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on killer systems, and expression and secretion of foreign polypeptides are very useful, but are not sufficient to provide the balance between novel processes based on recombinant technology and more traditional processes.

Despite this criticism the book is sure to find its way onto the shelves of libraries serving biotechnology companies, and academic departments with an interest in yeast technology. The price (£60.00) makes it an expensive outlay, and this may restrict its appeal to those more directly concerned with yeast research.

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Oncogenes and Growth Control. Edited by Patricia Kahn and Thomas Graf. Berlin, London, New York: Springer Verlag. 1988. xxiii + 369 pages. Soft cover DM59. ISBN 3 540 18760 X.

The first (hard copy) edition of this set of minireviews was highly praised by Peter Ford in *Genetical Research* **50**, 82–83, 1987, but he made the proviso that the hard cover price of DM148 put it out of reach of many who would want to have a copy of their own. We now welcome a soft-cover printing. Although it is no longer quite so up-to-date, readers may want to buy a copy at the cheaper price of DM59.

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