

The Paris Hilton Meta narrative

Born in New York Hilton is the oldest of four children of Richard and Hilton. The value of Paris's inheritance has been estimated at between \$30 and \$50 million.

Hilton moved between exclusive homes in her youth, including a suite in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in Manhattan, and Beverly Hills. She began modeling as a child, Hilton has worked with top modeling agencies. The reality series *The Simple Life*, starring Hilton and Nicole Richie, became a mid-season success.

Hilton founded Heiress Records, a sub-label of Warner Bros. Records. She released her debut album, *Paris*, in 2006. Although the album reached



number six on the *Billboard* 200 for a week, its total sales volume has been low.

Hilton has helped design a collection of purses for Japanese label Samantha Thavasa, and has also been involved in the design of a jewelry line for Amazon.com In 2004; Hilton was involved in the creation of a perfume line by Parlux Fragrances. Hilton earned approximately \$13.5 million during 2003-2006.

In September 2006, Hilton was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. On January 15, 2007, Hilton was pulled over for driving with a suspended license. On February 27, 2007 Hilton was caught driving 70 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. She also did not have her headlights on even though it was after dark. On May 4, 2007 Hilton was sentenced to 45 days in jail for violating her probation

In a June 11, 2007 phone interview from jail, Hilton told Barbara Walters that while serving time in jail, God has given her a new chance, and that she will no longer "act dumb"

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