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LEWIS HAMILTON

WORLD CHAMPION RACE CAR DRIVER





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In June 2018, Lewis Hamilton earned the top spot in the qualifying rounds of the Grand Prix in France.

CHAPTER 1

Who Is Lewis Hamilton?

As a teen, Lewis Hamilton saw an ugly event at his school in England. He would be accused of taking part in it.

A classmate had been beaten. Six boys were involved. The victim had broken fingers and bruising. His arm was hurt too.

Hamilton was 16. He was called to the principal's office. The young man was accused of being part of the assault. But that was false. Days later, the principal said he had proof. He claimed Hamilton had kicked the victim. Lewis Hamilton was **expelled**.

This was devastating to Hamilton. He struggled in school. Classes were hard for him. Plus, he was often bullied for being Black. But getting expelled could ruin his future. Hamilton had been racing go-karts. His dream was to be a race car driver. That career might be over for him now before it had really started.

Hamilton's father fought to clear his son's name. Months later, the truth came out. One of the six bullies had the same initials as Hamilton. Records of the incident had been changed so that Hamilton would be blamed.

In time, he was found innocent. The school cleared his record. Hamilton was readmitted. But he never returned there.

The incident made Hamilton's **resolve** stronger. He continued chasing his dream. Nothing was going to stop him.



As a teen, Hamilton prepared for a go-kart race in 2000.



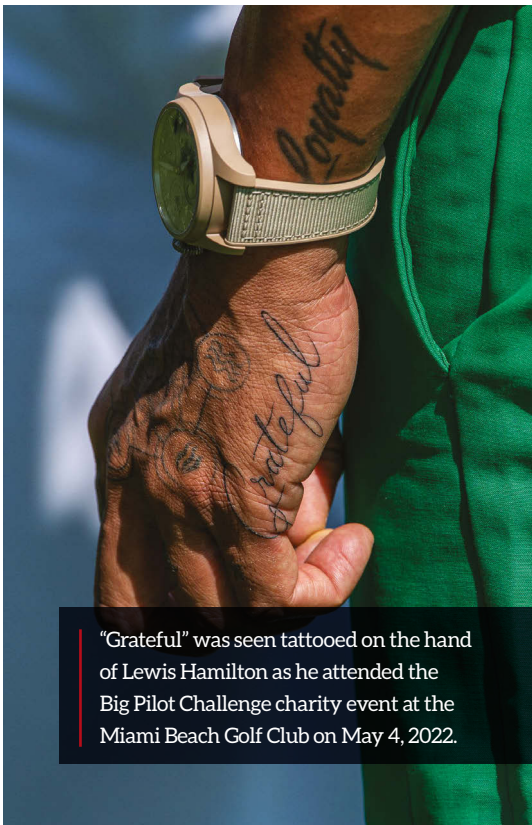
In 2008, Lewis Hamilton and his father shared a moment at the Grand Prix in Brazil.



In June 2007, Hamilton celebrated after winning the Grand Prix in Canada. It was his first Grand Prix victory.



Hamilton attended the Dior launch of its fall 2023 menswear collection in Egypt.



"Grateful" was seen tattooed on the hand of Lewis Hamilton as he attended the Big Pilot Challenge charity event at the Miami Beach Golf Club on May 4, 2022.

Years later, that dream came true. In 2007, Hamilton became the first Black Formula One (F1) driver. F1 is a popular sport. It's the highest level of international racing. This is for single-seat cars with open wheels and open **cockpits**.

By 2020, Hamilton had won seven World Championships. No one had won more. In 2021, he became the first F1 driver to win 100 races. He's one of the most successful F1 drivers. Hamilton was worth over $280 million in 2022.

As a celebrity, Hamilton uses his fame to promote causes important to him. He works to make F1 more **inclusive** to people of color. His efforts have led to change.

Hamilton also is a **trendsetter**. He wears designer clothes and jewelry. His many tattoos display words and pictures that inspire him.

Lewis Hamilton has faced many hurdles in his life. Some people said he'd never be successful. He has proved them wrong.



LEWIS HAMILTON

As a child, Lewis Hamilton showed passion and skill for racing. Despite facing racism and other challenges, he wouldn't let anything stand in the way of his dream of becoming a Formula One driver. Several World Championships later, he continues to live his dream and works to pave the way for more diversity in the sport and inclusivity in life.

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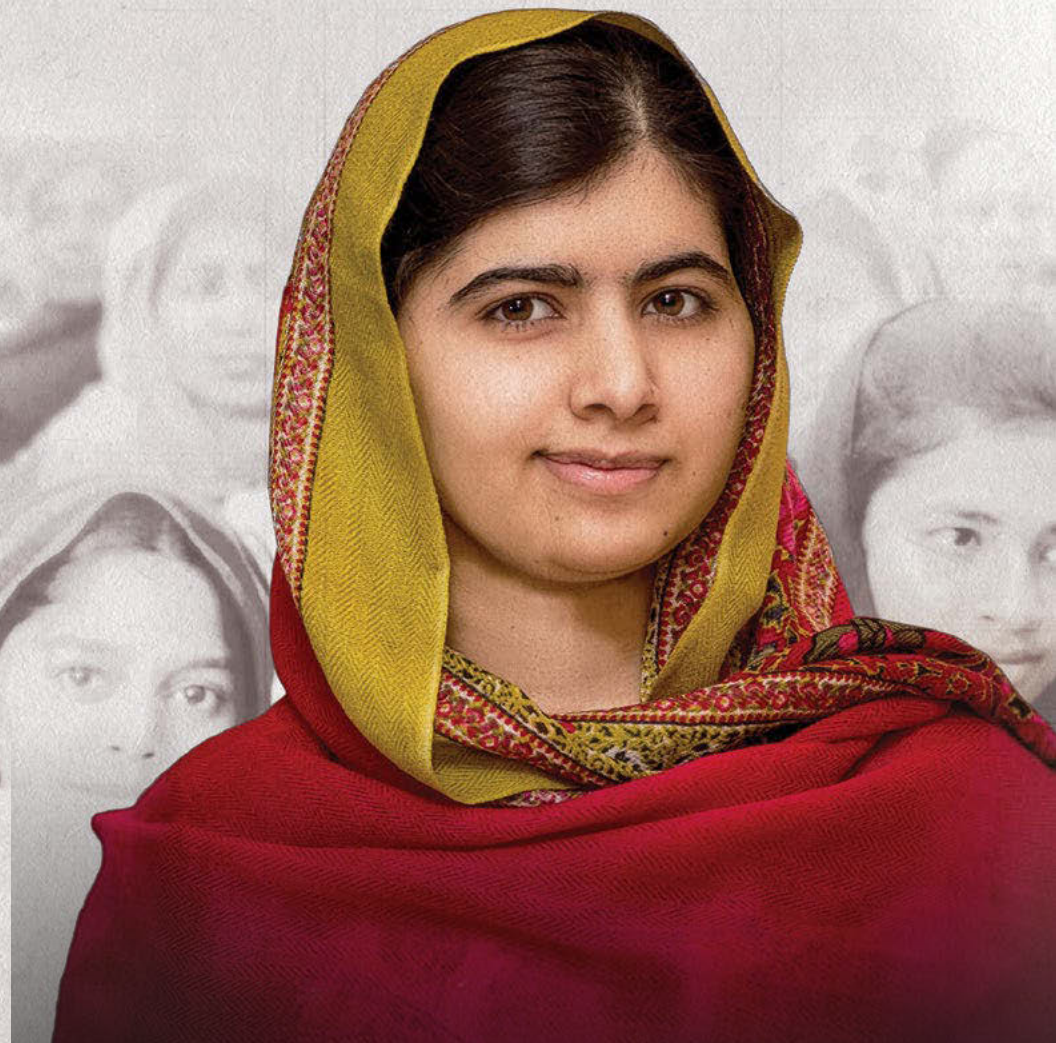




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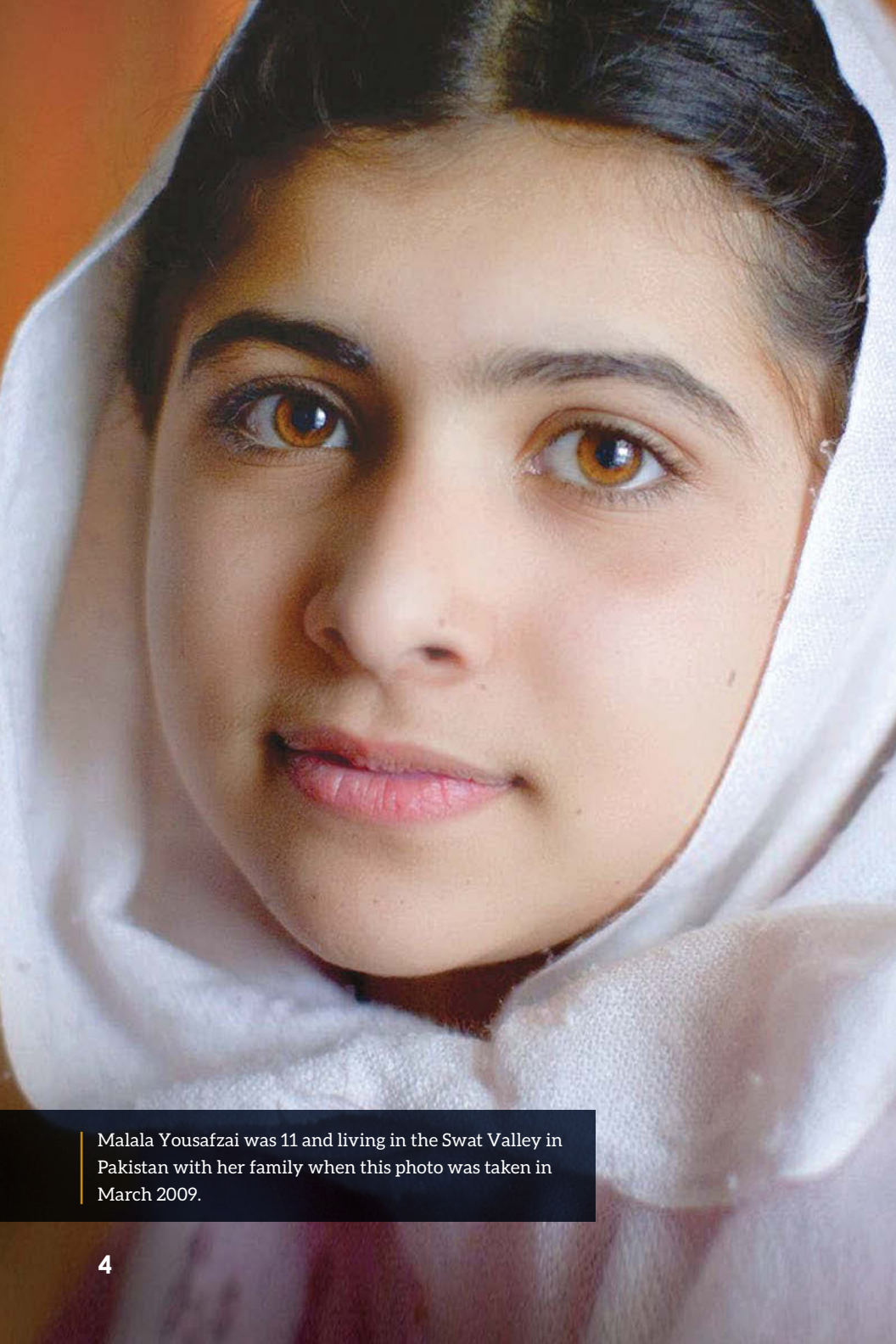
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Malala Yousafzai was 11 and living in the Swat Valley in Pakistan with her family when this photo was taken in March 2009.

CHAPTER 1

Who Is Malala Yousafzai?

It was December 2008. An announcement came over the radio. "After the 15th of January, no girl, whether big or little, shall go to school," it said.

Malala Yousafzai (mah-LAH-lah yoo-sahf-ZIGH) couldn't believe her ears. The 11-year-old wondered if it was possible. *Could one person really stop all girls from going to school?*

At the time, Malala didn't know she would become a famous **activist**. By her 16th birthday, people around the world would recognize her by her first name. Millions would hear her message. Some would try to silence her. But in that moment, she wanted only one thing. It was to continue going to school.

Malala was born in Pakistan. When she was ten, her world was turned upside down. An armed group took control of her village. The group is called the Taliban. It has **strict** rules.

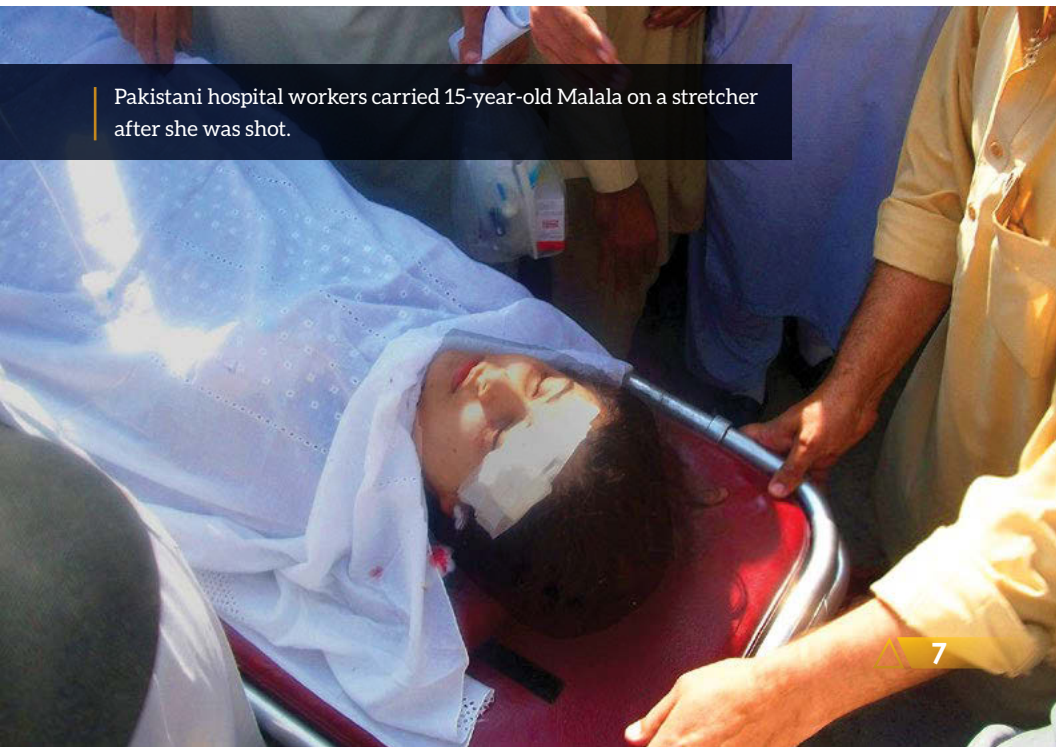
Many adults were afraid to **criticize** the Taliban. But Malala wasn't. Soon after the group arrived, she gave her first speech. This was at a school assembly. Then she wrote about life under the Taliban for a news blog. Malala used a fake name to do this. It was for her safety.

Eventually, the Taliban found out who Malala was. They ordered her to stop. Her life was **threatened**. But she continued to speak out. Education was important to her. She wouldn't give up.

Then tragedy struck. When Malala was 15, a man got on her school bus. He shot Malala in the head. She survived. Her recovery was hard. Still, she kept fighting.



Armed Pakistani militants stood at a police station in Matta in the Swat District on November 6, 2007.



Pakistani hospital workers carried 15-year-old Malala on a stretcher after she was shot.



On a 2012 flight, a Pakistani airplane passenger read a local newspaper that featured a story about Malala.





President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, and their daughter Malia met with Malala in the Oval Office of the White House on October 11, 2013.

Today, Malala is an activist. The young woman **advocates** for a free, safe education for all girls. She has earned many awards. Her story has been in magazines and newspapers. Crowds gather to hear her speak. Malala has met many famous people too. Queen Elizabeth of England is one. Former president Barack Obama is another.

Malala stands up for what she believes in. It almost cost the activist her life. But she won't be silenced. "One child, one teacher, one pen, and one book can change the world," she said.



MALALA YOUSAFZAI

Growing up in Pakistan, Malala Yousafzai's life was turned upside down by the Taliban. It forbade girls her age from going to school, but Malala refused to accept this. Speaking out nearly cost the young activist her life. Still, she didn't give up. Today, Malala continues to fight for a free, safe education for all girls around the world.

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