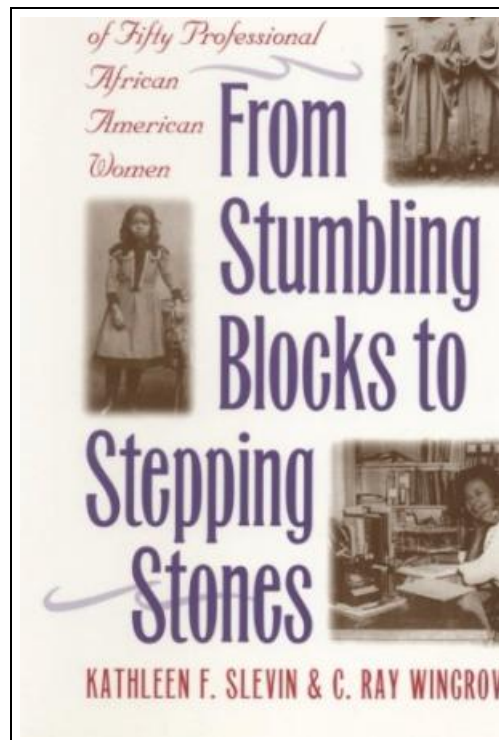# From Stumbling Blocks to Stepping Stones: The Life Experiences of Fifty Professional African American Women (Paperback)

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