



Jesse Draper

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Jesse Draper is a mother of three boys and the founding partner of Halogen Ventures, which is focused on early stage investing in consumer technology companies led by female and co-ed teams. Jesse, the first solo female GP in Los Angeles, is also a fourth generation venture capitalist, the creator and host of Emmy-nominated television series *The Valley Girl Show*, and host of the *MOMumental* podcast. She is a fierce advocate for investing in women and the opportunity for using technology and innovation to solve some of the biggest issues facing women and families today. Among her 75+ portfolio companies, are the Skimm, Babylist, ThirdLove, HopSkipDrive, The Flex Company, Squad (acquired by X), Eloquii (sold to Walmart) and This is L (sold to P&G).

Selected as one of the top 10 early-stage female investors by *Business Insider*, Jesse was also listed by *Marie Claire* magazine as one of the '50 Most Connected Women in America', nominated by the NRF as a DealmakeHers, *Variety's* Holly's New Leaders, and *Refinery29* 30 Rising Stars. Jesse has been a contributor to *Marie Claire* and *Forbes*, and is a regular investor and tech personality showcased on Cheddar, CNBC and CNN.

Following Jesse's viral *Medium* piece, "Investing in Women Isn't a Fucking Charity," she's become a leading voice of women in technology. Jesse is also a Kauffman Fellow.

She proudly sits on the board of directors of Trust & Will, Preemadonna (creator of the Nailbot) and the non-profit board Bizworld and Project Glimmer. Jesse supports the Parkinson's Institute and is very involved with growing UCLA's female entrepreneurship community. She and her team also created the 'Halogen Fellowship in Venture Capital' to increase diversity and inclusion in the industry.

