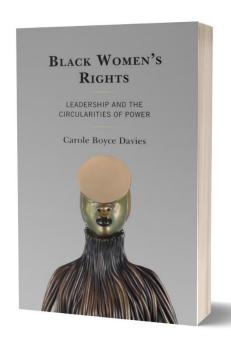
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Carole Boyce Davies, an endowed professor of Africana Studies and Literatures in English at Cornell University, is a leading scholar of African Diaspora, Black feminist theories and literatures, and Black women's writings internationally.

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