Contents

List of Tables iv
About the Authors v
Foreword by Sam Friedman vi

1 Graduate Success and Graduate Lives 1
2 Moving on Up: Researching the Lives and Careers of Young Graduates 30
3 London Calling: Being Mobile and Mobilizing Capitals 44
4 ‘There’s No Place Like Home’: Graduate Mobilities and Spatial Belonging 65
5 Jobs for the Boys? Gender, Capital and Male-Dominated Fields 88
6 Intersections of Class and Gender in the Making of ‘Top Boys’ in the Finance Sector 108
7 Following Dreams and Temporary Escapes: The Impacts of Cruel Optimism 129
8 Lucky Breaks? Unplanned Graduate Pathways and Fateful Outcomes 153
9 Conclusion: The Making of Graduate Lives 174

Appendix 187
Index 193