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Young Men's Online Lives

Cultivating Critical Digital Dispositions for Gender Justice

- Explores young men's online lives in the context of growing concerns about gender-based digital harms
- Offers nuanced insight into the complexities and tensions of young men's positive and negative experiences online
- Proposes a framework for developing young men's critical digital dispositions for gender just online engagement

This Palgrave Pivot offers insight into the factors that influence, motivate and inform young men's online experiences. In Australia and globally recent media and public discourse has expressed strong concerns about the gender-based harms arising from young men's online behaviours – these concerns have prompted renewed scrutiny on boys and masculinity and produced a sense of urgency around addressing these online harms. They have provided a strong warrant for research that seeks to better understand how young men are navigating their online worlds. This book presents findings from a qualitative study of 117 young men in Australia. In foregrounding a diversity of young men's voices, the book responds to calls for more nuance and care in how we debate the gendered impact of social media on young men's lives. As such we highlight the tensions and complexities in how young men navigate negative and positive online experiences including their critical engagement with harmful content. Against this backdrop, the book presents a case for fostering young men's critical digital dispositions towards more gender just engagements online. It provides a conceptual framework and series of activities for fostering these dispositions. The book will be of interest to students and researchers in critical masculinity studies, sociology, psychology, public health, and media and internet studies, as well as practitioners who work with young men.

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