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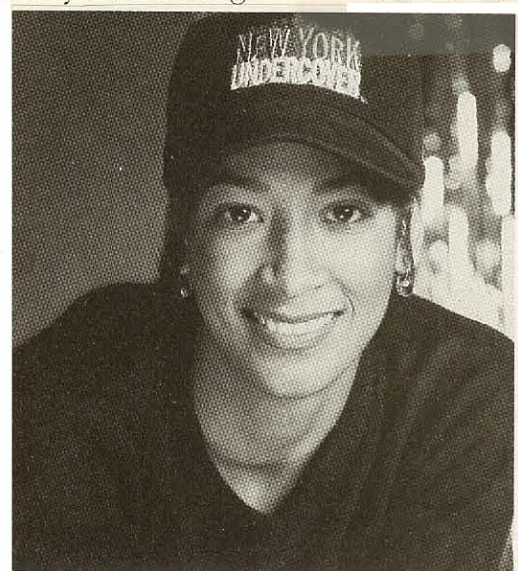


Wise! Wild! Wonderful!
Oprah Winfrey and 200 Extraordinary Women
Who Changed the World

WHAT'S THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE? HERE'S A HINT. It's bold, beautiful, brilliant—*anything* but boring. Our next generation of Wonder Women are already helping to shape it! These diverse young Black sisters—ranging in age from 13 to 25—all share an uncanny ability to crush boundaries, and they refuse to accept defeat. They shatter stereotypes. And they're ready to leap into the twenty-first century with a bang!

25 to watch

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Name: LYAH BETH LEFLORE
Age: 25. **Claim to fame:** By becoming an associate producer on FOX-TV's *New York Undercover* at the age of 24, Leflore is one of a handful of Black women working behind the scenes of a major network TV show—not to mention one of the youngest. She got her start as an assistant at the Nickelodeon network and is determined to bring excellence to shows marketed to African-Americans. **Her words:** "There are so many big egos in the entertainment industry. I've discovered that a true sign of greatness is humility."

