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PREFACE

This book describes the physical and organic chemistry of the reactions by which polymer molecules are synthesized. The sequence I have followed is to introduce the reader to the characteristics which distinguish polymers from their much smaller sized homologs (Chap. 1) and then proceed to a detailed consideration of the three types of polymerization reactions—step, chain, and ring-opening polymerizations (Chaps. 2–5, 7). Polymerization reactions are characterized as to their kinetic and thermodynamic features, their scope and utility for the synthesis of different types of polymer structures, and the process conditions which are used to carry them out. Polymer chemistry has advanced to the point where it is often possible to tailor-make a variety of different types of polymers with specified molecular weights and structures. Emphasis is placed throughout the text on understanding the reaction parameters which are important in controlling polymerization rates, polymer molecular weight, and structural features such as branching and crosslinking. It has been my intention to give the reader an appreciation of the versatility which is inherent in polymerization processes and which is available to the synthetic polymer chemist.

The versatility of polymerization resides not only in the different types of reactants which can be polymerized but also in the variations allowed by copolymerization and stereoselective polymerization. Chain copolymerization is the most important kind of copolymerization and is considered separately in Chap. 6. Other copolymerizations are discussed in the appropriate chapters. Chapter 8 describes the stereochemistry of polymerization with emphasis on the synthesis of polymers with stereoregular structures by the appropriate choice of initiators and polymerization conditions. In the last chapter, there is a discussion of the reactions of polymers that are useful for modifying or synthesizing new polymer structures and the use of polymeric reagents, substrates, and catalysts. The literature has been covered through early 2003.

It is intended that this text be useful to chemists with no background in polymers as well as the experienced polymer chemist. The text can serve as a self-educating introduction to polymer synthesis for the former. Each topic is presented with minimal assumptions

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regarding the reader's background, except for undergraduate organic and physical chemistry. Additionally, it is intended that the book will serve as a classroom text. With the appropriate selection of materials, the text can be used at either the undergraduate or graduate level. Each chapter contains a selection of problems. A solutions manual for the problems is available directly from the author.

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