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The cover, designed by the author is her impression (acrylic on paper) of the colourful molecules, called porphyrins; a macrocycle that has been profusely used in this thesis as a ligand. Their presence can give colours to the wings of certain butterflies and their lack is what strips the green to give way to the autumn colours, let's say, in the Norwegian woods.
~ For my parents Nivedita and Ashok and my sister Manisha ~
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