

LINDA VILLAROSA

Linda Villarosa is a freelance writer and editor. Formerly, she edited the health pages for the *New York Times*, where she redesigned and expanded health coverage for *Science Times* and for the newspaper at large. Linda was also the executive editor of *Essence Magazine*, where she wrote or edited a number of award-winning articles.

As a reporter, Linda has written dozens of articles for the *Times*, several of which ran on the newspaper's front page. She has also contributed articles, profiles and reviews to a number of national publications, including *Health*, *Latina*, *the New York Times Book Review*, *O Magazine*, *Vibe* and *Woman's Day*. Linda has won awards from several organizations, specifically The American Medical Writers' Association, The Arthur Ashe Institute, Lincoln University, the New York Association of Black Journalists, the National Women's Political Caucus and the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists' Association.

As an editorial consultant, Linda has worked with a number of companies and organizations. For American Express Publishing, she launched a newsletter for television host Dr. Phil. For the Kaiser Family Foundation, she has trained journalists from around the world to better cover the international HIV/AIDS epidemic. And she has conceived, written and edited beauty and lifestyle publications for the Meredith Corporation.

Linda is the author of the book *Body & Soul: The Black Women's Guide to Physical Health and Emotional Well-Being*. A Blackboard Bestseller, there are more than 200,000 copies in print. She is the coauthor of both *Finding Our Way: The Teen Girls' Survival Guide* and *The Black Parenting Book*. She also works behind the scenes to help other authors complete proposals and package and write their books. Her first novel, *Passing for Black*, was published in 2008 and was nominated for a Lambda Literary Award.

A graduate of the University of Colorado, Linda also spent a year at Harvard University as a journalism fellow. She is the program director of the journalism department at The City College of New York where she teaches writing and media studies.

She lives in Brooklyn with her partner and two children