

# Somaya Reece



Genie Castro, publicly known as Somaya Reece, is a Salvadoran-American model, actress, rapper, and television personality. Reece was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. Growing up in a household without much money, Reece dropped out of school at age 11 and became involved with local gangs. After a near death experience, she turned her life around, earned her GED at 17 and even went on to attend the University of California, Los Angeles, where she studied theatre arts.

In the early 2000s, Reece began her career in entertainment, earning small roles in *The Scorpion King*, *American Psycho*, and *Girlfriends* and *Entourage*. At the same time, she began her modeling career and appeared in high-profile campaigns for Ralph Lauren, DKNY and Pepsi. In 2009, the model was nominated as the "Internet Hottie" by Spike TV's Guys Choice Awards and was voted "Hottest Woman on the Web" by E!. Aside from Reece's

good looks, she's also a successful musician. Her career was instantly boosted when she became a viral sensation on the social networking site MySpace. Reece's success as an artist ultimately led to her being cast on VH1's reality TV show, *Love & Hip-Hop*.

Most recently, Reece was a cast member on E!'s reality TV show, *Famously Single* which focuses on the relationship problems of eight single celebrities. With the help of relationship expert, [Dr. Darcy Sterling](#), Reece examined her failed past relationships. After the show's filming ended, the star was able to find love. She is currently in a [celebrity relationship](#) with rapper Lady Luck.