



Reigning WNBA Champion A'ja Wilson reveals the cover of her first book DEAR BLACK GIRLS: How to Be True to You, due out February 2024

New York – September 14, 2023 – Flatiron Books is proud to announce that two-time WNBA MVP, WNBA Champion and gold-medalist A'ja Wilson will publish her first book **DEAR BLACK GIRLS**, out February 6, 2024, from Moment of Lift Books, an imprint of Flatiron Books in partnership with Melinda French Gates. Moment of Lift Books is dedicated to publishing original nonfiction by visionaries working to unlock a more equal world for women and girls.

"As I've grown into womanhood while navigating the world and playing the game that I love, it's become increasingly important to me to build community and connect more deeply with Black girls and women, not just in South Carolina or Vegas, but all over the world," said Wilson. "My life has been filled with ups and downs and I hope that by sharing these experiences and my journey, girls just like me will feel more seen, heard and supported."

In this empowering and deeply personal collection—adapted from and expanded upon the piece of the same name in *The Players' Tribune*—WNBA star Wilson shares stories from her life. Despite gold medals, championships, and a list of accolades, Wilson knows how it feels to be swept under the rug. To not be heard, to not feel seen, to not be taken seriously. As a fourth grader going to a primarily white school in South Carolina, she was told she'd have to stay outside for a classmate's birthday party. "Huh?" she asked. Because the birthday girl's father didn't like Black people.

Wilson tells stories like this: stories of incidents that held her down but didn't stop her. She shares her contribution to "The Talk," and how to keep fighting, all while igniting strength, resilience, and passion. **DEAR BLACK GIRLS** is one remarkable author's necessary and meaningful exploration of what it means to be a Black woman in America today—and an of-the-moment rally cry to lift up women and girls everywhere.

"A'ja's book is a love letter to Black girls—a testament to their histories, a tribute to their triumphs, and a celebration of their potential," said philanthropist, businesswoman, and global advocate Melinda French Gates. "Every girl, everywhere, deserves someone who believes in them as fiercely as A'ja believes in the girls she's dedicated these essays to. This is a book readers will revisit for advice and inspiration again and again."

Wilson is represented by Klutch Sports Group and United Talent Agency.

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A'JA WILSON is a professional basketball player for the Las Vegas Aces. The two-time MVP is the face of the WNBA and Las Vegas Aces, one of the industry's hottest franchises. She and the USA Women's National Team won gold at the 2022 FIBA Women's World Cup, Tokyo Olympics, and 2018 FIBA World Cup. Off the court, A'ja has built the A'ja Wilson Foundation, which serves as a resource for children who struggle with dyslexia and empowers them to reach their full potential. A'ja currently resides in Las Vegas. *Dear Black Girls* is her first book.

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Praise for DEAR BLACK GIRLS

"Through honest stories and inspiring lessons from her life, **A'ja Wilson reminds us to never doubt who we are or apologize for being true to ourselves.** *Dear Black Girls* is a must-read for every Black girl out there."

—**Gabrielle Union, New York Times bestselling author of *We're Going to Need More Wine* and *You Got Anything Stronger?***

"After reading *Dear Black Girls*, I needed a moment to compose myself. Never has a book so perfectly captured my attention and made me feel so seen. I highly recommend this book!"

—**Zaila Avant-garde, Winner of the Scripps National Spelling Bee, Two Times Guinness World Records Holder, and New York Times bestselling author**

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