PAGES 63–65 Three children of Timbuktu; mother of a disabled child; Mohamed Alher ag Almahdi, head of a Tuareg artisan’s association.

PAGES 66–67 Mahmoud Maiga (left) and Alphadi Oumar (right), members of the Board of Directors of the Maiga/Almoustapha Konaté Library.

ABOVE AND OPPOSITE Men of Timbuktu wearing the traditional desert turban.
Above: Mother of a disabled child in Timbuktu.

Opposite: Tahra Abbas, founder of an association for the disabled of Timbuktu which is dedicated to education and enterprise.

Overleaf, left: Traditional healer and herbalist Ali Attiram Maiiga with a tortoise, one of the ingredients in his armory of traditional cures.

Overleaf, right: Fulani shopkeeper Akamis Dicko, who sells his wares under a tree at a street corner in Timbuktu.