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Supported Reagents. Preparation, Analysis and Applications

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The Authors intend that "this book should provide you with a useful guide and reference source for supported reagent chemistry. It should hopefully convince the reader to make use of these essentially simple but fascinating materials..." Unfortunately these good intentions will probably not be realised. Not because the Authors do not know their material – it is evident that

they have a thorough knowledge of and zeal for the subject. The problem is that their knowledge cannot be transmitted to an ignorant and uncommitted reader in such a slim volume. All the right topics are mentioned, but usually very briefly and with insufficient detail to provide more than an annotated list of materials, methods of preparation and/or methods of analysis, with rather sketchy and highly selective examples. There is either too little or too much detail, depending on taste. The most useful part appears to be the appendix which gives a reasonably substantial (15 page) list of types of reaction and varieties of reagents. Otherwise, it would probably be better to read the reviews which are cited.

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