers based on brain activity measurements such as electroencephalography, functional near-infrared spectroscopy, physiological signals or eye tracking have the potential to classify affective or cognitive states based upon short segments of data. For this purpose, signal processing and machine learning techniques need to be developed and transferred to real-world user interfaces. The goal of this Frontiers Research Topic was to advance the State-of-the-Art in signal-based modeling of cognitive processes. We were especially interested in research towards more complex and realistic study designs, for example collecting data in the wild or investigating the interaction between different cognitive processes or signal modalities. Bringing together many contributions in one format allowed us to look at the state of convergence or diversity regarding concepts, methods, and paradigms.

101 Games to Play Before You Grow Up 2018-01-30 Playing games is the best part of growing up. Help kids tap into their playful imaginations with 101 Games to Play Before You Grow Up, the ultimate handbook for kids that introduces tons of games to play by themselves or with friends and family! Offering an extensive list of games, from classic favorites such as H.O.R.S.E., Simon Says, and Handball to quirky card and board games such as Pandemic and Spoons, your children will get up, get outside, and never get bored. 101 Games to Play Before You Grow Up features both indoor and outdoor games for rainy or snowy days. With so many ways to play, kids will always have something new to do!

ECGBL 2018 12th European Conference on Game-Based Learning Dr Melanie Ciussi 2018-10-04

Advanced ICTs for Disaster Management and Threat Detection: Collaborative and Distributed Frameworks Asimakopoulou, Eleana 2010-06-30

"This book offers state-of-the-art information and references for work undertaken in the challenging area of utilizing cutting-edge distributed and collaborative ICT to advance disaster management as a discipline to cope with current and future unforeseen threats"--Provided by publisher.

Secret Security Squad: Operation Erase Robin Brande 2021-07-30 Darby Langdon has a plan for taking out the bullies in her junior high. But she'll need a team of specialists to do it: the gamer, the actress, the scientist, the football player, the inventor, and the bookworm. Each of them has a secret that makes them perfect for what Darby has in mind. Now if only her plan would go as perfectly...

Research Anthology on Developments in Gamification and Game-Based Learning Management Association, Information Resources 2021-11-26 Technology has increasingly become utilized in classroom settings in order to allow students to enhance their experiences and understanding. Among such technologies that are being implemented into course work are game-based learning programs. Introducing game-based learning into the classroom can help to improve students' communication and teamwork skills and build more meaningful connections to the subject matter. While this growing field has numerous benefits for education at all levels, it is important to understand and acknowledge the current best practices of gamification and game-based learning and better learn how they are correctly implemented in all areas of education. The Research Anthology on Developments in Gamification and Game-Based Learning is a comprehensive reference source that considers all aspects of gamification and game-based learning in an educational context including the benefits, difficulties, opportunities, and future directions. Covering a wide range of topics including game concepts, mobile learning, educational games, and learning processes, it is an ideal resource for academicians, researchers, curricula developers, instructional designers, technologists, IT specialists, education professionals, administrators, software designers, students, and stakeholders in all levels of education.

Games and Learning Alliance Alessandro De Gloria 2014-10-25 This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Second International Conference on Games and Learning Alliance, GALA 2013, held in Paris, France, in October 2013. The 25 revised papers presented together with 9 poster papers were carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. The papers advance the state of the art in the technologies and knowledge available to support development and deployment of serious games. They are organized in 3 research tracks on design, technology and application. Also included is the outcome of a GALA workshop on a widely applied instructional design model: 4C-ID.

The Ultimate Gamers Codebook Prima Games (Firm) 2004-08 Includes 27,000 codes for 2,500 games (console/PC) with special accessory review section! Now Covers these New Titles! 1080 Avalanche Freedom Fighters Goblin Commander I-Ninja Lord of the Rings: Return of the King Medal of Honor Rising Sun Need for Speed Underground NFL Street Roadkill SSX 3 Tony Hawk's Underground True Crime: Streets of LA Baldur's Gate: Dark Alliance 2 Manhunt Prince of Persia Grand Theft Auto 3 Grand Theft Auto: Vice City GameCube Backyard Baseball Def Jam Vendetta Hitman 2: Silent Assassin Mario Golf: Toadstool Tour Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell Wario World PS2 Enter the Matrix Mace Griffin Bounty Hunter Midnight Club 2 NBA Street Vol. 2 The Great Escape WWE Crush Hour Xbox Brute Force Jurassic Park: Operation Genesis NCAA Football 2004 Return to Castle Wolfenstein: Tides of War The Sims X2: Wolverine's Revenge Game Boy Advance Donkey Kong Country Dragon Ball Z: The Legacy of Goku II Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl Sonic Adventure 2 Wing Commander Prophecy Yu-Gi-Oh! Worldwide Edition: Stairway to the Destined World And more!

The ICT Age Liz Bacon 2016-05-11 The world is at the cusp of yet another new era of computing as the physical and digital infrastructures of the world converge as we continue to infuse intelligence into more and more connected things. Many agree that this new era in computing is being driven by Cloud Computing, Big Data and the Internet of Things (IOT). This will once again reshape and transform the future of people, businesses, society and nations. This volume is a collection of leading edge and recent research papers in the areas of Cloud Computing Technology, Computer Gaming and IOT, and was conceived at the 7th Annual Computer Gaming and Allied Technologies Conference (CGAT) organised and administered by the Global Science and Technology Forum (GSTF).

Quizzes for Kids Tom Trifonoff 2017-10-02 Quizzes for Kids is a quiz book specifically designed for young people to see how much they know about our world. Presented in twenty full-quiz rounds each with twenty-five questions, Quizzes for Kids asks the easy, difficult, fun, and at times, unusual questions, covering a wide variety of topics such as history, entertainment, geography, sport, and just general trivia in each quiz, all catering to young people. There are five hundred different questions in this book, all designed to stimulate a young persons mind. The quizzes can be played in teams or individually. The answer sheets provided in the book can be photocopied. Quizzes for Kids can become a useful companion for teachers in senior primary and junior secondary classes. It can be used at home and school to quiz young inquiring minds.

Level Up! Scott Rogers 2010-09-29 Design and build cutting-edge video games with help from video game expert Scott Rogers! If you want to design and build cutting-edge video games but aren't sure where to start, then this is the book for you. Written by leading video game expert Scott Rogers, who has designed the hits Pac Man World, Maxim vs. Army of Zin, and SpongeBob Squarepants, this book is full of Rogers's wit and imaginative style that demonstrates everything you need to know about designing great video games. Features an approachable writing style that considers game designers from all levels of expertise and experience Covers the entire video game creation process, including developing marketable ideas, understanding what gamers want, working with player actions, and more Offers techniques for creating non-human characters and using the camera as a character Shares helpful insight on the business of design and how to create design documents So, put your game face on and start creating memorable, creative, and unique video games with this book!

The Hippopotamus Defence Alessio de Santis 2019-08-08 The Hippopotamus Defence is just what a club player needs. It's a straightforward and clear-cut chess opening that avoids the ever growing body of mainline theory. It's universal: Black can use the Hippo against virtually all of White's choices (1.e4, 1.d4, 1.c4, 1.f4, the Colle, London, Trompowsky, Réti and others). It's not very well known and will surprise many opponents. On top of all that, the Hippo is seriously underestimated: with its characteristic double fianchetto it may look quiet, but inside there lurks a very dangerous animal. FIDE Master Alessio de Santis is one of the world's greatest experts on the Hippo and has written a practical, well-structured and accessible manual. His book can be studied on three levels: after a first flash of 3 to 4 hours you will be familiar with the Hippo's basic moves and key variations, its strategic themes and recurring manoeuvres. In the second and third stage De Santis leads you through the most important concrete lines and introduces the Semi-Hippopotamus to counter some specific White ideas. You can use the Hippo as a surprise weapon or as your main repertoire. The extensive explanations and clear conclusions make this book an easy-to-navigate manual for all club players. If you like to confront your opponents with some unexpected counter-attacks, then you need not look any further.