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To my mother and father

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Preface

This book is intended to provide an adequate background to the chemistry of the *f*-block metals for students on advanced undergraduate courses, as well as for postgraduates. It is hoped that it will also be of value to teachers requiring an up-to-date account of the descriptive chemistry of these metals.

All books reflect the interests (and prejudices) of their authors; this one is no exception in that it concentrates its efforts in attempting to give a sound factual foundation, relying on the Bibliography (at the end of the book) to give the reader access to a wider spectrum of the literature.

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