

## YOGA NATION

I COMMEND you on your beautiful portraits and descriptions of some of the leading yogis ["Planet Yoga," June]. They are a testament to the power and universality of this amazing practice, and I'm glad to see that you've given them the same star treatment as the Hollywood entertainers, politicians, and athletes that grace your glossy pages. The profiled yoga teachers are stars in the truest sense: these leading lights have guided millions on a path of self-discovery and truth. Your article helped to show that yoga is a healing life practice for everyone, and that we can benefit deeply from it.

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AS BLACK YOGA teachers, we were somewhat dismayed, but not at all surprised, that none of us were represented in "Planet Yoga." We realize that on the surface it appears that black people don't practice yoga; our presence and participation often are disproportionately lacking at studios and retreat centers, so to some extent that is understandable.

We suspect, however, that no one even thought to include a black yoga master, because if you had looked you might have found Shola Arewa, Kofi Busia, Krishna Kaur, Teresa Kay-Aba Kennedy, and many others. You also could have included notable black celebrities who are considered "masters" of yoga, such as Russell Simmons and Sonny Rollins. Contrary to popular perception, the number of black yoga masters, teachers, and practitioners is steadily growing.

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