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Anousheh Ansari is CEO of XPRIZE, the world's leader in designing and operating incentive competitions to solve humanity's grand challenges. Ansari sponsored the \$10M Ansari XPRIZE, igniting a new era for commercial spaceflight. Prior, Ansari served as CEO of Prodea Systems, a leading Internet of Things technology firm. She captured international headlines by embarking upon an 11-day space expedition, becoming the first female private space explorer, first astronaut of Iranian descent, first Muslim woman in space, and fourth private explorer to visit space. Ansari co-founded The Billion Dollar Fund for Women, with a goal of investing \$1 billion in women-founded companies by 2020. Her memoir, *My Dream of Stars*, aims to share her life story as inspiration for young women around the world.