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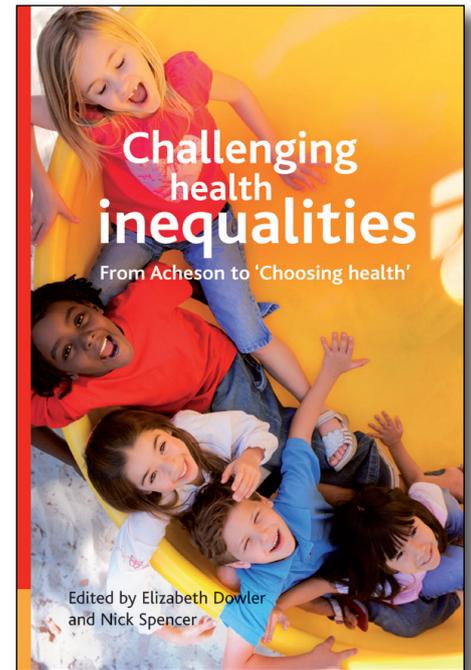
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From Acheson to Choosing Health

Edited by **Elizabeth Dowler** and **Nick Spencer**

"For any doubters that health inequalities are widening after 10 years of a government committed to reducing them, Challenging Health Inequalities provides the evidence. Notwithstanding some modest successes, the key to reducing health inequalities – income redistribution – has worsened over the decade. As New Labour struggles to renew itself under a new Prime Minister, this book is a timely reminder of the enormity of the challenge confronting it." **David J Hunter, Durham University**



This book offers a unique multi-disciplinary perspective on tackling health inequalities in a rich country, examining the New Labour policy agenda for tackling health inequalities and its inherent challenges.

The book presents an overview of progress since the publication of the seminal and ambitious 1998 Acheson Inquiry into health inequalities, and the theoretical and methodological issues underpinning health inequalities. The contributors consider the determinants of inequality – for example, early childhood experience and ethnicity – the factors that mediate the relationship between determinants and health – nutrition, housing and health behaviour – and the sectoral policy interventions in user involvement, local area partnership working and social work.

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