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Linus Pauling selected scientific papers.

Edited by Barclay Kamb, Linda Pauling Kamb, Peter Jeffress Pauling, Alexander Kamb and Linus Pauling Jr. Singapore: World Scientific, 2001. Vols. 1 and 2 set: 1612 pp., USD 114, ISBN 981-02-2784-1; Vol. 1: 864 pp., USD 98, ISBN 981-02-2939-9; Vol. 2: 748 pp., USD 67, ISBN 981-02-2940-2.

A review of this book, by John Meurig Thomas, has been published in the July 2003 issue of *Acta Cryst. Section A*, pages 434–436.

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.

Hemoglobin Disorders, Molecular Methods and Protocols. Edited by Ronald L Nagel. Humana Press, 2003, 300 pp. Price USD 99.50. ISBN 0-89603-962-5.

Haemoglobin disorders are one of several situations where gene therapies are poised to make significant advances. In *Molecular Methods and Protocols*, Ronald L. Nagel MD has assembled a collection of readily reproducible techniques and protocols essential to the continued advance of our molecular understanding of these diseases.

The first chapter (X-ray crystallography of hemoglobins by Martin K. Safo & Donald J Abraham) and penultimate chapter (Nuclear magnetic resonance by Jonathon J. Lukin & Chien Ho) of the 300-page collection are concerned with techniques and sample-preparation protocols central to the interests of *Acta Crystallographica* readers.