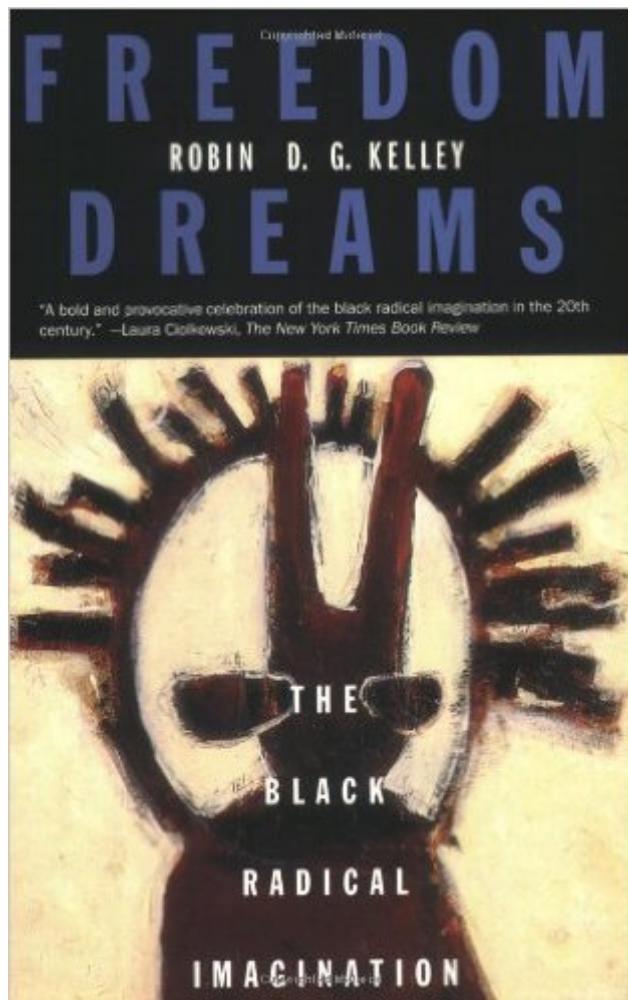


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Robin Kelley is that rare academic who manages to be both brilliant and captivating -- he takes complex ideas and expresses them in a way that anyone can understand. I read this after reading Yo Mama's DisFUNKtional and I liked them both.

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