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The content of the book has been reviewed by fourteen fellow experts (industrials and academics) worldwide. It represents a major contribution to grasp in depth the main principles to address the major issues concerning the corrosion of refractories.