## **Britney Spears**





Growing up with the world watching, this pop star has been through it all. Born on December 2, 1981 in Louisiana, Britney Spears was destined for fame. At just 11 years old, she earned a spot on the hit show *Star Search*. Later, she joined fellow stars Justin Timberlake, Christina Aguilera, Ryan Gosling, and Keri Russell on *The New Mickey Mouse Club* on the Disney Channel. After the show's cancellation, she decided to pursue a music career. In 1998, she released her first hit single "...Baby One More Time." Making a name for herself in the infamous skimpy schoolgirl outfit, her career skyrocketed. Spears shed more and more clothing with each new song and became more controversial with her lyrics. In 2003, she added actress to her ever-growing resume when she starred in the film *Crossroads*.

Her personal life has always been a hot topic in the media.

Beginning in 2000, Britney Spears dated former *The New Mickey Mouse Club* co-star and member of 'N Sync Timberlake. Can you say power <u>celebrity couple</u>? After a few years, the pair called it quits. Moving on quickly, Spears sparked some controversy at the 2003 MTV Video Music Awards when she shared a sexy kiss with Christina Aguilera and Madonna. A short celebrity marriage in 2004 to longtime friend Jason Alexander ended with an annulment only two days later. The singer then moved on with backup dancer Kevin Federline. Spears and Federline were married in 2004 and soon welcomed two sons: Sean Preston in September 2005 and Jayden James in September 2006. Taking a quick turn for the worse, the new parents split just two months after the birth of their second son.

After her celebrity divorce, her downward spiral began as the star was seen partying around town with socialite Paris Hilton. This new lifestyle landed her in rehab, and we all know what happened next. When Spears checked out of rehab, she was spotted in a beauty salon shaving her head. Given her troubling custody battle and questionable behaviors, many fans wondered if she'd find her way back to the spotlight. But did we really think she wouldn't make a comeback? Just two months after her public meltdown, the singer returned with a clear mind and a new album *Circus*. With her career on track again, she began dating her old manager, Jason Trawick, whom she later became engaged to. Unfortunately, the pair called it off in 2013, when the star began her judging gig on The X Factor. Recently, the global superstar has been linked to Charlie Ebersol. With her Las Vegas show Piece of Me, there's no doubt that Spears is back and better than ever.