Abstract: The book is one of its kinds in developing countries. The health of the mothers and children has improved dramatically during the last three decades globally due to the increase in imported medical advancement, availability of low-cost and high impact public health measures. In spite of the above development, child mortality has remained basically without substantial reduction in developing countries including India and Nigeria. There is not only gross unreliability of data on the mortality and survival of young children (1-4 years), but also a sheer lack of concern on the factors which cause this tragic loss to humanity. Thus the work serves to fill in the gap of knowledge in this area. The book which is exclusively on child mortality and survival bridges the micro-level gap of knowledge in demographic studies particularly in the field of mortality. The book reveals that a set of heterogeneous, societal-cum-developmental factors affect the mortality and survival of young children. The major factors which influence the child survival such as ecological, cultural, economic, nutritional, health services and demographic have been studied in detail. The book is a valuable resource piece for planners, administrators, health personnel, social workers and demographers. The publication is also expected to incite interest among scholars to undertake further studies in the field.

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