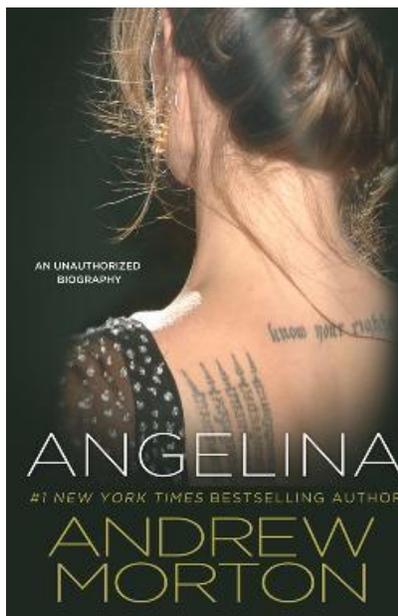


## Angelina Jolie biography

Andrew Morton's Angelina is an unauthorized look at Jolie

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Andrew Morton -- who has written unauthorized biographies of Tom Cruise, Madonna, and most famously Princess Diana -- has stuck his authorial nose into Angelina Jolie's business.

Details from Morton's forthcoming book Angelina: An Unauthorized Biography are leaking so swiftly that publisher St. Martin's Press has moved the book's sale date to July 31 from Aug. 3.

Morton climbs into Jolie's childhood which he purports to be a sad collection of events beginning with her father Jon Voight's affair with theater student Stacey Pickren which divided Jolie's home.

Jolie was cared for by babysitters and lived in an "Ivory Tower" in her father's 5<sup>th</sup> floor Beverly Hills apartment for the first year of her life, Morton writes, and was barely visited by her mother Marcheline Bertrand. "She separated herself from that child because she looked a lot like Jon," Morton writes.

But Morton notes how close Jolie and her mother became and concedes that bright spots from her childhood have stuck with the actress.

"Angie based her child-rearing methods on what she could remember -- or what she told herself -- about her mother's skills," Morton says. "Like Marcheline had when the children behaved themselves, she gave them sticker stars that they could later exchange for treats."

Jolie's wild-child behavior takes root, Morton asserts, in the long leash she was given at home.

At 14, Morton writes, Jolie lost her virginity to her first boyfriend Anton. "At her mother's suggestion," Anton moved in with the family and the author says her mother did that so she could keep an eye on them. "To make the young couple more comfortable, Marcheline gave up the master bedroom with its huge Chinese wedding bed and moved into a smaller bedroom," Morton writes.

In the following years, Morton says, Jolie experimented sexually and struggled with drug use and anorexia.

At the time of Jolie's first marriage to Jonny Lee Miller in 1996, Morton asserts Jolie was still involved with girlfriend Jenny Shimizu. "Within months of her marriage" Jolie began an affair with Timothy Hutton, her co-star in "Playing God". Later while shooting "George Wallace", Morton says, Jolie fell hard again. For co-star Gary Sinise.

## 'Angie went to pieces'

Jolie's tornado-like years climbing up the Hollywood food chain are well-documented including her courtship and marriage to Billy Bob Thornton, her public falling-out with Voight, and her desperation to be taken seriously.

Before marrying Thornton, "frantic new lover" Jolie endured his silence while he recorded an album in Nashville. "In her heightened state struggling to stay off heroin and wrestling her addiction to Billy Bob, Angie went to pieces," Morton writes. She flew to L.A. and her mother checked her into the Neuropsychiatric Institute at the UCLA Medical Center for 72 hours. Shortly after in 2000, Jolie and Thornton were married in Las Vegas.

Morton also writes of other men attracted to Jolie.

Mick Jagger pursued Jolie (then 22) for 2 years while he was 54 and married to then-pregnant Jerry Hall, Morton claims. After adopting son Maddox, Jolie told the press she began "adult" relationships with friends in London. "Her mystery lover was in fact Ralph Fiennes" who was at the time living with actress Francesca Annis, Morton writes.

Not every image Morton paints is negative. For Jolie's first U.N.-led trip to Sierra Leone while the country was amid civil war, Jolie "insisted on paying her own way and on being treated like everyone else," Morton writes.

Enter the Brad Pitt years. Morton asserts Jolie had circled Pitt who was then married to Jennifer Aniston for years. Pitt "was one of the triumvirate of men -- the other two were Johnny Depp and Willem Dafoe -- whom Angie had watched and wondered about from afar," he writes.

"The corn-fed boy was toast," Morton says of Pitt who cottoned to the actress who "came across as a strange exotic wanting to save the World's underclass and yet fill her life with children." As Pitt and Aniston disentangled, the Jolie-Pitt family forged. That family -- now with 3 adopted children and 3 biological children -- takes a hefty amount of help. (Morton calls Pitt "Mr. Mom" throughout the book.)

Though Jolie has never publicly detailed how her household works, Morton writes that in 2008 at Chateau Miraval (their rented 880-acre property on the Riviera), the house was filled with "nannies from Vietnam, the Congo, and the U.S.; 4 nurses, a doctor on permanent call; 2 personal assistants; a cook; a maid; 2 cleaners; a busboy; 4 bodyguards, and 6 French former army guards patrolling the grounds."

Pitt and Jolie's relationship, writes Morton, is "a competitive relationship, a constant vying for supremacy."

Nonetheless, Morton concludes that Jolie has at long last anchored herself. In a partnership, in her children, and in forgiveness of her father.