

Book Reviews

Works intended for notice in this column should be sent direct to the Book-Review Editor (R. F. Bryan, Department of Chemistry, University of Virginia, McCormick Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901, USA). As far as practicable, books will be reviewed in a country different from that of publication.

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Books Received

The following books have been received by the Editor. Brief and generally uncritical notices are given of works of marginal crystallographic interest; occasionally, a book of fundamental interest is included under this heading because of difficulty in finding a suitable reviewer without great delay.

Electron diffraction techniques. Vol. 2. (IUCr Monographs on Crystallography, No. 4.) Edited by JOHN M. COWLEY. Pp. vi + 423. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993. Price £45.00. ISBN 0-19-855733-7. A review of this book, by Douglas L. Dorset, has been published in the March

Linear and nonlinear optical properties of molecules. By G. H. WAGNIÈRE. Pp. xii + 196. Weinheim and Basel: VCH mbH and Verlag Helvetica Chimica Acta, 1993. Price DM 88.00. ISBN 3-527-29045-1. This is a concise enumeration and general treatment of the phenomena and principles of molecular optical spectroscopy, with particular emphasis on the molecular properties contributing to the various interactions of molecules with light, alone and in combination with static electrical and magnetic fields. The more detailed mathematical formalisms are placed in appendices that occupy rather more than half the text. A useful overview for the non-specialist and new students in the field.