

he has spent less time carefully considering his definitions to ensure that they shall not mislead.

Apart from the many chemical formulae and the lists of species King provides, the book by Rieger *et al.* is also far more comprehensive, gives source references for the terms defined, and, where the authors have thought it necessary, sets the definitions into a brief and usually excellent summary of the phenomena involved, often with diagrams.

I do not think the Dictionary is to be strongly recommended. On the other hand the Glossary is a remarkable work of scholarship on which the authors are to be congratulated. It would provide a most valuable source book of information, a corrective to the misuse of words, misconception of meanings, and, if regularly referred to, a most useful book for teachers, students and authors. It is a pity it is so expensive.

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