

BOOK REVIEW**CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS***by Marvell and Logan**John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.*

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"Chemical Properties of Organic Compounds" was published in June by John Wiley & Sons. Written by Elliot N. Marvell and Albert V. Logan, this new introductory text uses theoretical ideas to build a simplified picture of organic molecules and how they react.

Marvell and Logan concentrate on principles of organic chemistry that can be applied to more advanced topics, and place their major emphasis on the study of functional groups. Their work is separated according to aliphatic compounds, aromatic compounds, and the biological compounds. By presenting the first two groups independently, the authors effect a triple advantage. The new ideas introduced early in the text are kept to a minimum. In addition, the treatment of purely monofunctional compounds are presented in the first part of the book, allowing a study of the modifications that occur when two functions interact. Finally, the arrangement affords a natural review and basis for comparison.

Both authors are at Oregon State College where Dr. Marvell is assistant professor of organic chemistry, and Dr. Logan is associate professor in the same department.

"Chemical Properties of Organic Compounds" contains 326 pages and is priced at \$4.75.