Children in the Spotlight

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Let’s talk about this

Who were some of your favorite childhood stars from any movies and shows from that you used to watch?
Do they look familiar?
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
Manipulated for financial gain
Unwanted pressure by ‘pushy-parents’

Pressures of fame
Lack of emotional support (friends, parents, management)

Length of time in the limelight, and if relevant, how it ends
Influence from environment and older stars

Drug and alcohol intake
Isolation from ‘normal’ childhood, society, life
Leave Blue Ivy’s hair alone.

Formation Lyrics
Beyoncé

“I like my baby heir with baby hair and afros
I like my negro nose with Jackson Five nostrils
Earned all this money but they never take the country out me”
Spotlight can burn children of the famous. Michael Ventre.

- Of course, there are countless progeny of famous stars who have managed to grow up without incident and lead productive and happy lives. And naturally, offspring of parents who are not famous and were not raised in a fishbowl certainly are prone to having issues.
- But there is a special challenge for a child of a star or stars in coping with the harsh glare of the spotlight while looking for his or her own niche.
- “I think when a parent who is identified as being special in some way, who has celebrityhood, that can be a standard of comparison for that child,” explained John Altman, a Los Angeles-based psychiatrist who has treated many children of famous parents. “The child may feel that he or she won’t be able to measure up to this hyperidealized version of the famous parent.
- “And some of these kids themselves are often given special attention not for who they are, but who their parents are. They can end up with a greater built-in sense of entitlement or importance that they haven’t established themselves.”
Celebrity Rehab is a reality television played on VH1 with Dr. Drew who is an addiction medicine specialist. Many of the episodes chronicle a group of well-known people as they are treated for alcohol and drug addiction. The show consisted of 5 seasons as celebrity patients and the 6th season as non-celebrity patients in which the show was shortened to “Rehab.” Season 6 he announced that was the final season, explaining that he was tired of the criticism of him after celebrities he treated had relapsed into addiction and died.
Child stars are affected.

Children of celebrities are affected.

Fans are affected.
Take aways

Can you think of a reason why many children in the spotlight end up turning to drugs and alcohol?

Can this affect celebrities’ fans? If so, how?

Is there a way to avoid drug and alcohol abuse for celebrity children to come?