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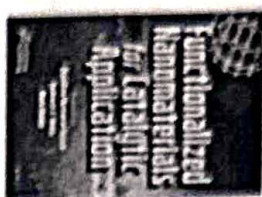
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This Chapter will cover nanocatalysis, factors affecting catalytic performance, different functionalization strategies and application of these functionalized nanocatalysts in various fields.

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