



JILLIAN HASLAM
HELPING ORDINARY PEOPLE DO EXTRA ORDINARY THINGS!

Biography

Jillian Haslam

Adversity Survivor, Entrepreneur, Celebrity Author, Motivational Speaker & Philanthropist

No one achieves success without paying a price. The real story is always what came before. When you see Jillian Haslam on stage speaking, read her books, or give to her charitable work, what you're seeing is a testimony to resilience, to never quitting, and to passionately pursuing a better world, even for those in greatest need.

But what you don't see is how she got there. Born in Calcutta to parents with British ancestry in post-colonial India, Jillian faced a bruising childhood of extreme poverty, malnutrition & disease. She lived through the deaths of four siblings and some appalling instances of racist abuse. Her rise from the depths of despair and misery to wealth and international celebrity status is an inspirational story of vindication.

Today, she travels the world speaking to businesses, universities, and anyone else who wants to be inspired to keep moving forward. In these challenging times, Jillian's brand of relentless determination is needed more than ever.

Her book *Indian.English. A Memoir* tells the story of her dark childhood growing up in extreme poverty and fear, yet drawing strength from parents who gave everything for their children, and from the timely generosity and kindness of strangers. It walks you through her ascension in the Indian and British corporate banking sector and how she later became the motivational speaker, author, and philanthropist you see today.

The book's greatest strength comes from the lessons Jillian learned during her hardest times that still shape her life and drive her ambitions to this day. These moments are poignant, visceral, and universal to the human condition. The book is an international bestseller that has received rave reviews in Indian and International press with her being dubbed the "Real Slumdog Millionaire."

As a speaker, Jillian can motivate and inspire almost any audience, from corporate organizations to social institutions, from the wealthy to the under-privileged in Europe and India.

Her clients include some of the top organizations and institutions in the world, such as Bank of America, McDonalds, King's College London, Barclays, Cambridge University, Heriot Watt University, TEDx and many others.

A popular media guest, Jillian has been featured on Channel 5, the BBC, The Independent, The Pioneer, The Times, The Telegraph, the Metro, Gulf News and many other major media.

Jillian has been honoured with a growing list of awards. A few of the biggest:

- First runner-up for **The Asian Woman of the Year** in the Social and Humanitarian category in recognition of her business achievements and charitable contributions, 2012
- **True Legend Award** for her exceptional contribution to humanitarian causes, from *The Telegraph*, April 2015
- **Star Recognition Award** in London for ‘Lifting Lives’ and delivering numerous speeches across the UK’s educational institutes, July 2015
- Nominated by the public for ITV’s 2015 **Inspirational Woman of the Year** award
- **Excellence in Humanitarianism Award** for her work in India, December 2016