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### The Practitioner's Shell Model

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The monograph *The Practitioner's Shell Model* by George F. Bertsch is well-written, precise, and to the

point. It is customary for the author to mention in the Preface the level of the material contained in the book, the recommended use of the book, and the readers to whom it is addressed. Although the author has mentioned that the monograph grew out of lectures at Michigan State University, the type of audience is not indicated.

To some extent, the title of the monograph is misleading. The emphasis is on shell model, but the topics treated are many and varied. The numerous references to the original work provided throughout the monograph are useful in expanding its scope.

According to this reviewer, the monograph may be used by theoretical nuclear physicists, high energy physicists, and interested theoreticians outside physics. The monograph can also be very useful to those students who are entering fields of theoretical research. However, to fully benefit from this monograph, the student must have a sound theoretical preparation in atomic and nuclear physics beyond the first-year graduate level.

The mathematical expansions and the physical explanations seem to be

cut short throughout the monograph, but this might have been necessary in order to fit all the topics in two hundred pages. In many places the author has not defined the terminology and symbols used.

In short, reading this monograph is smooth provided the reader is already familiar with the material. It can prove useful to all those who will be involved in advanced applications and use of the shell model in any basic research situation.

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