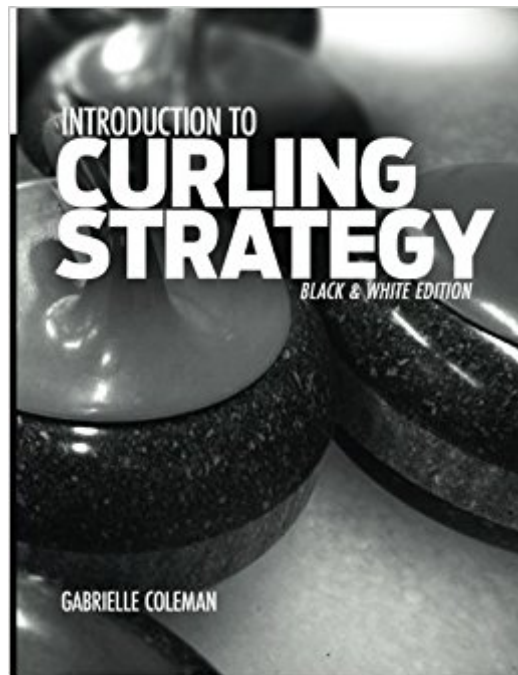




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Introduction To Curling Strategy: Black & White Edition



Synopsis

Have more fun watching and playing curling with this new guide to “chess on ice”! “Introduction to Curling Strategy” is the first comprehensive book on modern curling strategy. It uses an intuitive approach (and lots of pictures) to make curling strategy easy to understand, even for people who are totally new to the sport. It works through classic scenarios that commonly occur at all levels of curling. And, it shows advanced curlers how to pick tactics based on goals and “intent,” rather than play shot-to-shot. The book is organized into five parts: Part 1: Curling Basics • A brief introduction to curling for people who are new to the sport, plus basic information you must know to understand the rest of the book Part 2: Strategy Basics • Fundamental concepts that underlie all curling strategy Part 3: Tactics in Depth • Opens and endings. Decide how you want an end to finish, then pick the right opening moves to get you there. Part 4: Strategy Scenarios • Navigating the nebulous middle of an end. This section uses interactive puzzles to show you how to stay focused and steer play towards the ending you want. Part 5: Putting It All Together and Playing in the Real World • Follow a real game, shot by shot, and see how skips make “and stick with” plans. This section also covers “real world” situations, like curling on arena ice, and playing with new curlers who are still learning to make basic shots. The book also makes a great textbook for curling classes! (Author’s note: There are three versions of this book - color paperback, black and white paperback, and e-book - so everyone can have access to curling knowledge at an affordable price.)

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Customer Reviews

I am a third year curler and was looking for a book to help me further my game; right now I'm about half way through the book and it has really furthered my understanding of the strategies and even the "basics" of the game. For the true curling beginners, the first two chapters are dedicated to you in explaining the rules in the game. Those chapters should arm you with enough knowledge so you will be dangerous at your local club's open house, or the life of the party at the next curling viewing event. The author then does a great job of stating a possible goal for each part of the game, and explaining the different strategies which might take the team there. I found this super helpful especially while watching the Olympics and understanding what they might be thinking as they make calls from start to finish. The funny thing is that I discovered this book by accident, then found out many people at our club in Seattle have met "Gabby" in person, and said that she's really nice and a great skip. Of course I started noticing that many of the curlers carry this book to the club, so I suppose they find it pretty useful, too.

I have purchased a lot of books on curling and this is by far one of the best for understanding different strategy's. It is very easy to follow and provides a variety of different situation that any curler could encounter. It gives you options if you want to play a more conservative game or a more aggressive game. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who plays skip or mate; especially curlers who are new to skipping. It will help you understand calls and provide you with the tools and knowledge to better your strategy.

As a new skip, I felt I needed to get some tips on strategy. I had been curling for about one year and knew general curling fundamentals but I needed a little more confidence before I got in the house. This book was a great help in sharpening my calls in the house. It helps to explain strategies with the hammer/without the hammer, early/middle/late in the game, winning/losing, etc. The diagrams also help greatly with explaining ideas. I wouldn't suggest the book for brand new curlers as they won't be calling shots and need to focus more on execution, but it would be great for a new vice/skip or for a little more experienced front end player who wants to get a more in depth review of strategy.

I learned a ton of strategy as a beginning curler. Until now I mostly thought about the next shot. Now I understand how to plan for a game and each end. Examples were really helpful. I'd like to see a table of contents and make it easier to look through a series of photos.

Exactly what I wanted. It didn't tell me a whole lot that I didn't already intuitively know - but it gave me the reason(s) WHY I knew. Now I have the framework to look a couple of shots further ahead than I could before, and I can better communicate to somebody else why I think any particular shot is right or wrong for the situation.

This book is very useful. I love the explanations and break downs. I learned a lot and she even discussed what to do when skipping new curlers. Would highly recommend for newer skips. If you've been skipping a long time you probably know a lot of this strategy.

I am enjoying this book quite a bit. our curling club has JUST started and this book was suggested as it has information on arena curling. this is what The Orlando Curling Club will be so it is great to learn. I'm looking forward to putting the information into practical use rather than just as theory! I can recommend this volume highly.

That's really interesting book for curlers who just started. There are no alot of water inside, only usefull information. Most of all thats situations and discussions about what can happen. If u've been playing curling for 10 years i guess u dont need that book.

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