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transformed by access to paid work -- Psychic transformation -- Men's disadvantage or opportunity? -- Fathers grope for stories of moving masculinities -- Sons deflect feminism in parodic masculinity -- Girly girls and blokes: Young people's consciousness of gender performance choices -- Feminism: Too far, too soon, too same -- Gender inequality: All about male disadvantage -- ; 3. Emotional literacy and domestic relations -- Emotional literacy: Crafting a choice biography in the company of others -- 'I am': Independent and interdependent? -- Psychological capital -- A meeting of minds? His and her imagined relationships -- 'Settling down': Breadwinning and childraising -- The 'neo-traditional' family: A compromise between his and her relationships -- Equality at the limits: Sharing the caring -- Equality and egalitarianism in housework and childcare -- Emotional literacy at the limits: Abortion decisions -- Changing institutions as well as women's desires -- ; 4. Global visions and cramped horizons: Stories of class -- The hidden injuries of class -- Consuming class -- The 'zombie' category of class -- Addressing class differences: Abject social services recipients and the welfare state -- Rejecting the social security subject position -- The poor are always with us -- 'Education generation': Equality of opportunity? -- Comparing educational pathways in the life stories -- Young mothers becoming 'can-do' girls? -- ; 5. 'Intimate' citizenship? -- Playing at politics -- Celanthropy: Money buys love -- Planet earth needs our love and protection -- Beyond 'yeah, whatever': The potential for individualised citizenship -- Gender relations: 'my feminism' -- Refugees: Good neighbours -- Reconciliation: Us and them and its quotidian expression -- Lacking sociological literacy in an age of individualism -- ; Conclusion: Equality in the rhetoric, difference in reality -- ; Appendixes -- The questionnaires -- The sample -- Survey statistics.

Sommario/riassunto

Imagining the Future explores our contemporary complex equality narrative through the desires and dreams of 1000 young Australians and 230 of their parents from diverse backgrounds across Australia. This extraordinary data set affords analysis of the impact of gender, socio-economic disadvantage, ethnicity, Aboriginality and sexuality on young peoples imagined life stories, or essays written about their future.
