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For your reference, I've included a list of every Black woman featured or named in this book as a way for you, the reader, to support their work or lift up their legacy. It is my fervent hope that #blackwomenwillsavetheworld will drive attention to and investment in all their worthy causes and memories.

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