

Patricia Arquette was an out-of-control teen

The 'Medium' star got arrested, shaved her head, ran away from home and got pregnant in her teens

MEDIUM star Patricia Arquette lived in a world of her own as a kid — and it was a frightening place. The star was an out-of-control rebel, who got arrested, shaved her head, ran away from home at 14 — and became pregnant while still a teenager.

The 37-year-old mother of two openly admits to having been confusing, frustrating and infuriating to her family.

"During those troubled estrogen-explosion periods, I went from being an angel to a scathing, fire-breathing lunatic," she confesses.

"I was always a good Catholic girl who learned about being crazy. But after a while I realized that this was adolescence and indicated arrested development," she told an interviewer.

Patricia was born in April 1968 in Chicago, but while still a baby, her show-biz family moved to Virginia to live in a "bud" commune — a nonsectarian township that originated in Indonesia and fosters meditation.

Confusion reigned.

Both parents — who eventually split up — changed their names three times, and experimented with several religions. Even though Patricia's mom Mardi was Jewish, her dad Lewis converted to Islam, which the family practiced — along with Catholicism.

When she was 12, Patricia was arrested for shoplifting. Two years later, she shaved her head and ran away to live with her older sister Rosanna, who had moved to Hollywood to pursue acting.

For years Patricia was overshadowed by Rosanna, who starred in "Desperately Seeking Susan," and her brother David, who is married to Courteney Cox — but now the 5-foot-1 blonde is considered by some to be the most talented member of the Arquette acting dynasty. But her path to success was not without stumbling blocks.

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PATRICIA AND THOMAS JANE

and she credits her with teaching her to resolve.

"When my mom was pregnant with me, she went on a lot of civil rights marches. Martin Luther King saw her from his bus, and he made her get on and ride with him.

"Another time, she was waiting for a bus, and the driver refused to let a handicapped man get

on. So my mom lay down in the middle of the road.

"I hear my mother's voice in my head now and I talk to her. Right after she died, she told me to go shopping and buy a load of presents — that was the weirdest thing."

On her new hit TV show, Arquette plays a psychic — based on a real medium and criminal profiler.

But the pretty actress admits she hasn't discovered everything there is to know about herself. "I would love someone to shine a light on me and explain my mysteries."

— ROBIN MIZR



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TALENTED FAMILY: Until Patricia landed the role of a psychic in the hit show "Medium" (above) her acting talents were overshadowed by her siblings Rosanna and David (right).

FIVE ACTING GENERATIONS

At 19, Patricia became pregnant by musician Paul Rossi — and her son Enzo, 16, has now become the fifth generation of Arquettes in show business.

In 1995, Patricia married actor Nicolas Cage, but they separated the following year and divorced in 2001. Two years ago, she had a daughter Harlow with actor Thomas Jane. Her mom has always been her role model —