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The style and organization of this issue of *Organometallic Reviews: Section B – Annual Surveys* is similar to previous issues in this series. It contains the following nine chapters: Lanthanides and Actinides (F. Calderazzo); Titanium, Zirconium, and Hafnium (F. Calderazzo); Vanadium, Niobium, and Tantalum (F. Calderazzo); Chromium, Molybdenum, and Tungsten (G. R. Dobson); Manganese, Technetium, and Rhenium (A. Wojcicki and J. J. Alexander); Copper, Silver and Gold (J. Powell), Germanium (E. J. Bulten); Tin (J. G. A. Luijten); Lead (L. C. Willemsens).

The reviews contain numerous references and at least in the areas where this reviewer claims some knowledge they cover the 1968 literature very well. There are few typographical errors and the incorporation of large numbers of structural formulae make the articles relatively easy to read. Inclusion of more equations would also help toward this end.

Although the *Surveys* are presumably intended to assist researchers in quickly locating information on specific compounds or types of compounds, they are frequently not as helpful as they should be. As expressed by a previous reviewer of another issue in this series [A. J. CARTY, *Coord. Chem. Rev.*, 4 (1969) 241], "the absence of a list of contents or of sectional headings with surveys of this type are not conducive to the use of these volumes as a reference source". In the present issue only one chapter has a table of contents; only four have any sectional headings at all; and only two chapters (Germanium and Tin) have headings which are really helpful in searching for types of compounds and their reactions. Even in the cases where sectional headings are given in the text, they are printed in such light type that they are difficult to find.

The addition of tables of contents and headings would make this series a much more valuable reference source for every organometallic chemist.

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