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**Abstract:** The focus of this book is on the challenges faced by women in their quest for land, including the difference between access to land and ownership in addition to how this affects the economic life of rural women. It reveals that men have control over land and other properties because women are not considered or consulted when issues of inheritance are discussed. It affirms also that women’s status to land determines the choice of crops they grow just as they suffer severe challenges in getting government assistance through some form off microfinance or agricultural credit. It challenged the existing gerontocratic structures and prescribed a model of kinship and succession rule that would guarantee a dynamic style of rulership. Also is the need to modify some cultural practices including the need to consider women in processes of inheritance.