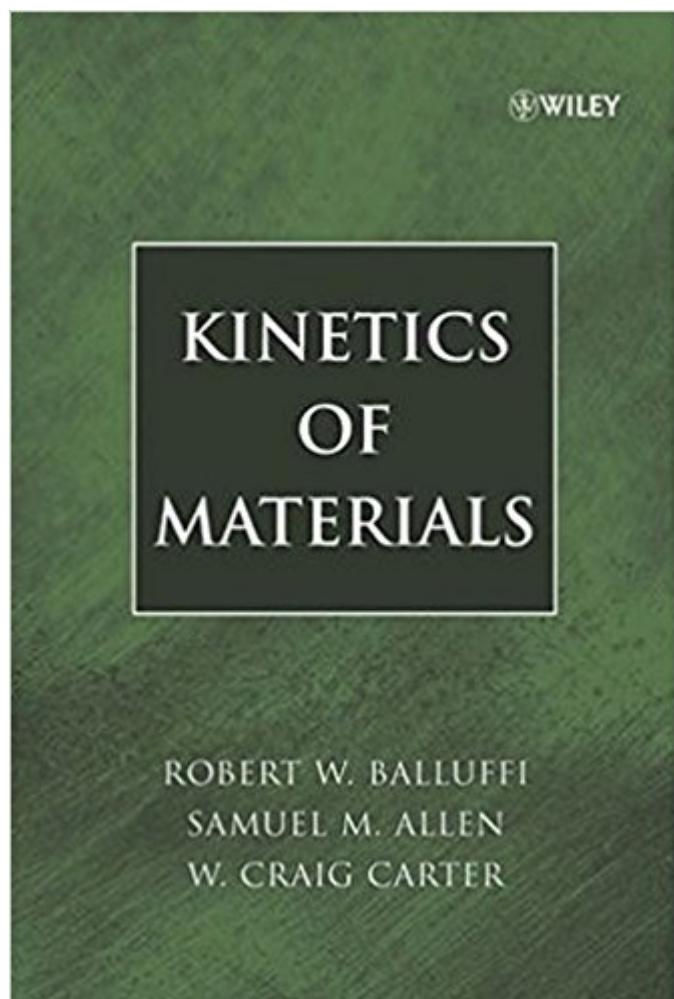


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This book provides a very comprehensive introduction to the topic. Would have been nicer if it had ventured further into some of the topics especially the thermodynamics aspects of it, but is generally a brilliant book.

Good book for engineers. Even though it is really deep sometimes and hard to get (for me at least), it still covers the essential stuff in depth. And the problems have the solution.

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