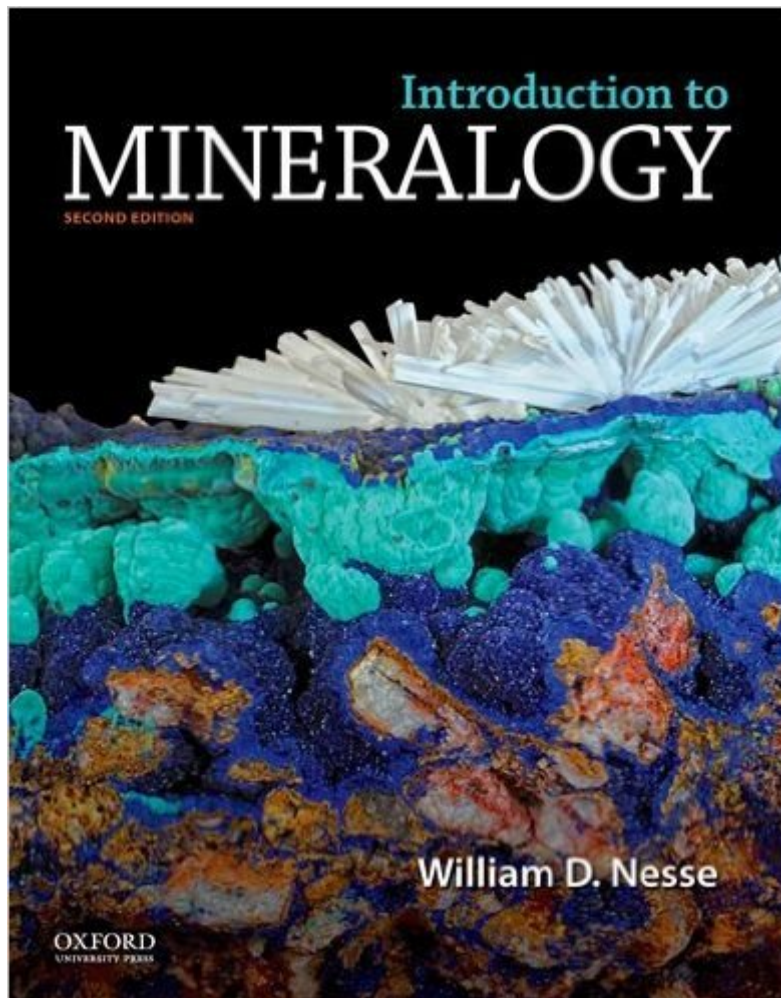


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Synopsis

The second edition of Introduction to Mineralogy follows the highly successful first edition, which became an overnight market leader. Introduction to Mineralogy consolidates much of the material now covered in traditional mineralogy and optical mineralogy courses and focuses on describing minerals within their geologic context. It presents the important traditional content of mineralogy including crystallography, chemical bonding, controls on mineral structure, mineral stability, and crystal growth to provide a foundation that enables students to understand the nature and occurrence of minerals. Physical, optical, and X-ray powder diffraction techniques of mineral study are described in detail, and common chemical analytical methods are outlined as well. Detailed descriptions of over 100 common minerals are provided, and the geologic context within which these minerals occur is emphasized. Appendices provide tables and diagrams to help students with mineral identification, using both physical and optical properties. Numerous line drawings, photographs, and photomicrographs help make complex concepts understandable. Introduction to Mineralogy is available with Daniel Schulze's An Atlas of Minerals in Thin Section for a nominal additional fee.

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As a collection manager for a major public U. S. mineral collection I have an extensive mineralogy reference library of my own. Of all the books that I own I keep this volume on my desk for constant reference. This book is not meant for beginning mineral collectors and it assumes a working knowledge of intro chemistry and physics, however it has been of great assistance in answering public inquiries dealing with mineralogy. A super reference, well written and with good illustrations. If you need a colorful text this isn't it, but the facts are there, clearly stated. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND this text to the motivated amateur and beginning geology student building a reference library.

The required mineralogy textbook for my past two semesters has been Klein and Dutrow's Manual of Mineral Science (Manual of Mineralogy). This book was really a waste of time, as the information it contained was so scattered and hard to hunt through. Nesse's Introduction to Mineralogy has been the perfect replacement text. Identifying minerals is a breeze compared to using the other book, and the tables in the back of the book make searching for minerals by optical properties a painless process. The book is organized in a way that makes it easy to skim, or learn from. It begins with the Basics of optics and crystal symmetry and goes on through mineral properties by silicate structure (followed by sulfides, halides, etc.)It will not help you through and igneous or metamorphic petrologic inferences, simply in mineral identification. Since this is why I bought it, I'm giving it 5 stars and recommending it to anyone studying or interested in optical mineralogy.

The way in which this book is written is intuitive and fluid. Explanations are aided greatly by relevant figures. The miller indices are explained quite easily and down to earth, so is the basics for crystal structure and formation. If you are an instructor looking for a mineralogy text, I highly suggest this

one. The information is the same as from other texts, however it is presented in a manner that is easy to read, understand and reference.

I am currently in a Mineralogy class and this is the required textbook. So far, it has been a fantastic resource. At first I was very disappointed at its scarcity of pictures (I'm a visual learner) and entirely black and white pages, but I am grateful that the book didn't cost \$250, as it most likely would have if the book had been illustrated and printed in color. I am a third of the way through the class and we have basically read most of the book already. It is easy to read, conversational at times. The parts explaining chemistry are easy to understand, especially if you have already taken Gen Chem, which was a pre-req for my class. The mineral indices in the back are really helpful for looking up identification methods (hand sample, properties, optics) and quick references to the cleavage, crystal classifications, etc for common minerals. Honestly, I don't have any complaints about this book. Considering there is a wealth of mineral information available on websites such as [...] or [...], this book has just the right amount of information to learn your stuff without being overwhelmed by the endless amount of learning available in the field of mineralogy. Also, things people don't usually talk about in reviews: this book is about an inch thick, sturdily bound and printed on high stock paper. It will hold up to several semesters in the geology department and it's not so big that you dread taking it to class with you. It's worth buying to keep, new or used, if you're a geology major or a mineralogy enthusiast.

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