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LEARN HOW TO REBIRTH A SUSTAINABLE EARTH IN NEW BOOK

Community healer Queen Hollins shares Black Indigenous healing modalities, rituals, and ecosystem stewardship practices in her debut publication, *Earth Doula*

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Earth medicine teacher, culture-bearer, and queer Black Indigenous elder Queen Hollins is publishing an illuminated guidebook for restoring balance within our beings, bloodlines, and multispecies communities. Launching June 2024 with Ecocene Press, *Earth Doula* is filled with recipes, rituals, and rites for remembering our place as caretakers of all living systems. *Earth Doula* is now available to pre-order with Ecocene Press with copies shipped or picked-up at Queen's book launch, talk, and signing on Saturday, June 1st, at Studio One Eleven, 245 East Third St, Long Beach, California, from 4-6 pm. Pre-orders and RSVP for the book launch at <https://ecocene.school/press>.

When Queen was a child in the south holding anger, her grandmother Naomi Hollins would make her dig a hole and get in it so that the Earth could "clean her off." Grandma Naomi Hollins was a southern Black medicine woman who used ecology and herbal remedies to heal her surrounding community at a time when they were shunned by segregated health institutions. These Southern Black/African American indigenous practices were passed on to Queen who continues aiding hurting communities in healing their trauma by connecting them to the Earth. Queen is the Founder and Cultural Director of Earthlodge Center for Transformation and recipient of the 2024 Harvey Milk Award.

"This is not just a book. It is a door. Queen Hollins is showing us how to return lovingly to our oldest and most important relationship: our relationship with Earth as Earth. In book form, Queen makes decades of teaching and practice accessible to the world. Which means that you are holding the key to a vibration and a calling that has already changed the lives of multitudes, myself included. You are holding the key, open your heart and move through the door!"

—Alexis Pauline Gumbs, PhD, author of *Undrowned: Black Feminist Lessons from Marine Mammals*

IMAGES

1. Queen Hollins, *Earth Doula* Author, photograph by Oren Azueta Daniels Daha
2. *Earth Doula* Cover Art by Sarita Doe, Jenny Montalvo, and Dongyi Wu