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From the author of *Mineralogy* comes a concise, straightforward, and balanced presentation of the theory and techniques of optical mineralogy for mineral identification. Designed for students to have on hand in the laboratory, *Minerals in Thin Section* is the perfect supplement for mineralogy, optical mineralogy, and petrography courses. Includes: Part I: Theoretical Considerations--discussing the interaction of minerals and light, the properties of minerals in thin section, and the most practical aspects of optical mineralogy Part II: Identifying Minerals in Thin Sections--describing in detail the most common and significant or special minerals (a complete list can be found inside the back cover), including: name, formula, occurrence, distinguishing features, similar minerals, properties and interference figures, color, form, cleavage, relief, interference colors, extinction and orientation, and twinning. Box 2 (inside front endpaper) provides a straightforward process users can follow in order to determine a mineral's properties. Contains 32 pages of color photographs, including at least one for each of the 58 minerals described in detail, to illustrate the minerals in thin sections and to help students with mineral identification Appendices--containing additional information on: Common Opaque Minerals; Isotropic Minerals Ordered by Refractive Index; Uniaxial Minerals Sorted by Optic Sign and Ordered by Refractive Index; Biaxial Minerals Sorted by Optic Sign and Ordered by Refractive Index; Minerals Ordered by Interference Colors and Sorted by Optic System and Optic Sign; and an Alphabetical List of Minerals and Mineral Properties

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