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Synopsis :

Review This comprehensive reference work distills the entire body of knowledge that characterizes mining engineering as a disciplinary field. While it may serve as a textbook for advanced students, its primary function is to provide professional practitioners with an authoritative reference and design source. The book also serves mining nonprofessionals who seek technical knowledge of the industry. The handbook devotes attention to all branches of mining--metal, coal, and nonmetal--and to all locales of mining--surface, underground, and hybrid. Although the main emphasis is US mining, numerous references are made to international practice. --Publisher Comments Practical rather than theoretical, international in approach and examples, expansive in scope yet not encyclopedic -- this reference continues the legacy of its predecessors as the handbook of choice among mining engineers. The original reference was published in 1918, by John Wiley & Sons, which, after a couple of editions, ceded publication to the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration. First and second editions were published by SME in 1973 and 1992. This third edition occupies two volumes and covers market economics, exploration, deposit assessment, mining method selection, ground mechanics, surface extraction, underground development, and health and safety, among other topics; concluding chapters cover (for the first time) social and environmental issues, including how to mitigate and manage negative impact. UK-based editor Peter Darling has had a 30-year career first as a mining engineer and then as a technical writer specializing in mining issues. (Annotation ©2011 Book News Inc. Portland, OR) --Book News Inc. Portland, OR Read more