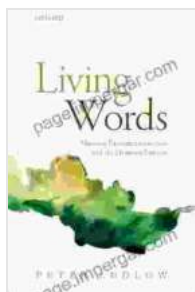


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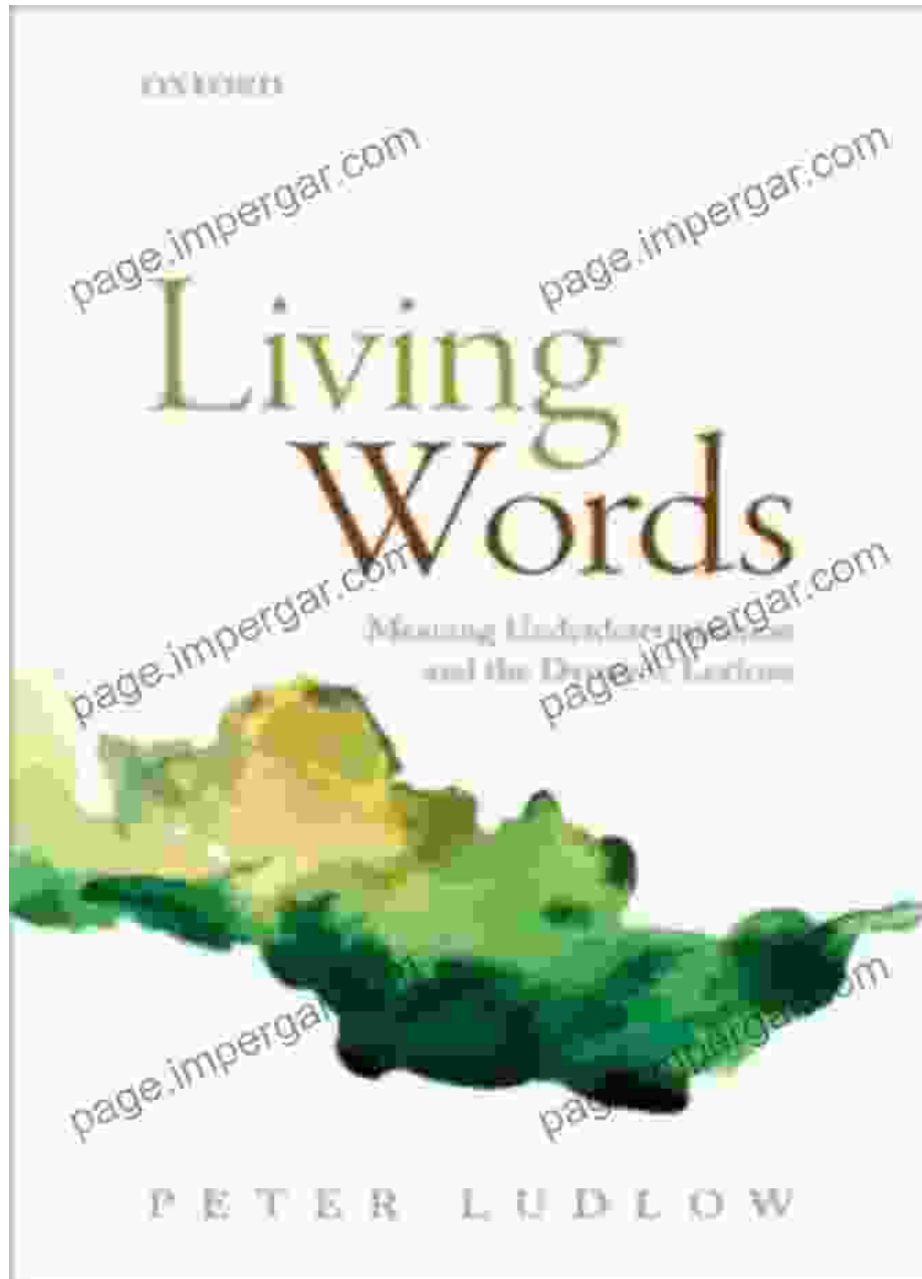
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The Dynamic Lexicon: A Symphony of Words and Context

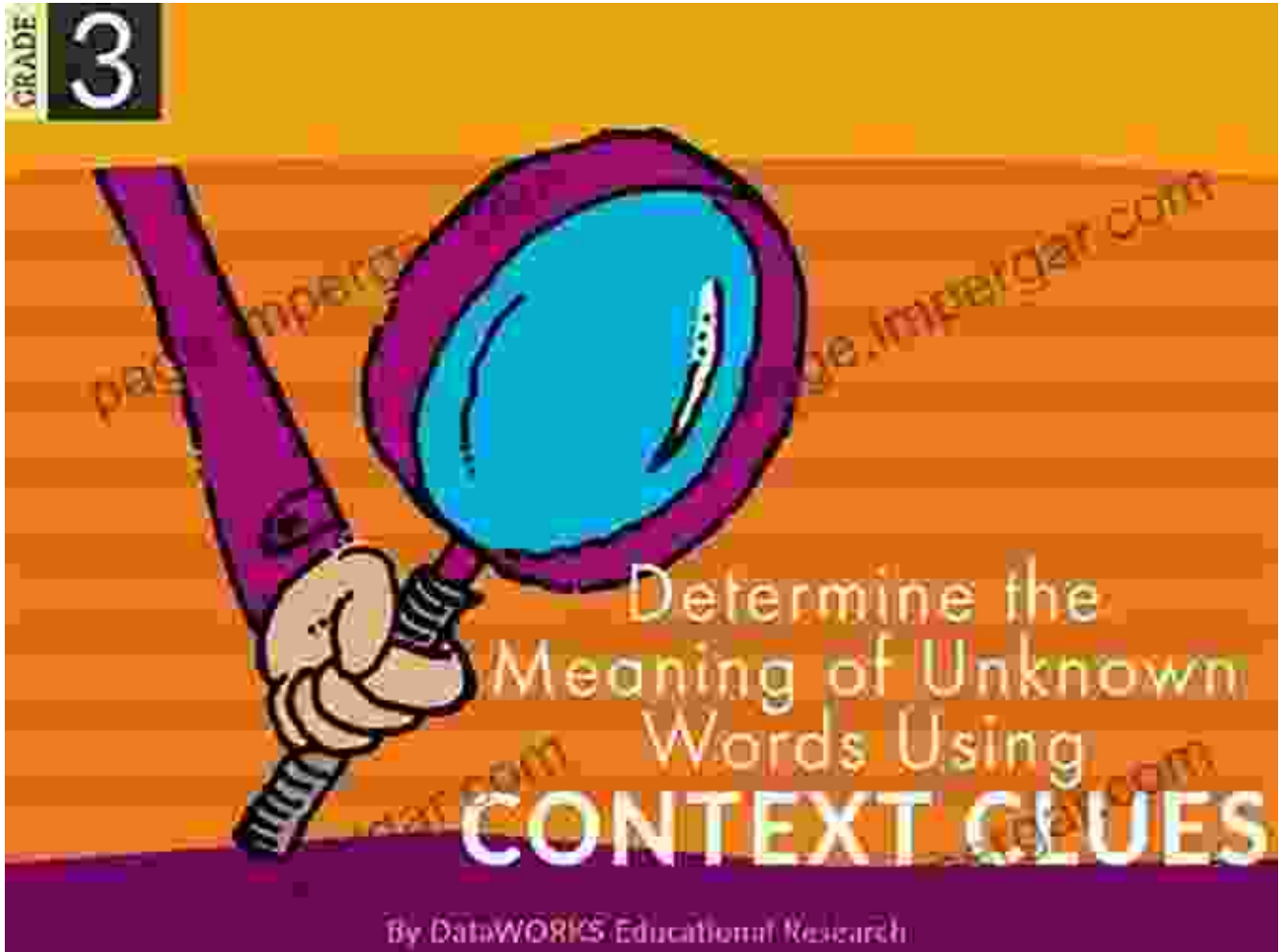


The dynamic lexicon: Words gain meaning through their interactions with each other and the context.

The dynamic lexicon is at the heart of meaning underdetermination. It refers to the way words interact with each other and the context to create new and nuanced meanings. When we combine words, their individual meanings merge and transform, leading to a vast array of possible

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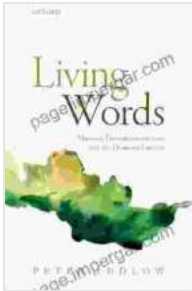
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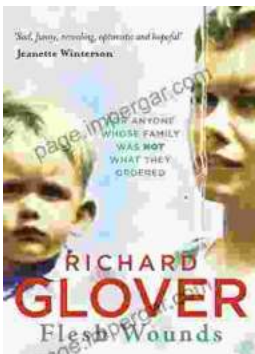
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