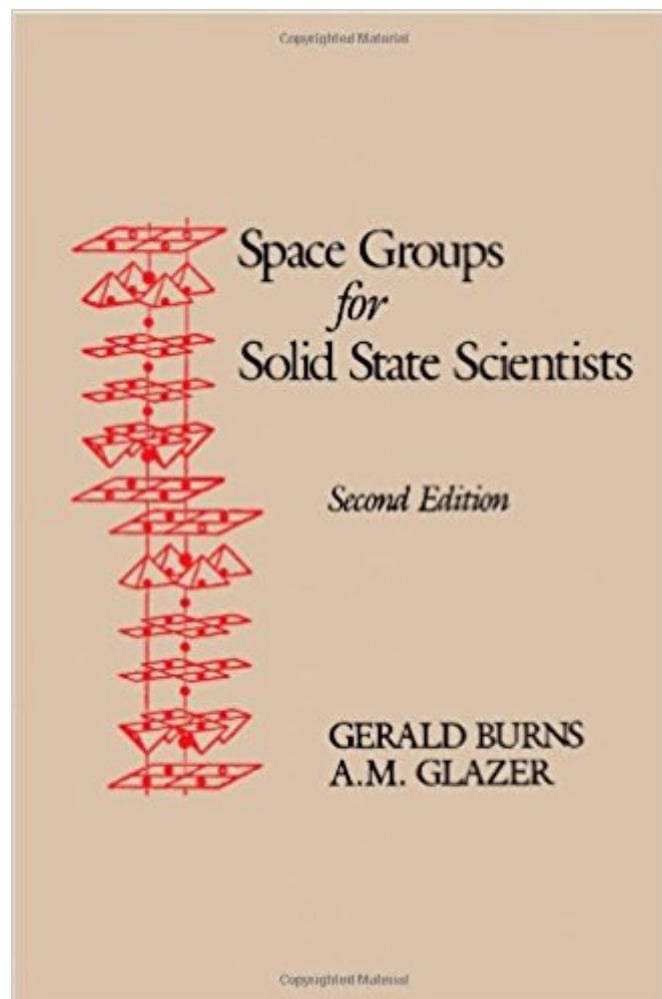




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# Space Groups For Solid State Scientists, Second Edition



## Synopsis

This Second Edition provides solid state scientists, who are not necessarily experts in crystallography, with an understandable and comprehensive guide to the new International Tables for Crystallography. The basic ideas of symmetry, lattices, point groups, and space groups are explained in a clear and detailed manner. Notation is introduced in a step-by-step way so that the reader is supplied with the tools necessary to derive and apply space group information. Of particular interest in this second edition are the discussions of space groups application to such timely topics as high-temperature superconductors, phase transitions, semiconductor superlattices, incommensurate modulation, and icosahedral symmetry. Key Features\* Explains the use of space groups to non-crystallographers\* Applies space groups to current topics, such as high-temperature superconductors and phase transitions\* Includes extensive appendixes, covering all aspects of space groups, including incommensurate modulations and disorder

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exactly as listed

If I needed to characterize this book in a single word, I would say...excellent. Space groups are a rather abstract discipline in crystallography and hence, many books dealing with the subject are usually very theoretical. Burns' book is written for the applied scientist or engineer who needs a working knowledge on a sophisticated concept such as Space groups. The book is structured in a quite pedagogical style which lends itself to a pleasant self-study perfectly well. Worked-out examples are plenty which helps the reader to familiarize him/herself with the use of the International Tables for Crystallography. The level of the treatment is elementary, yet its scope is comprehensive and the treatment is rigorous. The book is ideally suited for those working in the solid state sciences.

Great book for the beginner who doesn't know very much about space groups or the International tables. The book goes through and shows you examples and step by step of what all that stuff means. It's got some examples at the end, but I skipped that. One annoying thing about this book is that all the settings are in 1st setting for monoclinic so you get  $p2_1/a$  instead of the standard  $p2_1/c$ . If you become a crystallographer you'll know what I mean. Besides that though, it's a great book, very easy reading. Recommended for the beginner.

This book provides a good, clear introduction to Space Groups that will make using International Tables straightforward. The applications are almost entirely crystallographic (very few applications to solid state physics), but a reader can move to that area after studying this book. I like this treatment better than any I've seen for graduate students and practicing nontheorists.

If you have never taken a basic crystallography course then this book will not make any sense. Although the authors attempt to make crystallography understandable, they fail miserably. Their style is very fractured and there is little transition between chapters so it seems as if nothing is connected. In short, the book makes perfect sense if you are ALREADY a crystallographer, but if

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