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Book Review

Environmental problem solving using gas and liquid chromatography, by R. L. Grob and M. A. Kaiser. Elsevier, Amsterdam, Oxford, New York, 1982, XIII + 240 pp., price Dfl. 127.00, US\$ 59.00, ISBN 0-444-42065-7.

The extremely rapid development of the analytical techniques used in environmental analysis and the wide range of recent applications would make a book on the present situation in environmental research very desirable but very difficult to write.

The authors of the present volume feel that to select and present the subject matter in a way that will satisfy all potential readers is not feasible. The reviewers are not fully convinced, however, that a better presentation could not have been found. It is their impression that with some chapters there is little difference between those dealing with analytical techniques and those on applications, nor is due weight given to the relative importance of the various topics.

It is felt that the references should have been selected with emphasis on those papers on which actual environmental research is based, but we found that a large number of papers were cited that are of little help to the environmental analyst, and essential contributions have been omitted.

The reviewers feel that, on the whole, there is some doubt whether this book provides the support to environmental analysts in solving their problems that is promised by the title.