introduction to the theory of weak interactions, including a very clear account of the experimental status of the relevant symmetry principles. The second chapter, entitled "Mathematical preliminaries," provides elegant summaries of all the basic theoretical methods employed in the book, but its 120 pages may prove somewhat forbidding even to advanced graduate students. Although the volume therefore may prove somewhat difficult as a textbook, it is likely to remain the standard reference book on weak interaction theory for some time to come.

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Many-Body Problems

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The organizers of the summer school of which this book is the proceedings were able to bring together some very erudite physicists, who in addition write with clarity. There are lectures by Lanczos on variational methods and by Gross on transformation theory which discuss well-developed subjects from a unified and a refreshing point of view. The presentation emphasizes the esthetics of the subject matter, an aspect the reviewer especially enjoyed. The other lectures deal with matters of varying degree of current activity, but again always emphasize the generalities of their subjects. There are lectures also on recent developments in many-body physics such as spin fluctuations, uses of the Bogolyubov inequality, and solution of the ice model which are of considerable interest to theoretical physicists and chemists.

The lectures are almost all written up with a great deal of sophistication and assume some prior knowledge of the subject matter. The strongest sentiment the book excites is the wish that one had attended the summer school. For those of us who did not, and have a smattering of knowledge in many-body theory, it is an excellent book to have available at the institutional library.

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