

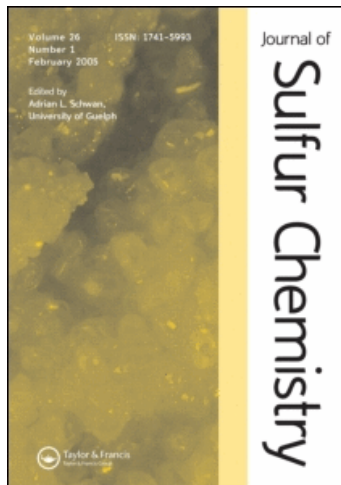
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## BOOK REVIEW

M. E. Vol'pin (Ed.), *Chemistry Reviews, Volume 5, Soviet Scientific Reviews, Section B*, Harwood Academic Publishers, New York etc., 1984, 397 p., \$159.00, ISBN 3-7186-0137-0.

Together with its sister sections A (Physics Reviews), C (Mathematical Physics Reviews), D (Physicochemical Biology Reviews), and E (Astrophysics and Space Physics Reviews) Section B (ISSN 0143-0408) of Soviet Scientific Reviews is dedicated to the rapid dissemination of English translations of reviews by Soviet authors describing their recent advances in different areas of chemistry. The volumes appear irregularly and for the sake of speedy publication the authors do not check the English translations nor do they proofread the galleys. This gamble notwithstanding the typographical and linguistic quality of this volume is excellent. While some sentences may have a slightly exotic flavor to their English they are always chemically sound and also the artwork must be said to be beyond reproach. The common wisdom that speedy publication means different things to different people is driven home by the fact that practically all the references in this 1984 volume are pre-1982 with only a token number of 1982 and no later references.

The present volume is dedicated to organofluorine chemistry and contains the following reviews:

- A. V. Fokin, Yu. N. Studnev, and A. I. Rapkin: Fluoronitro Compounds and Some Synthesis Based Thereon
- A. V. Fokin and Yu. N. Studnev: Some Aspects of the Use of Peroxydisulfuryl Difluoride and of Halogen Fluorosulfates in Organic Synthesis
- I. L. Knunyants and E. M. Rokhlin: Mesomeric Carbanions Derived from Polyfluorinated Monocarbonyl Compounds
- R. A. Bekker and I. L. Knunyants: Polyfluorinated Metastable Enols
- G. G. Belen'kii and L. S. German: New Reactions of Electrophilic Addition to Fluoroolefins
- I. L. Knunyants and A. F. Gontar: Perfluoroazomethines
- G. G. Yakobson and G. G. Furin: Reactions of Polyfluoroaromatic Compounds with Electrophilic Reagents
- V. E. Platonov and G. G. Yakobson: Thermolytic Reactions of Polyfluoroaromatic Compounds
- L. M. Yagupol'skii and A. Ya. Il'chenko: Aromatic Compounds with Fluorine-Containing Substituents

several of which are of decided interest to sulfur chemists. The editor has been able to achieve a remarkable uniformity in style and clarity of presentation which enhances this volume's value for the casual reader. The reviews are without exception written by leaders in their fields and achieve in a splendid manner exactly what this series is all about.

For future volumes the following improvements are suggested: The coverage of the literature should be indicated either by means of a "received" date or by an explicit statement in the abstract; references from obscure journals etc. should be provided with a CA reference; a cumulative chapter index would be extremely helpful.

The price of 40 cents page makes this book strictly a library item.

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