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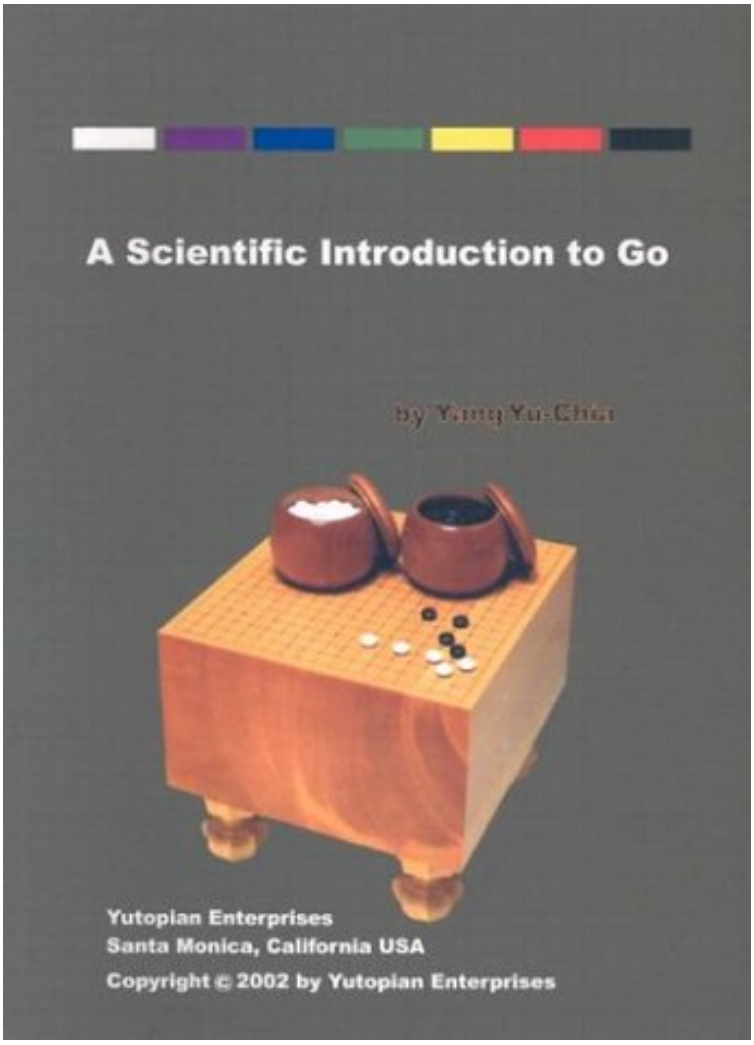

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Learn To Play Go series by Janice Kim and Jeong Soo-hyun) despite accurate, clear, and quality explanations of many other books I read (i.e. Teach Yourself Go by Charles Matthews. All in all it was not because the quality of the books was questionable. It is that there was more to it than logic and tactics. That is because the principles of Go are more than just logic and tactics. It is positional reading as well as the philosophy of counting lives, eyes, knowing the board positional points. I could have easily learned this through further practice and completion of the volume series mentioned above. There is an underlying cosmological explanation of the proper way to fight and gain territory. It teaches you the proper way to count, the proper way to read territory and positions by illustrated notation.However, as far as the book's intent, I do not recommend it for beginners or novices. Rather, I recommend it for someone who is intermediate or experienced because while it does give some better explanations for teaching tactics and pointers this books was meant for cosmological insight rather than teaching individual basics and elements.If you know Go but still are confused or you need to know the underlying idea this will show you the key tactics and encourage you to think rather than just tell you all different moves. Use this book as an introductory teaching book or as a supplement for other Go instruction books. I learned of this book through the AGA Annotated Bibliography at the American Go Association website.There is nothing wrong with purchasing the book as a novice or beginner but the instructional payoff will not be recognized right away. So therefore I definitely recommend this book for people who are at least slightly experienced or at least intermediate in order to grasp the underlying idea and to interpret better. Once you buy this book, never give this book away. I mean that emphatically!!!! You will regret it certainly regardless of how independent and proficient you have become!!!!