

# *Preface*

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This, the third volume of the series, covers the period October 1972 to September 1973 and follows the layout adopted in the two previous volumes. Chapter 1 contains an account of the Chemistry of the Early Transition Metals, excluding Scandium, Yttrium, and the Lanthanides. The Chemistry of the Elements of the first transition series from Manganese to Copper is discussed in Chapter 2. Chapter 3 deals with the Noble Metals (Ru, Os, Rh, Ir, Pd, Pt, Ag, and Au) and Chapter 4 with the Lanthanides (including Sc, Y, and La) and the Actinides.

We thank readers for their advice and constructive criticisms of Volumes 1 and 2, and we have attempted to put some of the suggested modifications into practice. We hope to receive further constructive criticisms of this volume.

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