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This pdf is very gripping and fascinating. We have read and that I am certain that I am going to go again in the future. Once you begin to read the book, it is extremely difficult to leave it before concluding.

*(Burnice Cronin)*
Since the late 1970s, the orthodox view of complex that phrases (e.g., that woman eating a granola bar) has been that they are contextually sensitive devices of direct reference. In Complex Demonstratives, Jeffrey King challenges that orthodoxy, showing that quantificational accounts not only are as effective as direct reference accounts but also handle a wider range of data. After providing arguments against direct reference accounts of that phrases and developing a quantificational theory of them, King looks at the interaction of that phrases with modal operators, negation, and verbs of propositional attitude. He argues for evidence of scope interaction between that phrases and other scoped elements. King also addresses semantic properties of that and other determiners, and the possibility of extending the semantics of that phrases to that as a syntactically simple demonstrative. Finally, he argues against what he calls ambiguity approaches, theories that hold that the various uses of that phrases cannot be treated by a single semantical theory.
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