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# 'Britney's craving love – she deserves her happy ending'

Following the release of Britney Spears' sensational new memoir, her old pal, US celebrity expert Perez Hilton, reveals what's really going on with the star

**T**his week, the highly-anticipated bombshell memoir of one of the world's biggest stars, Britney Spears, is finally released.

The publication of her book, *The Woman In Me*, comes just ahead of the two-year anniversary of the end of the restrictive and allegedly cruel conservatorship – controlled by her father Jamie Spears – that she lived under for 13 years.

Her searingly honest book – in which she claims she was forced to live like a “child robot”, powerless to her conservators – comes amid a flurry of messages from fans who have expressed concern over Britney's mental wellbeing.

And now celeb blogger Perez Hilton – who has been reporting on Britney, 41, for almost two

decades – exclusively tells *Closer* that, while he believes she shouldn't be subject to another conservatorship, she's vulnerable and “lonely”.

“Britney's situation is concerning and there's no one she can turn to. That's sad and a lonely way to live,” Perez says.

## STAYING ALIVE

“In the past few years, Britney has been figuring out adulthood, freedom and boundaries – and it's not been smooth sailing. While she may be called erratic and while there's genuine cause for concern, if she doesn't pose a clear and present danger to others, or herself, we should let her have the freedom of choice to be and do what she wants.

“I think so many of us just want a happy ending for her. And honestly, a happy ending

is just staying alive.”

The star's conservatorship followed her 2007 breakdown, during which Britney – who had first been prescribed antidepressant Prozac when she was just 18 – shaved her head and attacked the paparazzi with an umbrella.

After a long campaign by Britney's ever-loyal fanbase, the #FreeBritney movement played a crucial role in highlighting the injustice they felt she had suffered.

Britney later confirmed this in her trial, when she chillingly revealed how her father's team had forced her to take birth control pills and made her continue to work on albums, tours and collaborations to the point of exhaustion, while

maintaining full control over her assets and finances.

And while one of Britney's first acts of defiance against her now-vilified father was to marry her partner of five-years, actor and model Sam Asghari, the couple split in August after just 14 months of marriage.

## CRAVING LOVE

At the time of their split, Sam, 29 – who's now seeking financial support from Britney – accused her of cheating on him with a member of their



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But Perez says publishers are likely to have pushed her to tell all, and that Britney needs to fund her extravagant lifestyle, which includes a 24-hour security team, private jet and her £6 million Californian mansion.

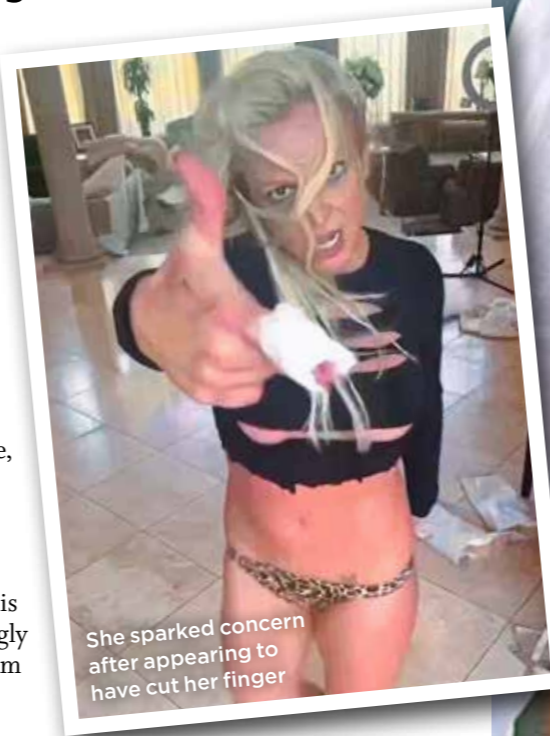
## RISKY BEHAVIOUR

He reveals, “I think she had a lot of pressure from her publisher to share secrets that we didn't know – I hear Britney needs the money.”

However, concerned fans have reached out to Britney to offer their support. The mother of two, who's estranged from the sons she shares with ex-husband Kevin Federline – Sean Preston, 18, and Jayden James, 17, as well as her family – has recently sparked fear among fans with her irrational behaviour, after she posted videos and pictures of herself naked or dancing with knives. She claimed these were fake, although after one such video, she appeared to have a cut on her finger.

Perez says fans need to give Britney space, adding, “Nobody wants to be encouraging Britney to dance around with knives. We should give her the space and grace to figure it out.”

By Charlotte Roberts



With her parents and brother back in 2006



Sean and Jayden no longer see their mum



Ex Kevin Federline is father to her sons