

The book has definite didactic value. It can be recommended for graduate study, but those working in the fields of chemistry, physics, materials science, *etc.*, will also find it useful (and pleasant) reading.

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Books Received

The following books have been received by the Editor. Brief and generally uncritical notices are given of works of marginal crystallographic interest; occasionally a book of

fundamental interest is included under this heading because of difficulty of finding a suitable reviewer without great delay.

Crystallography. By R. STEADMAN. Pp. viii + 120. Wokingham, England: Van Nostrand, 1982. Price £3.95. A review of this book, by H. Mendel, has been published in the January 1983 issue of *Acta Cryst.* Section A, p. 190.

Physics of intercalation compounds. Edited by L. PIETRONERO and E. TOSATTI. Pp. ix + 323. Berlin, Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag, 1981. Price DM 60, US \$28. A review of this book, by G. S. Parry, has been published in the January 1983 issue of *Acta Cryst.* Section A, pp. 188–189.

The spindle stage: principles and practice. By F. DONALD BLOSS. Pp. xii + 340. Cambridge University Press, 1981. 15 × 23 cm. Hard covers. Price UK £35.00 (net). A review of this book, by Gabrielle and J. D. H. Donnay, has been published in the January 1983 issue of *Acta Cryst.* Section A, pp. 189–190.