

book reviews

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books received

The following books have been received by the Editor. Uncritical notices are given under this heading instead of reviews in order to facilitate rapid communication.

Optičeskie anomalii v kristallach. By A. G. Štukenberg and Ju. O. Punin. (In Russian.) Pp. 263. St Petersburg: Izdanya Nauka, 2004. Price (hardback) USD 26.95.

The book deals with optical anomalies in crystals. Potential readers are mineralogists, petrologists, crystallographers, and materials scientists dealing with the assessment of crystal perfection. *Contents:* 1, The concept of optical anomalies; 2, Optical anomalies and internal stress; 3, Kinetic order-disordering of atoms in crystals; 4, Optical anomalies in heterogeneous crystals; 5, Considering optical anomalies of different origin.