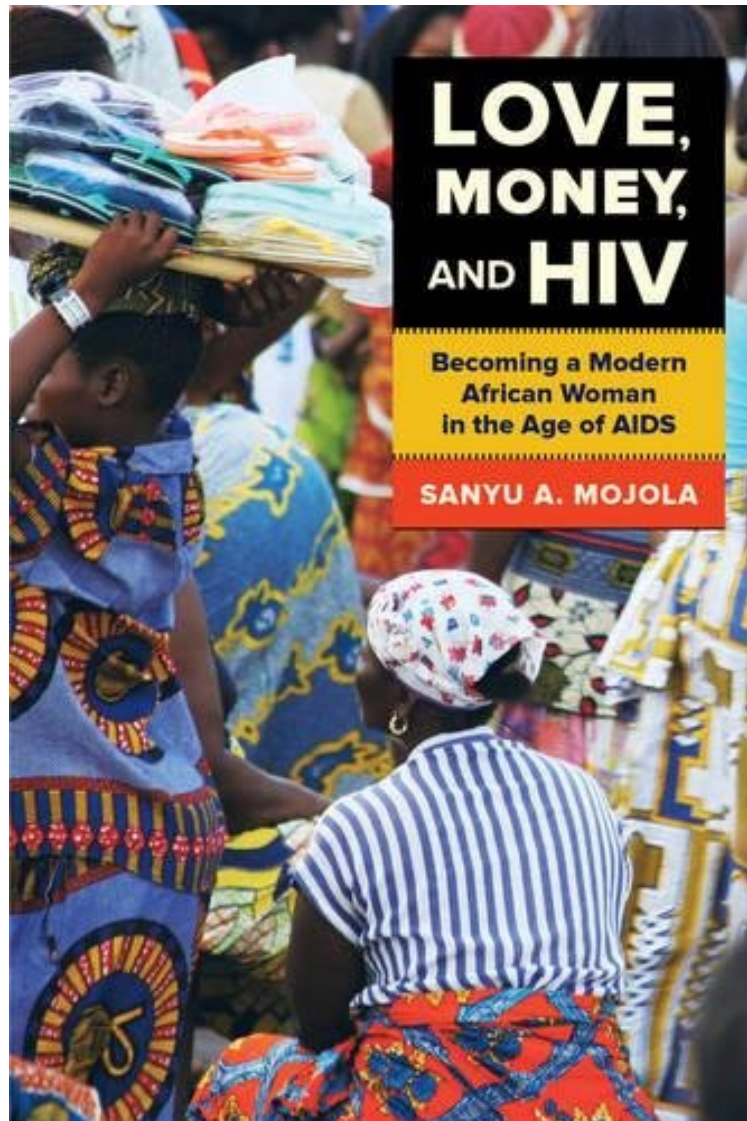


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. New insights into young women's heightened vulnerability to HIV/AIDS infectionBy Retired in FloridaNote that this book received the 2016 Distinguished Scholarly Publication

Award from the American Sociological Association. Although, as a former volunteer at a project serving economically disadvantaged girls in Nairobi, I had seen first-hand the devastation of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, this book gave me new insights into why, despite widespread knowledge of how the disease is transmitted and how to prevent it, young African women disproportionately are infected, compared to young men of the same age group. Additionally, young women who proceed to high school have higher infection rates than those who do not. Focusing on the Luo of Nyanza Province in Kenya, where the Kenyan author has an "insider" Luo heritage through her father, she was viewed in field work as an "outsider" because she was a candidate in a doctoral program at the University of Chicago in the U.S. Some of the most interesting sections in the book contain dialogues the author had with individuals and transcripts of conversations in focus groups that she led. The author's specific field work is put into a broad and well-notated perspective, using official Kenyan government health data, reports from other sub-Saharan countries with similar findings, and references to published works by a number of other researchers. The final chapter offers suggestions for broader approaches to the attempt to slow infection rates, and reports on several projects where new interventions were tried, some successful and some unsuccessful. An Epilogue gives updates, with attention to the more recent widespread availability of antiretroviral drugs, along with the question of whether their use will prove to be economically sustainable.

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By Kaitlyn Richard
Phenomenal book! Seriously gets you to start thinking. And it definitely brought awareness to my eyes of the struggle of containing the AIDS epidemic in Africa.

How do modern women in developing countries experience sexuality and love? Drawing on a rich array of interview, ethnographic, and survey data from her native country of Kenya, Sanyu A. Mojola examines how young African women, who suffer disproportionate rates of HIV infection compared to young African men, navigate their relationships, schooling, employment, and finances in the context of economic inequality and a devastating HIV epidemic. Writing from a unique outsider-insider perspective, Mojola argues that the entanglement of love, money, and the transformation of girls into consuming women lies at the heart of women's coming-of-age and health crises. At once engaging and compassionate, this text is an incisive analysis of gender, sexuality, and health in Africa.

From the Inside Flap Love, Money, and HIV offers a compelling account of the AIDS epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa. Mojola advances a fascinating sociological understanding of the transmission of this disease and makes a forceful case that to stem the epidemic, public policy should focus on [young women], using a combination of biomedical, behavioral, social, and ecological approaches. The work humanizes the victims of the AIDS epidemic and explains why the current intervention strategies have not been effective at stopping the disease.

Christine Williams, Professor of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
Mojola weaves an in-depth story of young Kenyan women caught between the desire to become beautiful, modern women; the need for consumer goods to demonstrate their transformations; and gendered social structures that limit their own sources of income. This enlightening book is a necessary read for academics, policymakers, and anyone interested in uncovering the complexities of HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Nancy Luke, Associate Professor of Sociology and Demography, Pennsylvania State University