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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.*

**Bioinorganic chemistry: inorganic elements in the chemistry of life.** By W. KAIM and B. SWEDERSKI. Pp. xii + 401.

Chichester: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd, 1994. Price £19.95, US\$31.95 (paperback). ISBN 0471-94369-X. This is a textbook designed for use by upper-level undergraduates in a two-semester course. It contains 19 chapters, partially organized by element and partially on the basis of biological function. The authors note 'priority given to function and reactivity as opposed to static structural aspects' of the topic, but also observe that 'a major purpose . . . is the correlation of function, structure and actual reactivity of inorganic elements in organisms'. Literature references are given through to 1993.