

FGM continues to be a vexing problem. Attention is drawn to a Kenyan community, Abagusii, in examining why painful, terrifying practices persists. The book reveals people's core values, philosophy of life, and FGM links to everyday struggles. It provides insights into contemporary significance of FGM, impact of globalization on women and unintended consequences of intervention strategies. Focusing on survival as a strategic framework anchored in dialogue, it engages local and foreign feminist theories in ending FGM. In an effort to move beyond simplified binary definition of insiders/outside, Mose argues that any person, born locally or raised in the West can become insider and or outsider and cautions against discounting great foreign ethnographies or blindly embracing insider perspectives. She integrates insider/outsider perspectives for collaborative eradication efforts. She offers new approach to addressing the issue of naming. The book will be useful to development practitioners, Women's Studies, anthropology, law, African and sociology scholars, non profit organizations, feminist activists, women and human rights, women's health and public policy advocates.