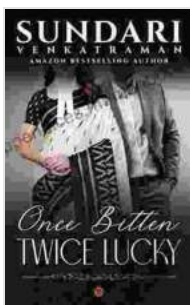


# Once Bitten, Twice Lucky: The Extraordinary Journey of Sundari Venkatraman

Sundari Venkatraman's life is a testament to the indomitable spirit of human perseverance. From humble beginnings in a small Indian village to becoming a global icon in the field of technology, her journey is a tale of resilience, determination, and unwavering optimism.

## Early Life and Education

Sundari Venkatraman was born in 1953 in a remote village in Tamil Nadu, India. Her parents were farmers, and their modest income barely met the basic necessities of life. Despite the financial limitations, Sundari's parents instilled in her a strong belief in the power of education.



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After completing high school, Sundari enrolled at the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Madras, one of India's top engineering schools. She graduated with a degree in computer science in 1977, a time when opportunities for women in technology were scarce.

## **The Serpent Bite Incident**

In 1979, Sundari was bitten by a venomous snake while working on a project in the rural countryside. The bite nearly claimed her life, and she was left with severe neurological complications. Doctors predicted that she would not be able to walk or speak again.

Undeterred by the grim prognosis, Sundari refused to give up. She underwent extensive rehabilitation therapy, determined to regain her independence. Through sheer willpower and determination, she slowly regained her mobility and speech.

## **Career in Technology**

After her miraculous recovery, Sundari returned to her engineering career with a renewed passion. She joined the software multinational Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) in 1982 and quickly rose through the ranks.

In 1996, Sundari was promoted to Head of Global Delivery for TCS, becoming the first woman to hold such a senior position in the company's history. Under her leadership, TCS experienced exponential growth and became a global IT powerhouse.

In 2001, Sundari left TCS to become the CEO of Infosys Technologies, India's second-largest IT services company. Under her stewardship, Infosys

expanded its global footprint, strengthened its client relationships, and became a respected brand in the IT industry.

## **Awards and Accolades**

Sundari Venkatraman's extraordinary achievements have earned her numerous awards and accolades, including:

\* Padma Shri, the fourth-highest civilian honor in India (2008) \*

Businesswoman of the Year, Economic Times Awards for Corporate Excellence (2009) \* Global Indian Business Leader, Asia Society's Asia Game Changer Awards (2012) \* Global CEO of the Year, Stevie Awards for Women in Business (2013)

## **Philanthropy and Social Impact**

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Sundari Venkatraman is also a dedicated philanthropist and advocate for social change. She established the Sundari and Pratap Venkata Family Foundation, which supports organizations working in the areas of education, healthcare, and social welfare.

Sundari is particularly passionate about empowering women and girls. She believes that education is the key to unlocking their potential and creating a more equitable world.

## **Personal Life and Legacy**

Sundari Venkatraman is married to Pratap Venkata, a retired Air Force officer. The couple has two daughters.

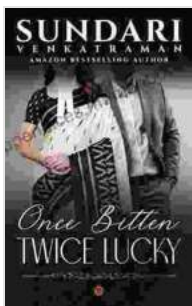
Sundari Venkatraman's journey is an inspiration to countless people around the world. Her unwavering optimism, resilience, and determination have overcome adversity and made a profound difference in the lives of others.

She is a living example of the power of the human spirit and a true trailblazer for women in technology. Sundari Venkatraman's legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

Sundari Venkatraman's story is a testament to the transformative power of perseverance, passion, and purpose. From a humble beginning in a small village to becoming a global leader, her journey is a reminder that anything is possible with unwavering determination and a belief in oneself.

As a woman in technology, Sundari Venkatraman has shattered glass ceilings and paved the way for other women to achieve their dreams. Her commitment to education, philanthropy, and social change has made a profound impact on the world.

Sundari Venkatraman is more than a successful businesswoman. She is a role model, an inspiration, and a beacon of hope for all those who aspire to overcome obstacles and achieve their full potential.

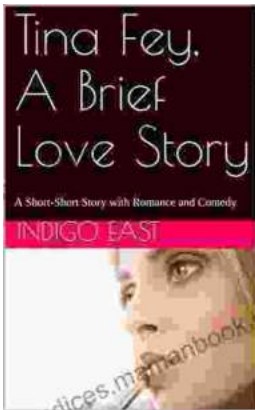


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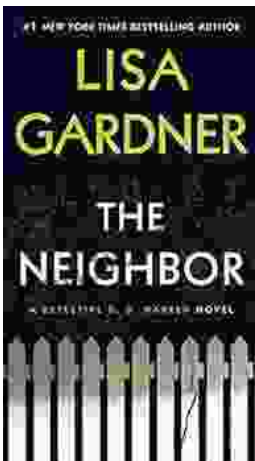
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