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Book Reviews

INORGANIC REACTION MECHANISMS Volume 3,
A Specialist Periodical Report of The Chemical
Society.

This is the third volume in the Chemical Society's Specialist Periodical Reports devoted to Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms. It covers the literature from 1971–1973 with major divisions of Electron Transfer Processes, Substitution and Related Reactions, Reactions of Biochemical Interest, and Organometallic Compounds. Each division is broken down into logical and fairly standard subsections. As with the other volumes of the series, the object is to give a brief but thorough review of all the work in each area. As nearly as I can determine, this object is fully realized. The only drawback of the approach is that

the sheer bulk of material that must be mentioned restricts the amount of useful critical commentary. Nonetheless, like the other volumes of the series, this book is an indispensable component of the coordination chemist's library.

It should also be mentioned that this volume is exceptionally well written despite the multiple authorship. It reads so smoothly and enough background material is presented that one can easily read through and understand the less familiar areas without secondary reference. Thus it is highly recommended not only to those with particular interest in the field but also to those who would simply like to learn what the current problems are in the area.

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