

TROUBLED actress Lindsay Lohan is surrounded by so-called friends who feed her addictions to drugs and alcohol – while her life crashes down around her.

That's the untold story behind the 21-year-old starlet's tragic downward spiral – and an exhaustive ENQUIRER investigation has uncovered the shadowy web of drug dealers, booze burnouts, money-grubbing hangers-on and hard-partying pals who are helping the "Mean Girls" star destroy herself.

"Three of Lindsay's friends are drug dealers, and some of her entourage is basically paid to do drugs with her," confided a Hollywood insider who's been close to Lindsay for years.

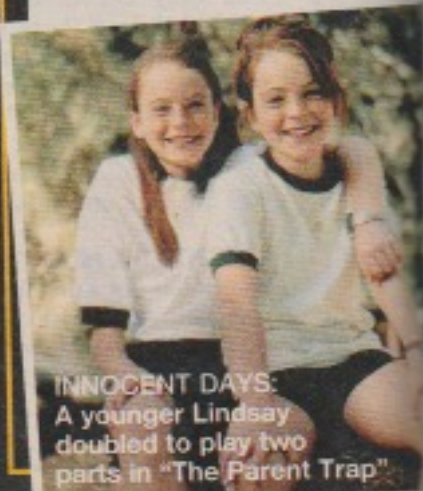
"And then there are other pals – a sad group of enablers, drug addicts and hangers-on."

Young, freckle-faced Lindsay shot to stardom in the wholesome family films "Freaky Friday" and "The Parent Trap." But she's been drinking and drugging since she was barely 18, the insider revealed.

Recently, she's allowed drugs to take control of her life – and she does not seem to understand pals who won't party with her.

"In the past year Lindsay has gone from one nightclub to another, getting drunker and higher as the night wears on," said the insider.

"Once at the L.A. club Hyde, she gulped vodka straight from the bottle to help her swallow a combination of pills, while snorting eight lines of cocaine.



INNOCENT DAYS:
A younger Lindsay doubled to play two parts in "The Parent Trap."