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**Solids and surfaces: a chemist's view of bonding in extended surfaces.** By *Ronald Hoffmann*. Pp. x+142. Weinheim, New York: VCH Verlag, 1988. Price DM 48.00, UK £16.25. A review of this book, by Nicholas Canning, has been published in the November issue of *Acta Crystallographica*, Section A, pages 803-804.

**Patterson and Pattersons. Fifty years of the Patterson function.** (IUCr crystallographic symposia, Vol. 1.) Edited by *Jenny P. Glusker, Betty K. Patterson and Miriam Rossi*. Pp. xx+727. Oxford University Press, 1987. Price UK £35.00. A review of this book, by Patrick Tollin, has been published in the November issue of *Acta Crystallographica*, Section A, page 804.