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PREFACE

This volume arose from a special session on Low Dimensional Topology that I organized and conducted at the American Mathematical Society meeting held in San Francisco, California, January 7-11, 1981. To my surprise, the response to this special session exceeded my most ambitious expectations. My only disappointment was that there were not enough available slots to accept all of the outstanding papers submitted to the session.

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