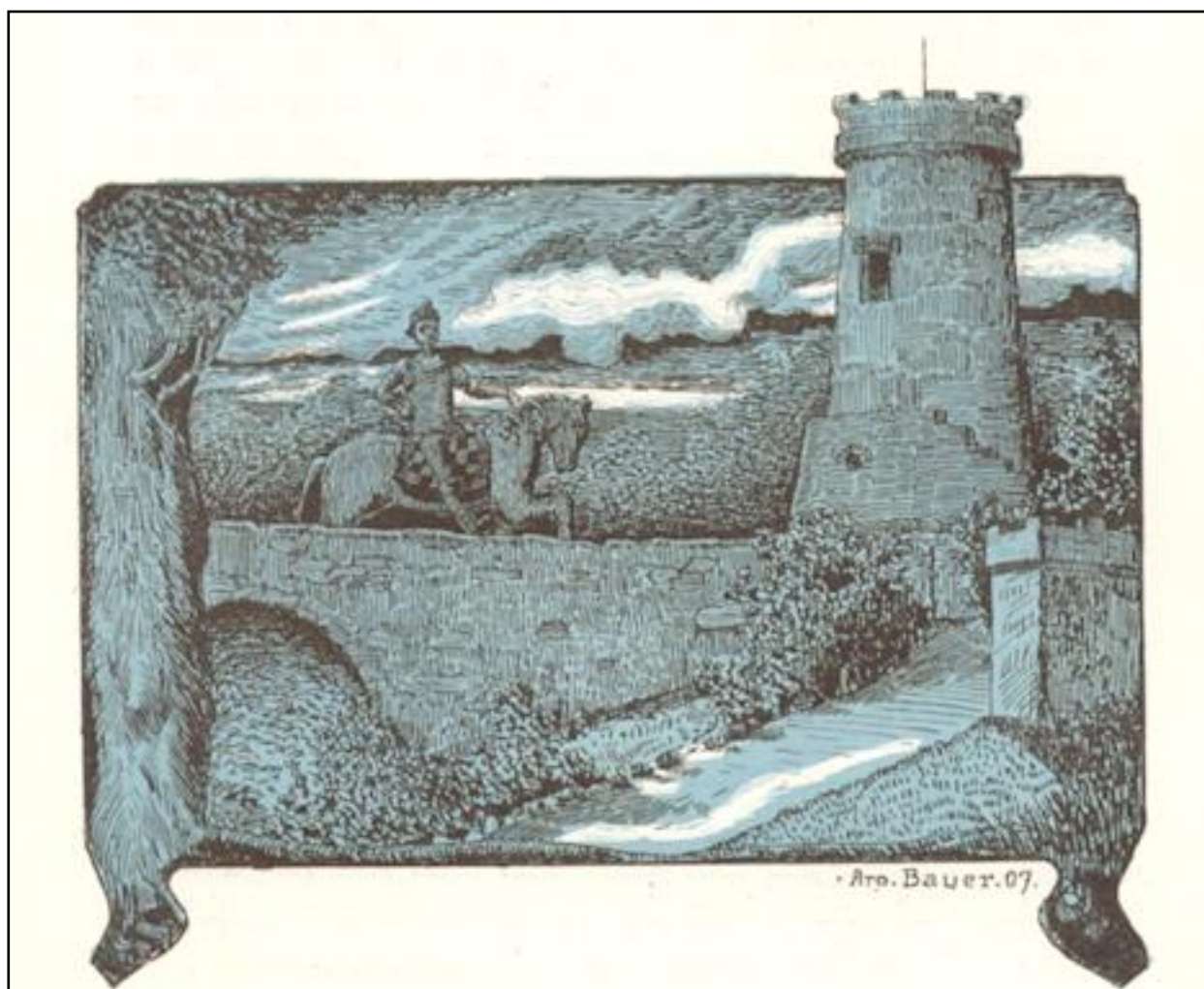


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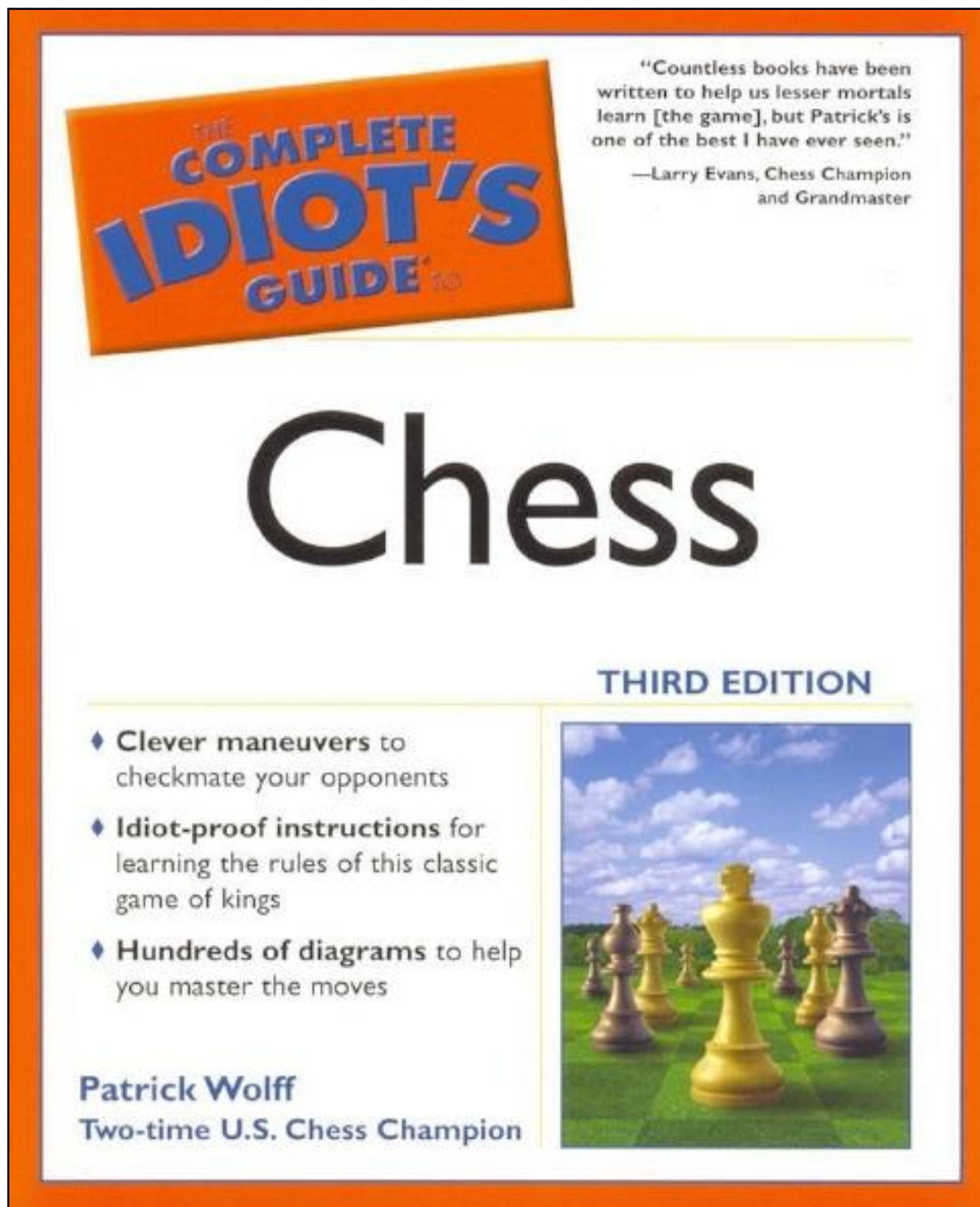
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This feature, launched on 29 July 2006 (C.N. 4485), aims to highlight the finest English-language chess book in each of a small number of categories, i.e. in-print titles which should, ideally, be on sale in any bookshop. Nominations for the various possible categories are invited. Authors and publishers are welcome to propose their own books for consideration, and all such suggestions will be treated confidentially. The list will be rigorously independent and objective. No book in which we have been personally involved will be mentioned.

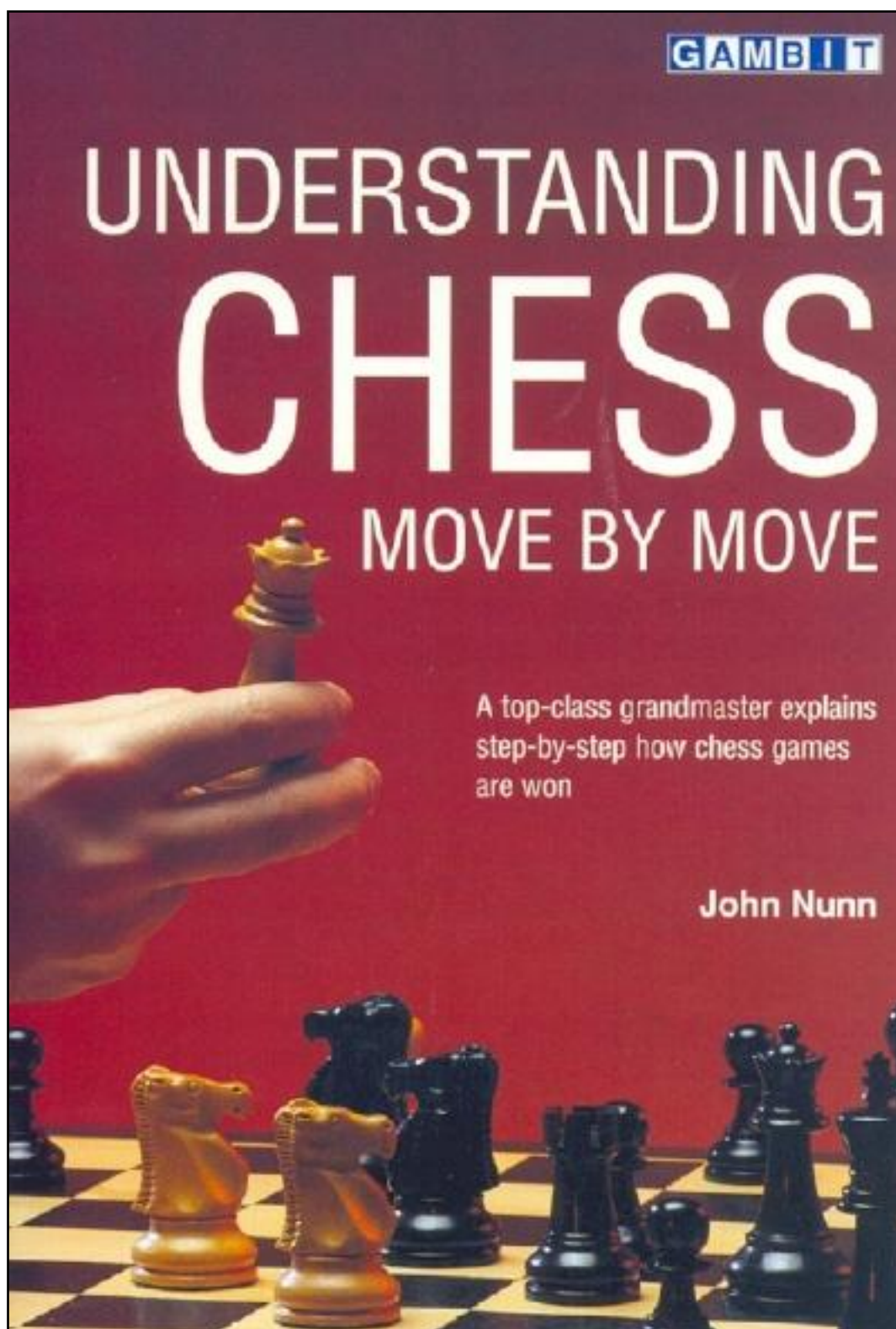
Introduction for beginners:



The Complete Idiot's Guide to Chess by Patrick Wolff. Published by Alpha, New York in 2005. Softback, 428 pages. Price \$16.95/£12.99. This is the third edition, the previous ones having been published in 1997 and 2002. A fine introduction to chess

which assumes no prior knowledge.

Lucid and instructive anthology of annotated games (intermediate):



Understanding Chess Move by Move by John Nunn. Published by Gambit, London in 2001. Softback, 240 pages. Price \$19.95/£14.99. Thirty instructive games annotated virtually move by move and with impeccable clarity.

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