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Reading list

This list provides a starting point for your research. It is not intended to be exhaustive, so please read around; the references in the books below, along with searches in metalib, should help you to find other relevant material.

Essential


Recommended (see comments on some texts)


Hopper, P.J. & E.C. Traugott. *Grammaticalization*, 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [very detailed and complex; only for those interested in this topic!]


Murphy, M.L & A. Koskela. 2010. *Key Terms in Semantics*. London: Continuum. [a useful glossary of terms, with an excellent introduction and a section on ‘key thinkers’]


Additional reading on the history of English (all aspects, i.e. not focused on lexical or semantic change)

- good first books to look at; highly readable:

- a bit more detailed, with chapters on different periods/topics:

- very detailed, but good to 'dip into' if you want to find specific info:

- for particular periods (and quite short and accessible):
  Hogg, R. 2002. *An Introduction to Old English*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. [again, a revised edition has recently been published]

- on language change i.e. not spec. focused on English