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This book emerges from a conference in the UK in 2014 on social justice and the plight of young people. This period may well come to be seen as a 'pre-Brexit' idyll when Prime Minister Cameron's promise to hold a referendum on leaving Europe was barely an idea, let alone a firm commitment, regardless of the likely consequences.

Published in 2017, it sits firmly within the aftermath of the Brexit decision and the ensuing dystopia of inter-governmental negotiations and conflicts. It is prescient of the contributing editors to manage a concluding chapter capturing some of the key aspects of economic, social and political change and uncertainty already impacting adversely on disadvantaged and excluded young people.

This book, structured in three parts, sets the scene for a considered analysis of marginalised youth by sketching the critical landscape on which youth as a social category is constructed and played out. Part One then, acts as an important foundation to ground the reader in the key concepts, theories and arguments enabling a deep understanding of young people in Britain to be developed and applied, as in Part Two, which presents a series of case studies conveying the complex lived experience of being a marginalised young person. Part Three of the book extends this broad ethnographic approach, through spatially based narratives including Canterbury and Teesside.

This is an accomplished and highly relevant work which challenges the reader through rich and possibly contestable evidence and argument, with application well beyond just the UK.