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The 19 papers in this volume are a selection from a UCLA conference intended to take stock of the state of the field at the beginning of the new millennium and to stimulate research in English Historical Linguistics. The authors are predominantly U.S. scholars. The fields represented include morphosyntax and semantics, grammaticalization, discourse analysis, dialectology, lexicography, the diachronic study of code-switching, phonology and metrics.
