

BOOK REVIEWS

only a small fraction of the geological literature on the area, any serious researcher would soon need to look elsewhere for further information.

Altogether this is a most informative and readable book, and the paperback version is very reasonably priced. It is recommended for anyone who wishes to gain an informed, up-to-date introduction to the geology of this geologically complex, yet historically important, area.

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Mandarino, J. A. *Fleischer's Glossary of Mineral Species 1999*. Tuscon, Arizona (Mineralogical Record). ix + 225 pp. Price \$18.00 plus postage.

This is the eighth edition of the well-known glossary of mineral species, with the title modified as a tribute to Michael Fleischer (1908–98) who produced the first edition in

1971. Compared with the seventh edition of 1995 (280 pages: reviewed in the *Mineralogical Magazine*, 1996, **60**, 391), the new version is slightly slimmer, due to the restriction of the main glossary to valid species only: the previous edition contained a sprinkling of varietal names, but by no means a comprehensive compilation. A large number of minerals in the 1995 edition contained a statement of their colour; this category has now been eliminated as being the 'least reliable property of minerals in terms of diagnostic value'.

The book also includes the new species information derived from the recent IMA reports on the amphibole, zeolite and mica groups.

The book remains an indispensable aid to mineralogists and, with the price unaltered from the previous edition, it is very good value for money.

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