



NATION BOOKS ACQUIRES NEW BOOK BY COLORLINES EDITORS AKIBA SOLOMON AND KENRYA RANKIN

October 30, 2017. Nation Books has acquired rights to publish the upcoming book by Akiba Solomon and Kenrya Rankin, tentatively titled *HOW WE FIGHT WHITE SUPREMACY: A FIELD GUIDE TO BLACK RESISTANCE*. Katy O'Donnell of Nation Books acquired world rights from Tanya McKinnon at McKinnon McIntyre.

In this celebration of Black resistance and leadership in all its varied forms, Solomon and Rankin will show readers what the fight for freedom and justice looks like—and how each of us can contribute. Black people are working each day to inch us closer to collective freedom. They are hammering at issues as varied and intersectional as police violence, mental health, reproductive justice, and inclusion in the arts and technology.

Through essays, interviews, satire, and visual art, Solomon and Rankin offer a blueprint for the many different pathways to activism. Contributors include Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Khan-Cullors, media studies professor and journalist Marc Lamont Hill, Black feminist writer Jamilah Lemieux, Very Smart Brothas creator Damon Young, BlackStar Film Festival founder Maori Karmael Holmes and multimedia artist Olalekan Jeyifous.

Kenrya Rankin is an award-winning author, journalist, and consultant and the deputy editor at Colorlines. Her work has appeared in more than a dozen national publications, including *The New York Times*, *Glamour*, *Reader's Digest*, and *Fast Company*. She is the author of three books, including *Bet on Black: African-American Women Celebrate Fatherhood in the Age of Barack Obama*. A graduate of Howard University and New York University, she is based in Washington, D.C.

Akiba Solomon is the editorial director of Colorlines and an NABJ Award-winning journalist and editor whose writing on culture, race, gender, and reproductive health has appeared in *Essence*, *Dissent*, *Glamour*, *Vibe*, and *Ebony*, among other outlets. She is the co-editor of *Naked: Black Women Bare All About Their Skin, Hair, Hips, Lips, and Other Parts*. Solomon has spoken about women's and social justice issues at institutions including the Schomburg Center, Stanford, Yale, and Harvard. A graduate of Howard University, she is based in New York.

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