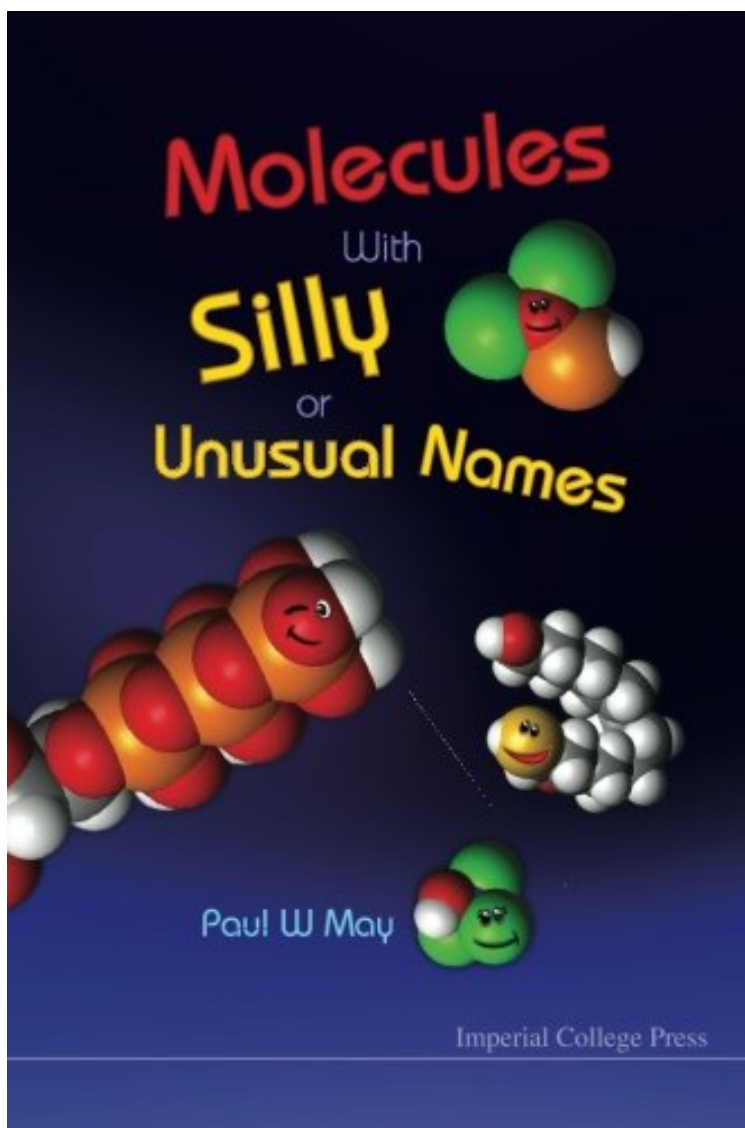


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**Paul W May : Molecules With Silly Or Unusual Names** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Molecules With Silly Or Unusual Names:

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knowledge along the way. The basis of most entries is that there is a correctly named chemical and that the name could be changed by pronunciation or slight alteration of the name or as a 'double entendre' be changed into a supposedly rude or funny word. The correct chemical structure is usually given often with an explanatory picture. The storyline may be about the molecule's discovery, its history or usage and is well researched. Chemicals (particularly organic chemicals) may have complex structures; they have a systematic name based on their structure which can be very long, so workers with those substances often call them by a shorter non-systematic name or by a set of initial letters of the systematic name. This is usually where the 'double entendre' may be discovered. The first example in the book is 'arsole'. The element, arsenic, is in the same group of the periodic table as nitrogen and thus has some similarity in its compounds. Nitrogen forms a ring compound called pyrrole, so the name 'arsole' is a systematic name for the equivalent arsenic compound. There are 176 pages with two or three molecules with silly or unusual names on each page, including organic and inorganic chemicals and separate sections on mineral, protein and gene silly names. The chemistry of the book is accurate, the stories are fun, but the humour on occasions is a little forced, at least to my taste. Who is the book for? It would probably be for a chemist you know, who may find the book funny! BILL PALMER

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