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P. H. Frampton

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Paul Frampton has been involved with the dual model almost since its inception and has produced a book that gives a satisfactory account of the development and present state of the subject. Prejudices in this field tend to be strong (some are revealed in Frampton's selection of topics) so he will, no doubt, have critics—they can try to write a better book. To someone with my prejudices, the first part on duality is rather superficial and the part on phenomenological applications is too uncritical. Also, it is a pity that the calculation of loop corrections and the introduction of the Pomeron is not dis-

Elementary-particle theorists and experimentalists will be able to learn much from this book. Many, especially experimentalists, will skip much of the mathematical details, but the careful presentation of these will make the book very useful to theorists who wish to join the game. Its present lack of progress may only be temporary!

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T. Beer 300 pp. Halsted, New York, 1974. \$47.50

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Atmospheric Waves has some good features and some less good ones. It is interesting as a summary of observa-

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