

Sucheta Rawal is an award-winning food and travel writer, cooking instructor, philanthropist, and author of 'Beato Goes To' series of children's books. She has traveled to 70 countries (and counting) with a mission to raise awareness of global cultures through meaningful travel, culinary explorations, and community interaction.

Sucheta was born and brought up in India. As a kid, she accompanied her social worker grandmother to volunteer at schools and shelters and realized early on how important it was to serve one's community. Sucheta graduated from Georgia State University with a Masters in Finance and worked in investment banking, market research and human capital consulting, before realizing her true passion was learning and giving back. Her vacations to Russia and Morocco, where she volunteered at a boarding school and women's empowerment center, inspired her to get out of the cubicle, and uncover facts of life by encountering everyday people in different parts of the world. Since then, she transitioned from being a tourist to a meaningful traveler. Now she educates others how they can also forge friendships across nationalities, race, religions and customs.

In 2011, Sucheta founded Go Eat Give, a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit with a mission to raise awareness of different cultures through travel, food and community service. The Atlanta-based organization brings people from varied backgrounds together to enjoy authentic ethnic meals, travel meaningfully, and discuss important issues facing the world.

Sucheta started writing 'Beato Goes To' series to young readers about far off places and spotlight the diversity we have on this planet, so they grow up to be informed and accepting global citizens. Sucheta uses her own personal experiences from traveling around the world to showcase facts about food, music, nature, animals, religion and more. The stories were inspired by actual kids Sucheta met and the illustrations based on places she visited.

Sucheta also works as a freelance writer, contributing to CNN, Creative Loafing Atlanta, Cuisine Noir, The Huffington Post, Khabar, and CheapOAir. She shares her experiences and inspires people by speaking at travel shows, corporations, universities, schools, clubs and nonprofit organizations around the world.

Sucheta was named 'Georgia's 40 Under 40 - Best and the Brightest' by Georgia Trend Magazine (2016), 'One of the Five Most Influential Cultural Bloggers in the World' by the Foundation of Florence, Italy (2012). She was a finalist for the Atlanta Press Club (2012) Award of Excellence, and nominated for Caribbean Journalism Award (2015).