# Girl Code Rising: Reshma Saujani Inspires a New Generation of Coding Queens



#### Reshma Saujani: Girls Who Code Founder (Gateway

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In a world where technology plays an increasingly dominant role, Reshma Saujani has emerged as a tireless advocate for girls and women in STEM. As the visionary founder of Girls Who Code, she has dedicated herself to bridging the gender gap in the tech industry, empowering a generation of young women to become the innovators and leaders of tomorrow.

#### The Seeds of Inspiration

Reshma's journey towards founding Girls Who Code began in her own childhood. Growing up in an immigrant family in Illinois, she faced stereotypes and biases that discouraged girls from pursuing careers in math and science. Undeterred, she excelled in STEM subjects and went on to earn degrees in computer science and public policy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Harvard Kennedy School.

#### A Call to Action

After working in various roles in finance and tech, Reshma realized the stark gender disparities in the tech industry. In 2012, inspired by a campaign speech she gave to run for U.S. Congress, she founded Girls Who Code to address this issue head-on.

With a mission to close the gender gap in tech by teaching girls computer science skills, Girls Who Code has grown exponentially since its inception. The organization offers free after-school programs, summer camps, and online courses to girls in grades 3-12, providing them with a supportive and collaborative environment to learn coding and build confidence in STEM.

#### **Empowering Girls and Transforming Tech**

Through her work with Girls Who Code, Reshma has empowered thousands of girls to pursue careers in tech. The organization's impact extends beyond coding, fostering a community of young women who are passionate about making a difference in the world. Girls Who Code alumni have gone on to start their own companies, work at leading tech companies, and become advocates for gender equality in STEM.

Reshma's unwavering commitment to girls and tech has earned her numerous accolades, including being named one of Time magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World" and receiving the Heinz Award for Technology, the Economy and Employment.

#### Trailblazing in Gateway Bios

The extraordinary story of Reshma Saujani and her impact on the tech industry is now captured in "Gateway Biographies: Reshma Saujani," a captivating biography that chronicles her journey from a childhood marked by stereotypes to becoming a global leader in STEM education. As part of the Gateway Biographies series, this book aims to inspire young readers to pursue their passions and make a positive impact on the world.

With its engaging narrative, thought-provoking insights, and stunning illustrations, "Gateway Biographies: Reshma Saujani" is an essential read

for aspiring coders, future leaders, and anyone who believes in the power of education to empower girls and women.

#### Join the Girl Code Movement

The mission of Girls Who Code is far from over. Reshma continues to champion the cause of girls and women in tech, encouraging them to embrace their potential and break down barriers. By supporting Girls Who Code, you can invest in the future of tech and empower the next generation of coding queens.

Together, we can create a world where all girls have the opportunity to succeed in tech, regardless of their gender or background. Let's join Reshma Saujani on this transformative journey and inspire a new generation of girl code pioneers.

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