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The sixth volume of the *Plastics Handbook* is devoted to Polyamides in the widest sense. It is coedited by Dr. Alfred Mueller and will, probably, maintain a dominant position in the literature on this important family of polymers.

Naturally, the presentation starts with the synthesis and general behavior, passes on to the conversion techniques and to the substantial properties and concludes with a description of the wide spread applications. What is very noteworthy, however, is the clarity and brevity of the text, the wealth of excellently selected and executed figures and the care with which the literature references are handled. Five experienced and distinguished scientists are responsible for the individual chapters; Professor Becker deserves credit not only for their selection but also for the manner in which he succeeded to mold them into a smooth and impressive unity. Any organization and any individual which is interested in plastics will have to have and use this volume and will greatly profit from its content in basic understanding, practical approach and future outlook.

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