

Book Reviews

Structure Determination. By P. Yates, University of Toronto. W. A. Benjamin, Inc., 1 Park Ave, New York, N.Y. 1965. 256 pp. \$8.50 Cloth Edition. \$3.95 Paperback Edition.

This book is a stimulating guide to the elucidation of the structures of organic compounds, using as models five specific natural products. The Author refers to his own and others' analytical work, based on degradation, correlation of spectral data, independent synthesis and X-ray techniques.

The natural products chosen are discussed in such an order as to give an idea of the usefulness of each technique and to

show how the various methods complement one another. Along the way, many useful comments regarding the scope and limitations of each test are given. In addition, general concepts regarding stereochemistry are briefly discussed and related to absolute configuration as determined by X-ray analysis.

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