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The book contains a collection of 20 papers presented at a symposium on the 'Controls of metamorphic crystallization' held in the Department of Geology, University of Liverpool, in January 1964. The papers provide both new data and valuable review material in the field of metamorphism, although they vary in the degree to which they embrace the actual controls of metamorphic processes. It is unfortunate that the discussions, even in some edited form, were not included in the book. Nevertheless, the book provides some of the most up-to-date data and interpretations on the subject and will find a place on many petrological bookshelves despite its not inconsiderable price.

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