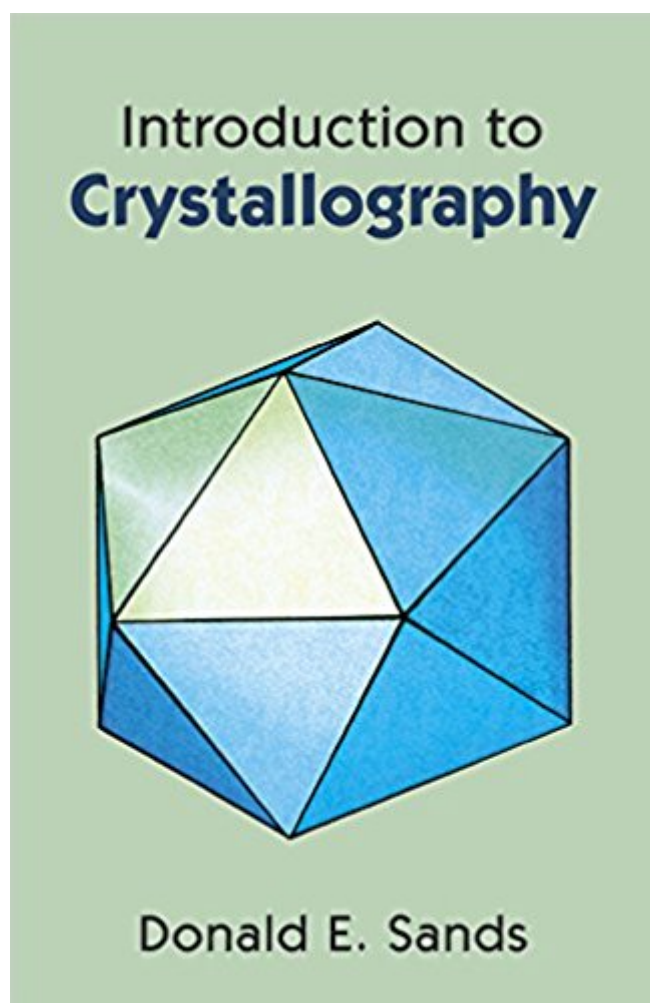


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Truly a good book, the author has succeeded in explaining every basic concept clearly. It is a must for someone learning crystallography.

Want to know what space group are and what those mysterious symbols "Pmm2" are? This is the book you should start from.

Written well

This is a nice little book covering basic crystallography. Weighing in at a paltry 165 pages, Sands covers crystals, symmetry, groups, and experimental crystallography. Although brief, he is not overly concise (a good thing for an introductory text). He goes into enough detail to get you the basic idea without bogging you down in the details. For example, most scientists and engineers could care less about group theory; Sands gives the rigorous mathematical definition of a group and then steps immediately back into discussing how they help us as crystallographers. The explanations are, for the most part, lucid and easy to follow. The diagrams are thought out pretty well and help the discussion. The chapters are speckled with short exercises for you to test yourself. I would strongly recommend this book if you need a crash course or refresher in crystallography, or as a supplement to other books.

A very helpful book for studying the course of X-ray diffraction or solid state chemistry, whose content is clearly and easy to understand.

This is a classic and a must have for any Materials Science and Engineering student. For the price you can't get a text in the subject as good as this one. I strongly recommend supplementing this text with an undergrad structures class.

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