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KEY TO SYMBOLS

=	Equality or equal chances
±	White has a slight advantage
∓	Black has a slight advantage
±	White is better
∓	Black is better
+ -	White has a decisive advantage
- +	Black has a decisive advantage
∞	unclear
∞̄	with compensation
↔	with counterplay
↑	with initiative
→	with an attack
Δ	with the idea
□	only move
N	novelty
!	a good move
!!	an excellent move
?	a weak move
??	a blunder
!?	an interesting move
?!	a dubious move
+	check
#	mate

EDITORIAL PREFACE

As a professional chess player, I know exactly how important it is to perform well in tactical calculations. We face them so often that after playing a great game, we can simply blunder something and throw away a safe point, causing ourself sleepless nights!

For most of the players and chess fans, the biggest pleasure in a chessgame is to beat an opponent with a beautiful combination, of which we can be proud at. However to live with all the given oportunities and not miss any of the chances, we must stay in sharp shape all the time, what we can reach only by practicing puzzlesolving.

Many puzzle books are based on artificial positions or selected only for their beauty. The concept of my book is different. The highest priority is to **“use the practical side of the puzzles” and take the level of calculation to a completely new dimension.**

All the puzzles have been selected from recent games, trying to put the reader in the shoes of “the player”.

The difficulty of the different sections might also give you a right evaluation of your current tactical skills and bring them further ahead.

I tried to mix three things in my book:

1. a lot of fun in solving the puzzles,
2. a lot of different tactical ideas,
3. and of course, the direct practical use for your future games.

A very important factor to keep in mind — all the **practical motifs from the book can definitely be used in your future games!**

Enjoy!

INTRODUCTION

Useful information for the dear readers

The book contains 551 puzzles divided into 7 chapters. You will find a huge range of tactical ideas. All the puzzles have been collected from practical games from the beginning of 2013 to the middle of 2015. In each sections the puzzles are sorted according to the date of the game.

The book consists of seven chapters:

- 1. Winning material!** (82 Puzzles)
- 2. Mate!** (54 Puzzles)
- 3. Find the draw!** (20 Puzzles)
- 4. Silent moves** (61 Puzzles)
- 5. Simplifications** (82 Puzzles)
- 6. Mating attack** (92 Puzzles)
- 7. Tests** (160 Puzzles)

All in all 551 puzzles.

I advice you to finish the first five chapters before going to the Test section. You will get familiar with a dozens of tactical motifs and then you can test your tactical skills in the Test section, where the puzzles are mixed from the previous chapters and you don't get the hint what kind of puzzle You try to solve.

— WINNING MATERIAL —

This is probably the most common theme in tactics, where one side wins material with the help of a combination. Later in the game this should be enough to convert the advantage into full point. Try your best!

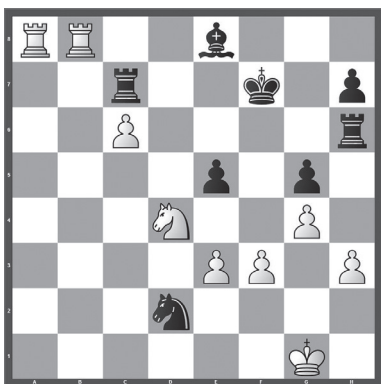
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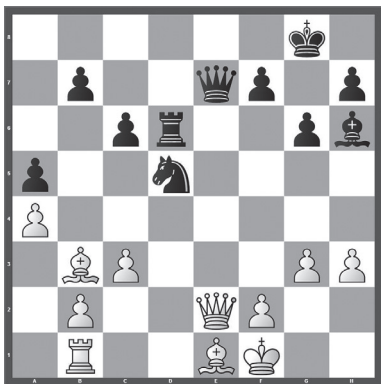
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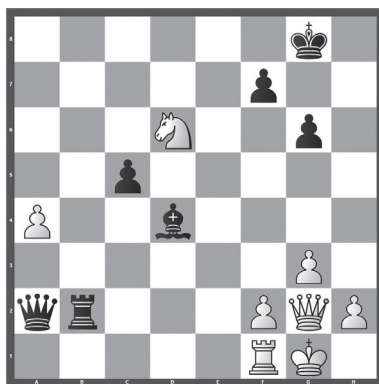
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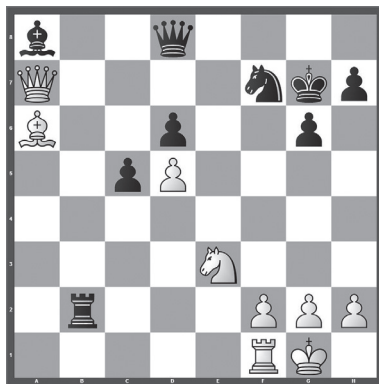
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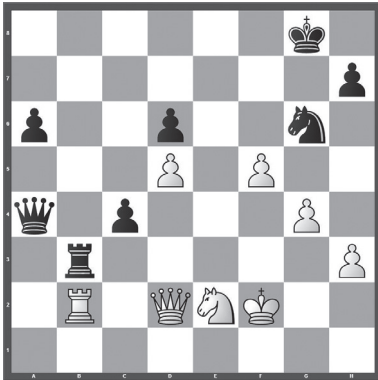
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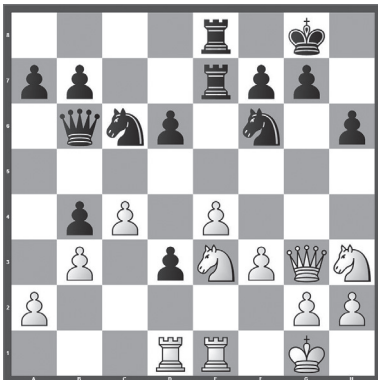
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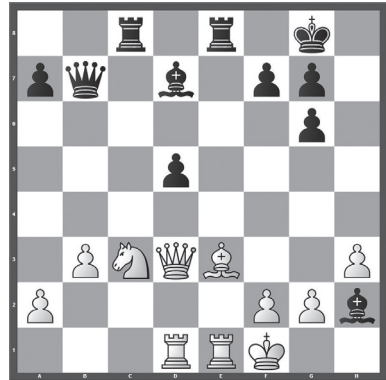
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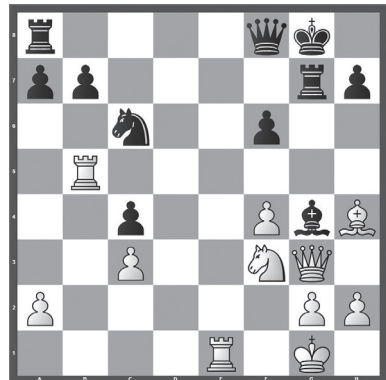
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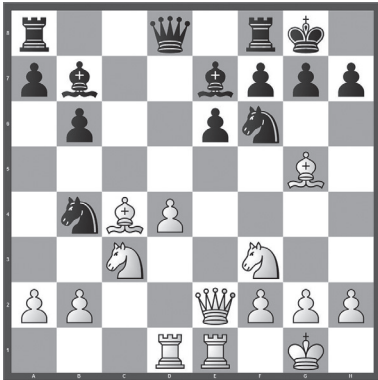
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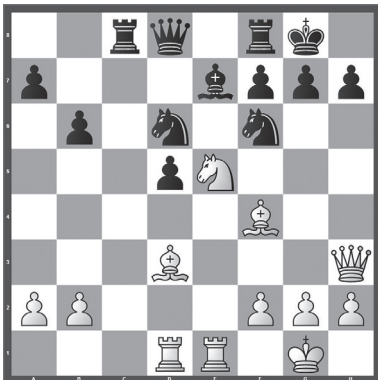
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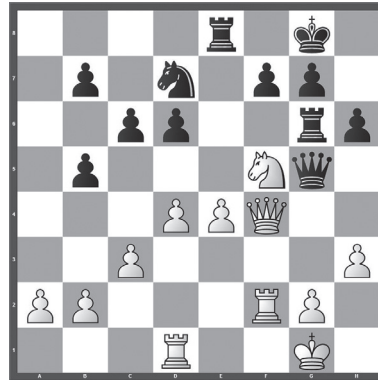
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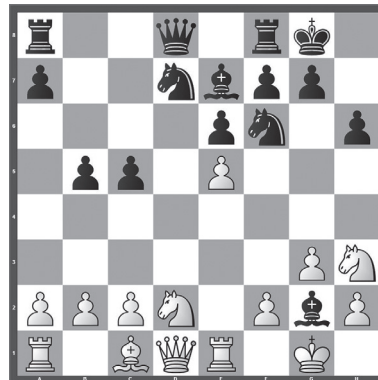
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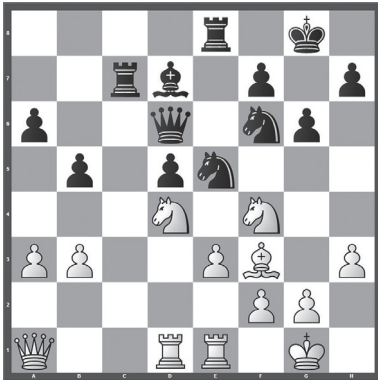
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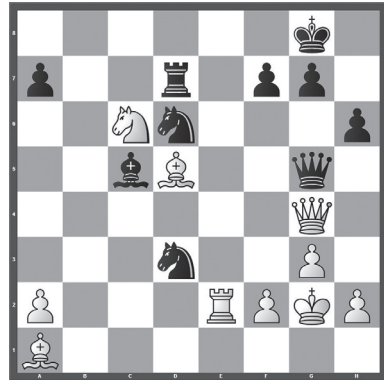
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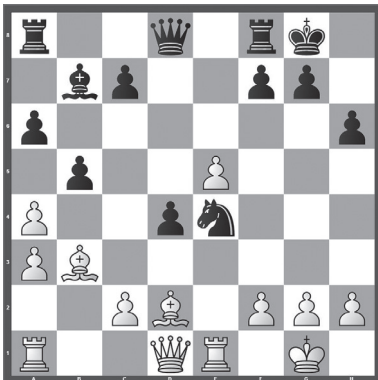
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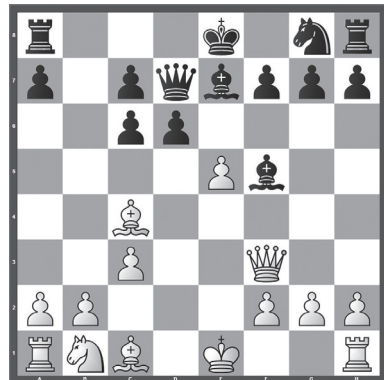
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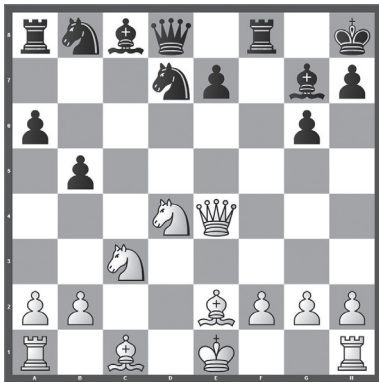
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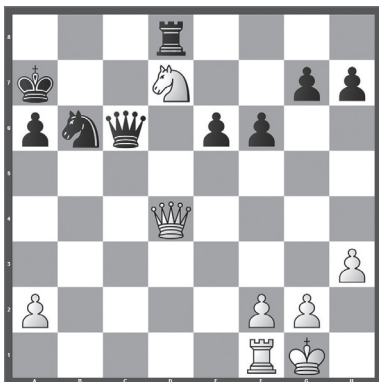
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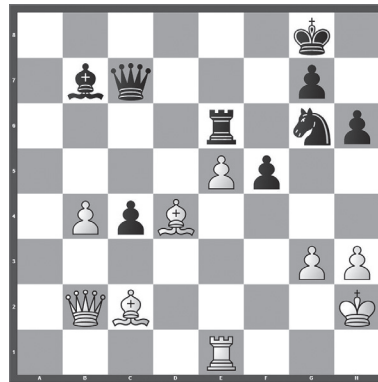
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