Is Your Move Safe?
Safety first! Success in chess begins with asking yourself the basic question, “Is the move that I’m considering a safe one?” The question may sound simple, but answering it is not so simple. National Master and award-winning chess instructor Dan Heisman has carefully selected more than 150 theoretical and tournament positions to show how a move may look safe but isn’t, or how it can appear risky and still be the safest option on the board. Traditional tactics books tell you that your opponent’s position is not safe, suggesting that as the player to move in the puzzle you can win material or deliver checkmate. Is Your Move Safe? concentrates instead on helping you to make sure that your opponent won’t have any such tactics to find! Ranging from fairly easy to very difficult, the multiple-choice puzzles in this book will challenge most players from low intermediate to strong master. The answers are not all clear-cut; many of them are extensively analyzed and will have you digging deeply into the position. If you want a practical book to improve your ability to choose your moves, Is Your Move Safe? is just what you’ve been looking for!

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They made me give a star number in order to reply, so I had to give 5 :). But to answer Robert’s
question as to the intended reader, like my puzzle book "Looking for Trouble", this one also has a wide range of difficulties from almost beginner up to safety issues missed by Grandmasters in actual play. So although Chapter 1 is relatively basic and aimed more at Under-1700, there are many quite difficult problems in the book (as noted, missed by GMs in their games), so the intended audience is rather wide, say 1100-2300 USCF/FIDE. It certainly should hit home on the key mid-range of players in the 1300-1800 group who occasionally (or always) play "Hope Chess" and just make a move without determining if the opponent has a reply which would show their move is unsafe. So if you, more than once in a blue moon, think "Uh-Oh!, I didn't see that. What do I do now...?" then this book is certainly for you :) 

Just an outstanding book. It takes recognizing tactics to a new level! Really makes one think about the possible candidate moves and which is best.

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I love the idea of this book, but what level player is it for? This seems to be left out of the description. Hopefully Dan can elaborate.

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