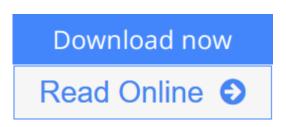


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....the real strength of this book lies in the overall scientific quality of the chapters and diversity of the subject matter: current debates about standardization, resolution of isotopic variation and gradients at the sub-grain level, modelling argon retention during cooling, mineral growth, alteration, and resetting. These are all research topics that collectively underscore the fundamental utility of the 40Ar/39Ar method.

A significant accomplishment of this book is that it assembles chapters highlighting prevalent, and, in cases, contrasting, views of how 40Ar/39Ar data are acquired, modelled, and/or interpreted. In addition, the chapters that highlight sub-grain sample characterization and analysis provide a glimpse into research directions that should be more accessible with improved technology.

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