

# Contents

<i>Preface</i>	ix
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	xiii
<i>Note on Graphs</i>	xv

## PART ONE

### Material Success, Social Failure

1 The end of an era	3
2 Poverty or inequality?	15
3 How inequality gets under the skin	31

## PART TWO

### The Costs of Inequality

4 Community life and social relations	49
5 Mental health and drug use	63
6 Physical health and life expectancy	73
7 Obesity: wider income gaps, wider waists	89
8 Educational performance	103
9 Teenage births: recycling deprivation	119
10 Violence: gaining respect	129
11 Imprisonment and punishment	145
12 Social mobility: unequal opportunities	157



PART THREE  
A Better Society

13	Dysfunctional societies	173
14	Our social inheritance	197
15	Equality and sustainability	217
16	Building the future	235
	<i>Postscript – Research Meets Politics</i>	273
	<i>The Equality Trust</i>	299
	<i>Appendix</i>	301
	<i>Sources of Data for the Indices of Health and Social Problems</i>	306
	<i>Statistics</i>	310
	<i>References</i>	312
	<i>Index</i>	343