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This book provides a broad review of the application of quantum field theory to condensed matter systems. A number of important techniques in condensed matter theory are illustrated by describing key problems, including renormalization group, bosonization and path integrals. This book is invaluable for graduate students and researchers interested in theoretical, statistical and condensed matter physics.

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