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**Industrial crystallization.** Edited by J. W. Mullin. Pp. x + 473. New York: Plenum, 1976. Price US \$40.00.

This book contains edited versions of the forty-four papers presented at the 6th Symposium on Industrial Crystallization held in September 1975 at Usti nad Labem, Czechoslovakia. There are five sections, namely *Secondary Nucleation*; *Crystal Growth Kinetics*; *Crystal Habit Modification*; *Crystallizer Design*; *Industrial Crystallizer Operation and Case Studies*. The first papers in each section are less specialized than those which follow, and might serve as introductions to current thinking for an interested but relatively ignorant reader. Most contributions, however, are strictly for the specialists.

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