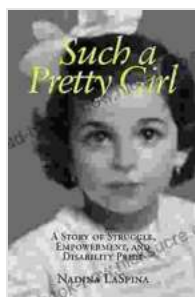


# The Inspiring Story of Struggle, Empowerment, and Disability Pride

In a world that often marginalizes and stigmatizes individuals with disabilities, the story of Haben Girma stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration. Born deaf and blind, Girma has faced countless challenges throughout her life, yet she has risen above them with unwavering determination and a spirit that refuses to be broken.

## Overcoming Obstacles from an Early Age

From an early age, Girma faced significant obstacles. As a deafblind child, she struggled to access education and communication. Traditional methods of learning were inaccessible to her, and she was often excluded from activities that other children enjoyed.



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But Girma's parents refused to accept the limitations imposed by her disabilities. They worked tirelessly to find alternative ways for her to learn

and communicate. They taught her sign language, braille, and lip reading. They also encouraged her to explore her passions and pursue her dreams.

## **A Passion for Advocacy**

As Girma grew older, she developed a passion for advocacy. She realized that many individuals with disabilities faced similar challenges to her own. She was determined to use her voice to speak out against discrimination and injustice.

In 2008, Girma made history by becoming the first deafblind student to graduate from Harvard Law School. Her graduation was a groundbreaking moment, sending a powerful message to the world that individuals with disabilities are capable of achieving great things.

## **Fighting for Disability Rights**

Since graduating from Harvard, Girma has become a leading advocate for disability rights. She has worked with organizations such as the American Foundation for the Blind and the National Disability Rights Network to promote policies that empower individuals with disabilities.

Girma's advocacy has helped raise awareness about the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. She has also worked tirelessly to break down barriers and create opportunities for them.

## **The Power of Disability Pride**

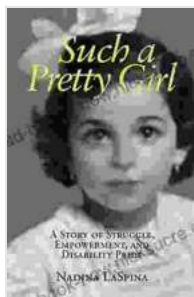
In addition to her advocacy work, Girma has also embraced the concept of disability pride. She believes that individuals with disabilities should be proud of their unique identities and should not be ashamed of their differences.

Girma's message of disability pride has resonated with millions of people around the world. She has helped to shift the conversation about disability, emphasizing the strengths and abilities of individuals with disabilities rather than their limitations.

## A Symbol of Hope and Inspiration

Haben Girma's story is a powerful reminder that individuals with disabilities can overcome any obstacle and achieve their dreams. Her unwavering determination, her passion for advocacy, and her belief in disability pride have made her a symbol of hope and inspiration for people around the world.

Girma's story teaches us that disability is not a tragedy but rather a part of human diversity. It is a call to action for us all to create a more inclusive and equitable world for individuals with disabilities.

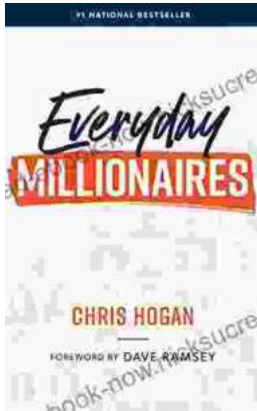


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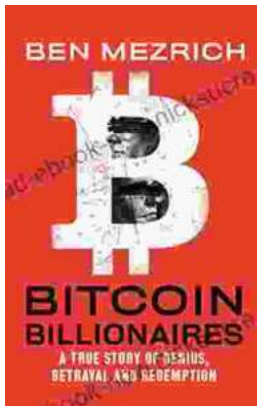
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