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Book Reviews

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Introduction to Fireworks is an excellent text and reference manual for scientists and engineers involved in energetic material research and development. Professors Yoshida and Ding cover all of the important aspects of the subject and even delve into the historical aspects of the art as far back as the dawn of the Christian era when gunpowder was discovered in China, carried into Europe and experimented upon by Roger Bacon in the 13th Century. The fireworks community has long needed a text to allow novices to be able to quickly understand the principles behind this important (and sometimes dangerous) field of energetic materials. Careful study of this text will allow researchers to avoid many of the costly mistakes associated with energetic material formulation, development and testing while achieving the desired objectives in a timely manner.