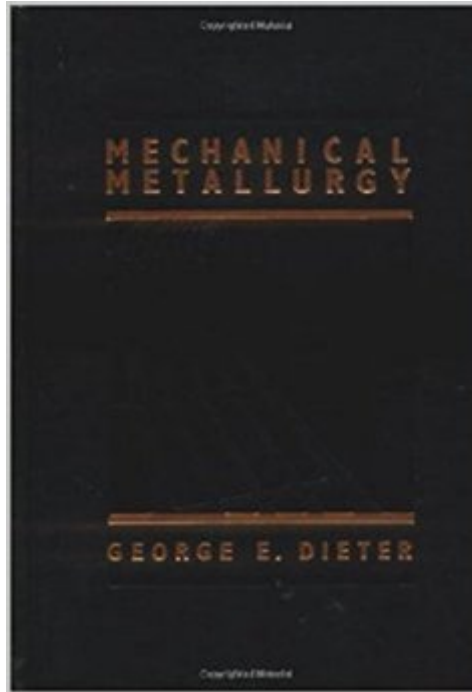


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This book covers the entire scope of mechanical behavior in a single volume! How Dieter

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As said by others, Prof Dieter not only knows his subject, but educates clearly from the most basic basics on up. Of particular interest are his coverage of fundamentals of stress, strain and deformation, both elastic and plastic. These are the essential building blocks on which the subsequent understanding of manufacturing, mechanical and fatigue design are based. It's a great book, and remains on my "keeper" bookshelf many years after graduation, unlike the majority of others. Yes, the index is very incomplete, but if you read the book, as opposed to try to refer to sections, it's not that relevant. (Maybe even intentional?) I say this because I think understanding only comes with addressing the basics and following the order in which they're presented.

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