**How to Feel as   
Bright and Capable   
as Everyone Seems to**

**Think You Are**

***What Every Woman Needs   
to Know About Competence,   
the Impostor Syndrome,   
and the Art of Winging it***

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