

Electronic structure of materials
Comments sent to me from readers

Hand-written letter, dated 21 October 1993, from Sir Alan Cottrell FRS (1919-2012),
Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy, University of Cambridge:

Dear Adrian,

Congratulations on your new book!

From a first glimpse, it looks absolutely splendid and will surely be a most welcome textbook.

I shall be giving a few postgraduate lectures here, next term, on electron theory, and will certainly recommend it to the class.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Alan.

In the following sets of comments I have omitted the readers' names to protect their privacy

- I am physics student at [a university in Germany]. My specialization is solid state physics. To learn about that subject a student always appreciates a good text book like yours. Without exaggeration I can say that my understanding of solid state physics was formed by your book. You present the topic without too much mathematical ballast and put the finger on the essential physical facts, that is very helpful not only for beginners.
- I have been educating myself in the area of materials science. I wanted to say 'thank you' for such a well written book – "Electronic structure of Materials". I read it straight through!
- I have thoroughly enjoyed reading it [Electronic structure of materials]. It is very original, covers ground not currently covered in elementary texts, and particularly gives good physical insight into ideas and techniques which have been considered pretty arcane till now.
- I am a post-doc ... and I happened to pick up a copy of your book (Electronic structure of materials)... I have read the first 6 chapters. I just wanted you to know that I think the book is excellent. It is the clearest book on the subject that I have read.
- Recently I have prepared a lecture course on high T_c superconductors. I used among others your book on the "Electronic Structure of Materials" which is in my opinion extremely valuable for understanding the electronic structure of solids...