

BOOK REVIEW

Lauf, J. *Mineralogy of Uranium and Thorium*. 2000, Schiffer Publishing Ltd, USA, 352 pp. ISBN: 978-0764351136. Price: \$59.99.

With nuclear power becoming increasingly important in today's society, and the associated disposal of radioactive waste under consideration, understanding the mineralogy of the main components of nuclear fuels, uranium and thorium, is an essential requirement. This book provides a highly detailed review of all known primary and secondary

minerals of these elements and is wonderfully illustrated with photographs and detailed crystal structures. The type locations for each mineral are well described, and a brief introduction to the formation of different ore deposits is given. Overall, this is a comprehensive go-to text book that both mineralogists and nuclear scientists will find invaluable.

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