which provides a smooth sequence of chapters that might otherwise apparently (but erroneously) seem unconnected, is found in the concepts of bonding force and temperature. An especially enjoyable description is given of superfluidity and of its particular case, superconductivity.

The book is profusely illustrated with excellent diagrams and pictures. The language is always simple, and the authors manage to give a fairly detailed, while qualitative, explanation of the phenomena. As a general rule, they try to make things plausible without recourse to mathematics. (The last chapter, on thermodynamics, is the only one in which equations are fairly numerous.) To be sure, they do not succed in providing a complete account of superfluidity, but, for that, I am not sure anyone could, so far, even with the help of quantum statistics. The main quality of this book, which makes it outstanding in this reviewer's opinion, is that it presents a readable account of topics that are otherwise described only in advanced textbooks or even in technical journals.

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