

Book Reviews

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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.

Intermolecular interactions. By WERNER GANS and JAN C. BOEYENS. New York: Plenum Publishing Corporation, 1998.

Pp. viii + 169. Price US \$95.00. ISBN 0-306-45922-1. This volume 'contains most of the invited lectures of the 2nd Structural Chemistry Indaba on Molecular Interactions held at Skukuza, Kruger Park, South Africa, August 3-8, 1997'. The conference addressed the proposition that the structure of a molecule may only be defined, if at all, in the context of its immediate environment. Professor Boeyens contributes an introduction proposing that all interatomic interactions are essentially manifestations of the same phenomena with the distinction between inter- and intramolecular interactions being made on the basis of reversibility *versus* irreversibility of bonding.