a C^*-algebra—are added only as needed. Usually the reader is provided with counterexamples to demonstrate why these hypotheses are required. To offset the burden of maintaining complete generality the authors have been very careful to keep the group case highlighted throughout. Major results are often restated in the group case. There is even an entire chapter devoted to the theory of representations of compact group. Because of this blend of styles between that of a research encyclopedia and that of a textbook, these volumes will make an excellent reference for the student wishing to begin studying representation theory of Banach algebras, as well as for the expert who wishes to check the details of the Mackey normal subgroup analysis in the nonseparable case.

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