Contents

	Acknowledgements Preface	vi vii
	Introduction	
	Writing Africa: African social history and the sociology of history	I
	Part One Re-writing History	27
I	The matriarchal roots of Africa	29
2	Race and gender: Cheikh Anta Diop's moral philosophy	52
3	Theorizing matriarchy in Africa: kinship ideologies and systems in Africa and Europe	71
4	Women's achievements in African political systems: transforming culture for 500 years	89
5	Gender and social movements in Africa: a West African experience	109
6	Gender and the contestation of religion: a historical perspective on African societies	144
	Part Two Decolonizing History	159
7	African women and politics: a history of transformation	161
8	Cycles of Western imperialism: feminism, race, gender, class and power	183
9	In the company of women: love, struggle, class and our feminisms	199
	Index	208