

# PREFACE

**Understanding Chemistry** is an elementary introduction intended for high school students and others interested in an appreciation of chemistry. It is not a textbook. Everything is not said. Some ideas and facts are presented, and a few questions raised, in order to interest the reader in the subject and to arouse curiosity. Several topics of human interest such as the environment, energy, food and water are discussed, besides giving life sketches of chemists, historical accounts and procedures for a few experiments. I believe that the book provides a flavour of the subject and shows how it works. I hope that students, teachers and enthusiasts for science will find the book useful and educational.

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