



## Haben Girma

**First Deafblind Graduate of Harvard Law School**

*"Pioneering Advocate for Disability Rights"*

The first Deafblind person to graduate from Harvard Law School, Haben Girma is an award-winning advocate, author, and keynote speaker. She earned the Helen Keller Achievement Award, reached Forbes 30 under 30, and President Obama named her a Champion of Change. She believes disability challenges are opportunities for innovation, sparking new technologies that move society forward.

### TOPICS:

- Transforming Challenges into Opportunities
- Gaining the Innovation Advantage
- Accessibility: A Conversation with Haben Girma

### IN DETAIL:

Haben travels the globe teaching organisations how to build stronger, resilient, and more connected communities. Her bestselling book *Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law* takes readers on adventures around the world, including building a school in Mali, training with a guide dog in New Jersey, climbing an iceberg in Alaska, and fighting for blind readers at a courthouse in Vermont. Warm, funny, thoughtful, and uplifting, this captivating book shows how we can resist isolation and find the keys to connection. *The New York Times*, *Oprah Magazine*, *TODAY Show*, and *Stephen Curry* have all praised the book. *TIME* included her as a speaker in *TIME100 Talks*. In 2023 she became one of the first leaders appointed to serve as a Commissioner for the World Health Organisation's new Commission on Social Connection.

### LANGUAGES:

She presents in English.

### PUBLICATIONS:

**2019** Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law

### WHAT SHE OFFERS YOU:

Haben is a talented storyteller who helps people frame difference as an asset. She resisted society's low expectations, choosing to create her own pioneering story. She shares with audiences worldwide her incredible life story and her amazing journey from isolation to the world stage (and standing ovations).

### HOW SHE PRESENTS:

Haben exudes magnetic energy, captivating hearts and minds effortlessly. Her engaging presentations ignite audiences to make positive changes in their communities.