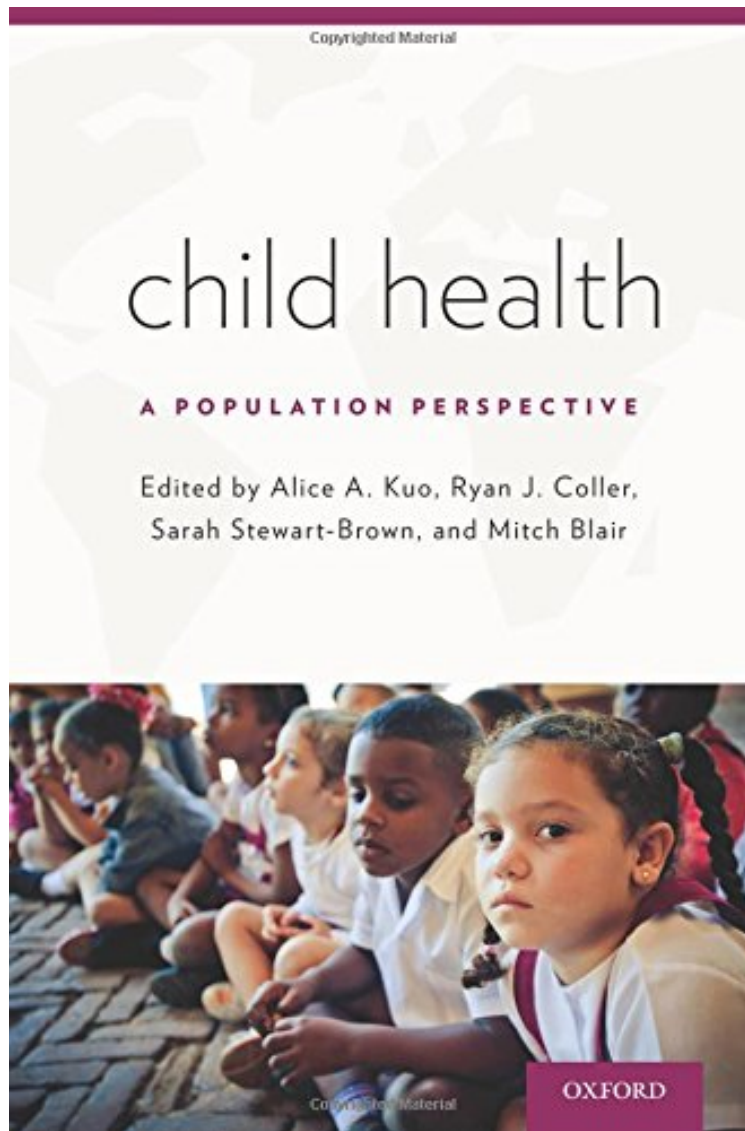


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book everyone should read!By SAs a non-public health major, this book was really easy to read and understand. I like how the book is broken up into sections that are easy to follow. I actually am really interested in child health after reading this book and there are so many things that we overlook in society with regards to children. The book is detailed and is very eye opening. I especially didn't realize

how important early childhood is and the multitude of effects of poverty on children. The concepts in the book are just good to know and can be applicable in daily life. I actually really enjoyed this book and it's a great read. For someone who has lived a relatively sheltered life, I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book (and taking the class) because it showed me other aspects of society and life (i.e. poverty, child immigrants) that I never knew or understood before. I didn't really find the case studies (last chapter) to be too interesting, but it was okay. I also like how the book has an index, which is super helpful. The book is concise, but emphasizes main ideas and key concepts. I don't like textbooks that are super long, text heavy, and repetitive and this book is the OPPOSITE of that. I would recommend this to everyone, not just those who are interested in public health because it's very informative. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ... and I found it to be one of the best required reading pieces I've ran into during my three ... By Marilyn Perez I recently purchased this book as a required reading for an introduction to child and maternal health course at UCLA and I found it to be one of the best required reading pieces I've ran into during my three years in undergrad. The sections are outlined very cohesively and the authors are very knowledgeable in their field. I found the introduction to be the most engaging as it gave an honest perspective as to why child health is important. The final chapter of the book outlines over ten case studies and really pulls many of the subjects discussed throughout the book together into one chapter. It is very much focused on topics within the US, though there is a topic on global health. It would be nice to see global health issues discussed throughout each chapter instead of separated as its own. I would recommend this book if you would like an overview on the subject of child health as it is an easy read and fairly short. It also includes graphs, charts and visual statistics that summarize overarching themes throughout each section. It would be interesting to see how future editions of this book could change with upcoming policy changes. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Book By Ilana I used this textbook concurrently while taking a Maternal and Child Health undergraduate course at UCLA. While the textbook was especially useful for supplementing the course, I believe that this book is great as a stand-alone text as well. While there is a lot of information packed into the text, there are helpful diagrams and charts to make this information manageable and not dry. This book discusses a lot of information and I believe this serves as an important textbook to the field of child health. My favorite chapter was chapter 10 which was all about different case studies. This chapter successfully integrates many of the concepts from throughout the book (i.e. considering life course health development, social determinants of health, the importance of working with the community) to detail the appropriate responses and actions that providers should take. Another informative chapter was chapter 1, which provides the readers with a historical and policy perspective on child health. I enjoyed this chapter very much, as it succinctly shows the change in attitude towards children in the USA in the span of 200 years. This chapter details important programs such as Head Start and WIC, serving as a concise resource section. I also particularly enjoyed Chapter 7 which discusses global child health. I thought the information on maternal and infant mortality rates were staggering and I appreciated when the book examined the reasons why these rates exist. This chapter makes the readers think about why it's important to not only care about children in the USA but throughout the entire world. One suggestion I have for future editions of the book would be to update chapter 6, immigrant health, with information on recent immigration policy changes. With the rise in deportation, and the resulting separation of children from their parents, there is urgency to discuss more about these topics as they continue to unfold. In addition, another suggestion would be to add a chapter on maternal health and the implications on the health of children. I think this chapter could discuss themes such as breastfeeding, maternal depression, among others. Overall, I found this book to be both a great supplement to the class I am in, but also as a reference book that I have recommended to my friends going on to get a Master's in Public Health degree. This book really opened my eyes to the vast number of factors that influence the health of children.

Children in the U.S. are not faring well. Despite major advances in public health, hygiene, and treatment for acute infections, child health outcomes in the U.S. are among the bottom for developed countries. As we enter the third decade of a child obesity epidemic, children born in the last ten years are now likely to have a shorter lifespan than their parents. Coupled with an epidemic of childhood mental health issues -- many of them unaddressed due to stigma or lack of recognition -- plus the impacts of gun violence, poverty, and youth incarceration contribute to an overall culture that fails to prioritize the health and welfare of our youngest members of society. *Child Health: A Population Perspective* examines both the history of child health and the three dynamics that most define it: the principles and dynamics between children, families, and communities; social determinants of health; and life course health development. With both theoretical grounding and illustrative case studies, this book provides a core framework for students in maternal and child health to better understand the issues facing children today -- and how to serve them best.

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