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Thursday, March 13th, 2025

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Her best-selling books *Jewels of Allah: The Untold Story of Women in Iran* and *Anonymous Is a Woman: A Global Chronicle of Gender Inequality* garnered numerous awards - including the International Book Award in "Women's Issues" and the Benjamin Franklin Book Award in "History."

Ansary is the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the Barnard College, Columbia University Trailblazer Award, the Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Alumni Award, and the Girl Up, UN Foundation Girl Hero Award. She has appeared on CNN International, Fox News, Larry King, the Today Show, CBS Radio, the BBC, and Sky News and been featured in a variety of publications including *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Hill*, *Time Magazine*, *HuffPost*, Maria Shriver's *The Sunday Paper*, *Teen Vogue* and *The Daily Beast*. Ansary regularly presents her work at academic institutions and conferences, including Columbia, Harvard, Oxford, and Cambridge universities, as well as the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, the World Affairs Councils of America, and the UN Women Commemoration of International Women's Day.

Ansary holds a Master of Arts in Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies and a PhD in History from Columbia University. She serves on the Board of Trustees of the Iranian American Women Foundation and the Advisory Board of the Cambridge Middle East and North Africa Forum, an independent, non-partisan think-tank at the University of Cambridge.

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