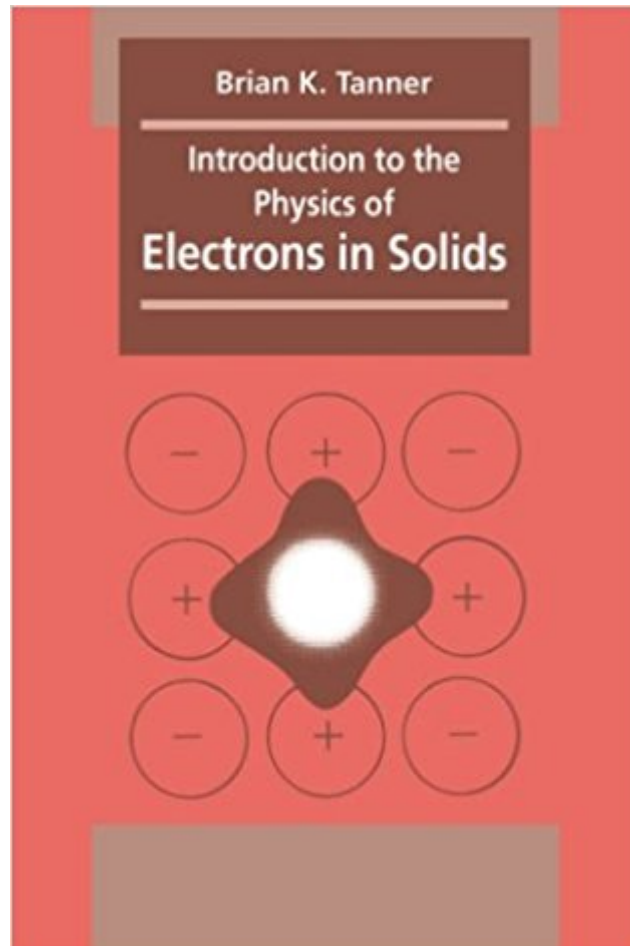


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Great introduction into solid state physics! This book was recommended for my solid state physics course I took as a graduate student. Tanner does a great job starting with Newton's equations and working up to the Drude-Sommerfeld model. I enjoyed how everything built up slowly which made more complex (Fermi-Dirac) models easy to understand. I used another textbook for the class as well but the Tanner book was way better!

I was a math major as an undergraduate but found myself doing experimental solid state physics in graduate school. I had never had an undergraduate course in solid state and needed something that would allow me to catch up quickly, so I got this book. It is very thin and very accessible. You can read the whole thing and do all the problems in your spare time over the course of a few weeks.

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