



OPRAH WINFREY ANNOUNCES A SECOND 'AN OPRAH BOOK' IMPRINT TITLE

Maria Smilios's "The Black Angels: The Untold Story of the Nurses Who Helped Cure Tuberculosis" Will be Released in 2018

(New York—Dec 14, 2016) Flatiron Books announced today that Oprah Winfrey's book imprint, 'An Oprah Book,' has selected its second title: Maria Smilios's **The Black Angels: The Untold Story of the Nurses Who Helped Cure Tuberculosis**, the true story of 300 black nurses who changed the course of history, which will be published in 2018.

"At my core I am a storyteller and teacher, and I believe in books," said Oprah Winfrey. "The Black Angels' is a story that hasn't been told and I felt it needed to be shared."

In 1929, when white nurses staged a walk out at Seaview, Staten Island's 2000-bed TB sanatorium, New York was threatened with a public health catastrophe. Desperate, city health officials made a radical decision to sanction a national call for "colored nurses." Lured by the promise of good pay, education, housing and most of all, a "rare opportunity" to work in a hospital free of quotas and segregated wards, women from all over the country boarded trains and buses and walked out of their lives and into a world that held both hope and danger. Their triumphant story, bringing together medicine, politics, racial strife, women's rights and cutting-edge science, has up until now been almost completely ignored. Colin Dickerman will be editing *Black Angels*; Peter Steinberg at Foundry Literary + Media represented Smilios in the deal.

The previously announced first title in Winfrey's imprint will be her first ever cookbook '**Food, Health and Happiness: 'On Point' Recipes for Great Meals and a Better Life**' which will be published on January 3, 2017. In the book, Winfrey discusses her lifelong relationship with food and shares recipes for the meals she loves. 'Food, Health and Happiness' is being produced by Melcher Media, whose book, 'Hamilton: The Revolution,' was recently #1 on the *New York Times* bestsellers list.

Winfrey's book imprint, which was announced earlier in the year, includes non-fiction titles chosen personally by Oprah.

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