One of the perennial themes in philosophy is the problem of our access to the world around us: do our perceptual systems bring us into contact with the world as it is, or does perception depend upon our individual conceptual frameworks? This volume of new essays examines reference as it relates to perception, action, and realism, and the questions which arise if there is no neutral perspective or independent way to know the world. The essays discuss the nature of referring, concentrating on the way perceptual reference links us with the observable world, and go on to examine the implications of theories of perceptual reference for realism, and the way in which scientific theories refer and thus connect us with the world. They will be of interest to a wide range of readers in philosophy of science, epistemology, philosophy of psychology, cognitive science, and action theory.

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