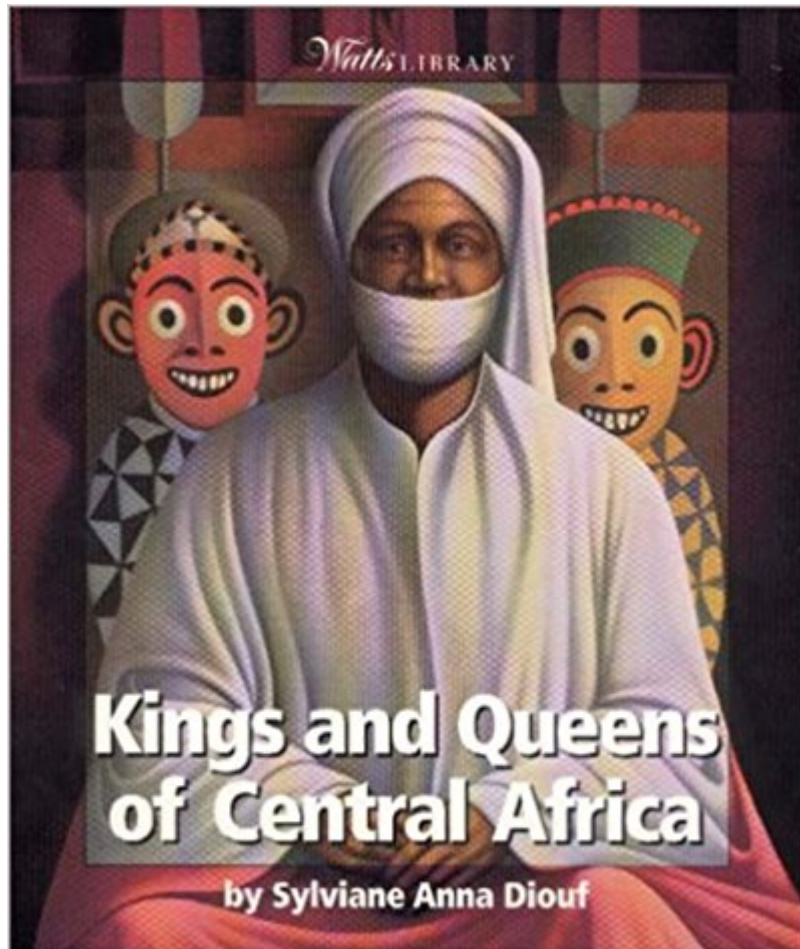




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Through the centuries, the fertile and mineral-rich region of Central Africa saw the rise of strong kingdoms, led by wise and gifted rulers. This book traces the lives of some of these creative leaders of the past.

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