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In the September 2 issue of *JET* magazine, readers get details from an intimate interview with cover subject Oprah Winfrey.

After a 15-year hiatus from acting, the media icon returns to the big screen in "Lee Daniels' *The Butler*." During her one-on-one conversation with *JET* editor-in-chief, Mitzi Miller, Winfrey opened up about why she took the role and how she anticipates its reception among the public.

"This film is a tribute to both the working-class Negro of that time and all of the many unsung heroes whose names never made the history books," said Winfrey. "It never occurred to me that there could be any [backlash] until you said it... But if there's a backlash, so be it," she continued.

The first Black female billionaire also gets candid about her struggles, including the difficulties and disappointments she has had with her network, *OWN*, and what she believes truly holds the majority of people back from achieving true success.

She said, "The biggest fallacy on earth is that you can be anything that you want to be. You can only be what you were meant to be."

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The issue also provides more celebrity insight as singer, and Cover Girl spokesperson, Janelle Monae provides a colorful talk about her eclectic style and how she's monetizing her talent in the challenging music business.