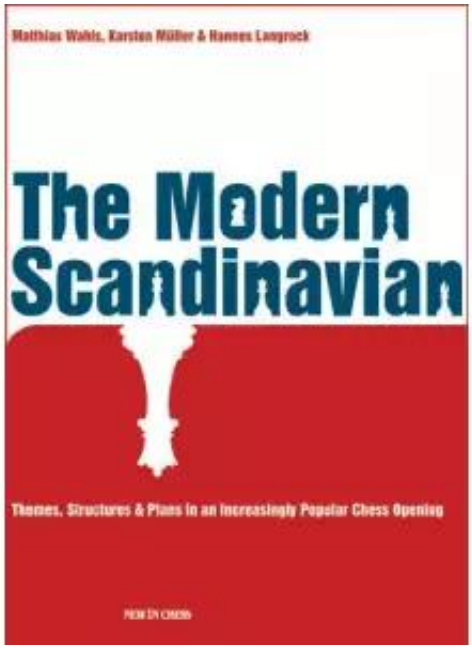
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Matthias Wahls's "Modernes Skandinavisch 1" was a huge success when it was published in Germany in 1997. Wahls's book contributed to the growing popularity of the Scandinavian (or Center Counter-) Defence as a solid weapon.

The Scandinavian is especially practical for black players who don't want to learn too much theory and who don't want to be dependent on White's choices.

The Modern Scandinavian is an updated and expanded translation of 'Modernes Skandinavisch 2', which appeared in 2006 and also became a bestseller. This second book focuses not on theoretical lines but on the structural ideas after the moves 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5.

• What are the basic ideas in the Scandinavian?
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The original edition of *The Modern Scandinavian* has acquired cult status among chess aficionados. Some have even confessed to have learned German in order to be able to read it! This is no longer necessary, and this new edition will stand for many years, since it is about structures, not about the latest fashions.

Grandmaster **Matthias Wahls** was a German champion in 1996 and 1997. In his home country he has made a name for himself as a chess teacher.

Grandmaster **Karsten Müller** has gained a great reputation as a author. His "Fundamental Chess Endings" (with Frank Lamprecht) won the British Chess Federation Book of the Year Award, and more recently he published "Bobby Fischer: The Career and Complete Games of the American World Champion".

In 2007 Müller was voted "Chess Trainer of the Year" by the German Chess Federation.

Hannes Langrock is a successful International Master who in recent years has written many articles on openings. His first book, "The Modern Morra Gambit" appeared in 2006.

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"It's an impressive work and it is clear that a lot of effort has been put in. Fans of 1.e4 d5 will find it required reading, but there is a lot more on offer than merely guiding the Scandinavian faithfull through their favourite opening; the middlegame wisdom imparted should be of interest to all practical players."

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