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- Lasker, the master of defensive technique

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While some of the key defensive skills follow well-established principles, modern players ally this with an appreciation of chess dynamics that is a good deal more subtle. Zenon Franco provides a wide-ranging course in how to handle difficult positions, seeking not only to hold them together but to go on the counter-offensive, exploiting to the full the commitments and concessions the opponent has made to launch his attack. The methods he advocates are varied: often a counter-sacrifice is the key, while simplification can also be employed as a subtler, but equally deadly weapon.

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