

The principal limitation of this book is its quotation of all author's claims without skepticism. For example, "*o*-(HO)<sub>2</sub>BOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>B(OH)<sub>2</sub>" (p. 59) and "*o*-Cl<sub>2</sub>BOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>BCl<sub>2</sub>" (p. 65) are tabulated without comment, even though the usually rapid exchanges of B—O and B—Cl linkages make it seem unlikely that such structures would be stable and isolable, and the literature cited does not provide anywhere near enough evidence to make such unusual results credible. It is noted that there has been disagreement as to whether B<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub> adds *cis* or *trans* to cyclopentene (p. 39), but it is not mentioned that the claim for *cis* addition is more recent and better documented. A number of other doubtful quotations could be cited, but these fortunately represent a very small proportion of the organoborane literature. It is difficult if not impossible for a single author to write a review of a major topic that is simultaneously comprehensive, critical, and timely. Onak's book is comprehensive and timely, and therefore welcome.

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### Errata

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Page 257, line 13 of the Introduction should read:

the two parameters give complementary informations on the nature of  $\sigma$ - and  $\pi$ -

Page 259, line 6 should read:

From IR and PMR data a *cis*-geometry was assigned to compounds I-IV