

## 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.*

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**Biochemistry. Second Edition.** By DONALD VOET and JUDITH G. VOET. Pp. xvii + 1361. New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1995. Price \$76.95. SBN 0-471-58651-X.

This new edition of a popular text benefits from the crystallographic interests of its lead author. Structural data and explanations are well integrated into the text at every level from simple and accurate information on the water molecule and hydrogen

bonding to well informed speculations on the stereochemical bases of enzymatic catalysis and detailed descriptions of the structures of nucleic acids and their constituents and complexes. As would be expected, the illustrations of molecular structure are well chosen and of high quality. The book, which captures well the contemporary excitement in biochemistry, is directed at graduate students and undergraduates with a firm grounding in general and organic chemistry and at least one year of general biology.