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THE BOOK CORNER

PRACTICAL CAPILLARY ELECTROPHORESIS, R. Weinberger, Academic Press, Inc., New York, 312 pages, 1993. Price: \$69.95.

High performance capillary electrophoresis is a powerful analytical technique which offers high resolution, speed and ease of operation and requires small sample size. It is an efficient and excellent micro-analytical technique. Recently, the application of HPCE has enjoyed a phenomenal growth, as evidenced from the manuscripts published in the scientific literature and presented at local and international meetings. Although the theory of CE is complex, it can be simplified and presented in a facile way that the reader can understand. Dr. Weinberger has done just that. He has taken a complex topic and presented it in a relatively short book which covers all aspects of CE in an easy-to-understand way. This book, which is reasonably priced, is intended to be a textbook. Of course, there is an advantage to a single-author book which provides continuity of the subject but, on the other hand, might lack the depth and comprehensive discussion of individual topics of an edited book. Practical capillary electrophoresis is a good starting point for those interested in learning about CE. The material is clearly presented in a concise format, too concise in certain cases that it lacks the required depth to be a reference for the seasoned separation scientist. However, as mentioned earlier, it is a good reference for the novice. This book ranks as one of the better published books on CE. It is recommended for the analytical chemist and biochemist and those

interested in the separation of small ions, large biomolecules and neutral and chiral compounds.

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