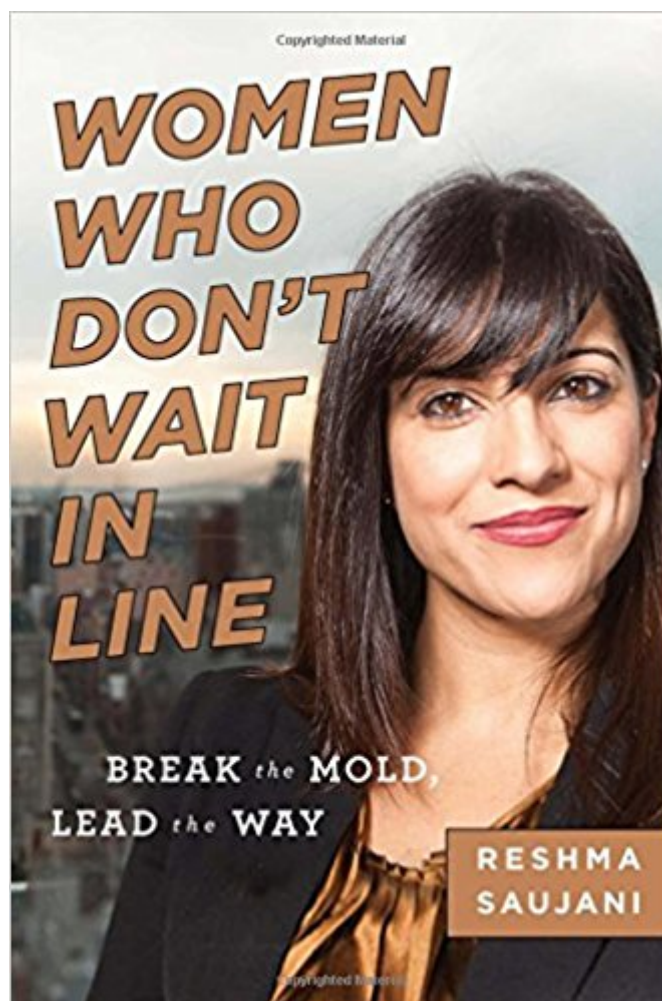


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# Women Who Don't Wait In Line: Break The Mold, Lead The Way



## Synopsis

There's never been a better time to be a woman. We live in an era when girls are told they can do anything. So why aren't we seeing more women rising to the top ranks of corporations and the government? Why don't our girls have more women in leadership roles to look up to? *Women Who Don't Wait in Line* is an urgent wake-up call from politico and activist Reshma Saujani. The former New York City Deputy Public Advocate and founder of the national nonprofit Girls Who Code argues that aversion to risk and failure is the final hurdle holding women back in the workplace. Saujani advocates a new model of female leadership based on sponsorship where women encourage each other to compete, take risks, embrace failure, and lift each other up personally and professionally. Woven throughout the book are lessons and stories from accomplished women like Susan Lyne, Randi Zuckerberg, Mika Brzezinski, and Anne-Marie Slaughter, who have faced roadblocks and overcome them by forging new paths, being unapologetically ambitious, and never taking no for an answer. Readers are also offered a glimpse into Saujani's personal story, including her immigrant upbringing and the insights she gleaned from running a spirited campaign for U.S. Congress in 2010. Above all else, *Women Who Don't Wait in Line* is an inspiring call from a woman who is still deep in the trenches. Saujani aims to ignite her fellow women and enlist them in remaking America.

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## Customer Reviews

Through word and deed, activist Saujani, former N.Y.C. Deputy Public Advocate, hopes to inspire the next generation of female leaders. Advised to wait her turn by the New York Democratic political establishment and branded as an upstart by the media, 34-year-old Saujani raised \$1.6 million to run for Congress against popular incumbent Carolyn Mahoney in 2010. She received just 19% of the vote, but calls the experience the best thing that ever happened to her. Talk about resilience! It's one of the key indicators of success, unlike risk aversion, fear of failure, or self-defeating behavior in the effort to be likeable. Too often, the things we do to be liked make us seem weak instead of strong, she writes. Like Sheryl Sandberg (Lean In), Saujani attributes the dearth of women in leadership positions, in part, to self-imposed obstacles and calls for change from within. Her advice? Fake it till you make it, get comfortable with being your own press agent, don't worry if they don't like you, and find your mission in life. A beguiling blend of audacity and humility, the book proves most engaging when Saujani shares her experiences and accomplishments (such as founding Girls Who Code, which prepares underserved girls for careers in technology), less so when she channels her inner cheerleading coach. Agent: Andrea Barzvi, ICM. (Oct.)

Congressional candidate Saujani may not have gotten elected to represent New York's 14th District, but she has a wealth of information to share about her experience of running for office. In this relatively nonconfrontational manifesto about increasing female political engagement, she stresses how fed up women are with the concept of "waiting your turn" when so many leadership positions are historically held by men. Saujani is still smarting from the misguided advice of those who told her it was too early to run for Congress. By following such guidance, women "risk perpetuating the notion that our progress must be single file; that there can only be room in the arena for one strong woman at a time." Saujani addresses the challenges women politicians face in chapters titled "Fail Fast, Fail First, Fail Hard" to "Unapologetically Ambitious," provides real-world examples of rule-breaking women, and tells stories about her work preparing girls for careers in technology through her nonprofit, Girls Who Code. Clearly committed to effecting positive change for women in the political arena, Saujani shares invaluable information and ideas. --Colleen Mondor

This was a good book and easy read to help us find simple ways to make changes in our lives to achieve our aspirations. It also provided ideas on how to support other women and young girls to achieve their dreams or go into stem careers where they can earn more and make a difference in the world. I recommend all women should read Reshma's inspiring story!

I can't say enough about how much I liked this book! It drew me in because it was so sassy/funny but it slowly involved me in a serious advocacy discussion: for women entrepreneurs. Many great calls to action! For example Kiva.org(I knew, but could do moreCan't wait to try some others too. This morning I immediately called two younger mentees. I'd been waiting for the right time.

Good book and message with stories of breaking down walls that we experience as women. Includes tips on how to be oneself, and fail forward and fast. The part I appreciate the most is the chapter on Being Authentic, and dressing like yourself. Great lessons on how to look past the expectations of the outside world, and look in to find the right route to take.

I heard the author speak and very impressed. The book represents the speech and was inspiring. I have recommended it to friends.

Reshma is an inspiration to all young women with enormous professional aspirations. She illustrates through her story that with persistence and tenacity, you can also accomplish your goals. I am reading this book at a very low point of my life and I am very grateful for her encouragement, even though it's through a book. Her story deeply resonates with me. Overall, it's a good book. I'll definitely recommend it to all my girlfriends.ps. /publisher, there are several grammatical errors in the book. Please rectify these problems.

Reshma Saujani has an amazing story. Not only does she talk about her prior work from helping organize for Asian American Studies in her college years, her public service career, running for public office, but also her work in tech and making sure that women are confident in anything they choose to do. I highly recommend reading this book.

This book was a disappointment for me. Seem to be all about the author.

I am all for Reshma's great work on girls who code. The most interesting part of the book was her personal story. A lot of it though is research that probably her editors pulled together to back up her experience. I was really hoping to see more of her in the book. That said it is still a good read and I wish more women would choose to step out of the mold and follow their dreams like her.

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