

Book Review

The Colour Science of Dyes and Pigments. By Keith McLaren. Adam Hilger Ltd, Bristol. (Distributed in North and South America by Heyden & Son Inc., Philadelphia.) 1983. 186 pp. ISBN 0-85274-426-9. Price: £17.50.

It is not often that one opens a scientific text and discovers it is also 'a good read' but this is the case with Keith McLaren's book. The first chapters trace the history of the development of colouring matters and our comprehension in a way which conveys the real excitement of scientific advance and provides information and pleasure in equal proportions. The reader is thus introduced to the complex subject of colour measurement and calculation with an appreciation of the nature of the problems involved and a sharpened curiosity with regard to the solutions so far found.

The book is an excellent introduction to the subject although its effectiveness may be lessened by its price. On the other hand the book is extremely well produced which may account for its cost.

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