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of the world they lost when urban renewal initiatives razed "Syrian Town"--a densely packed neighborhood of Lebanese American, Italian American, and African American residents. This ethnography of remembering shows how former residents engage collective memory-making through their shared place, language, and class position within the larger cityscape. Demonstrating the creative power of linguistic resources, material traces, and absent spaces, *Rebuilding Shattered Worlds* brings together insights from linguistic anthropology and material studies, foregrounding the role language plays in signaling "pastness."
