

Book Reviews

Works intended for notice in this column should be sent direct to the Book-Review Editor (R. F. Bryan, Department of Chemistry, University of Virginia, McCormick Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901, USA). As far as practicable, books will be reviewed in a country different from that of publication.

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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 in finding a suitable reviewer without great delay.

Modern crystallography, Vol. 1, Fundamentals of crystals. Symmetry, and methods of structural crystallography. (Second enlarged edition.) By BORIS K. VAINSHTEIN. Pp. xxii + 480. Berlin: Springer-Verlag, 1994. Price DM 119. ISBN 3-540-56558-2. A review of this book, by Douglas L. Dorset, has been published in the March 1995 issue of *Acta Crystallographica* Section X, pages 234–235.

Crystallographic computing 6, A window on modern crystallography. (IUCr Crystallographic Symposia No. 6.) Edited by H. D. FLACK, L. PÁRKÁNYI and K. SIMON. Pp. x + 310. Oxford: IUCr/Oxford University Press, 1994. Price £40.00. ISBN 0-19-855788-4. A review of this book, by Edward Prince, has been published in the March 1995 issue of *Acta Crystallographica* Section X, page 235.

Bioinorganic chemistry: inorganic elements in the chemistry of life. By W. KAIM and B. SWEDERSKI. Pp. xii + 401. Chichester: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd, 1994. Price £19.95, US\$31.95 (paperback). ISBN 0471-94369-X. This is a textbook designed for use by upper-level undergraduates in a two-semester course. It contains 19 chapters, partially organized by element and partially on the basis of biological function. The authors note 'priority given to function and reactivity as opposed to static structural aspects' of the topic, but also observe that 'a major purpose . . . is the correlation of function, structure and actual reactivity of inorganic elements in organisms'. Literature references are given through 1993.