

“Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not.”

WHO HOW FACTS

Media personality, business tycoon, philanthropist, and author - Oprah Gail Winfrey has been through thick and thin. Her television talk show, The Oprah Winfrey Show, has caused her to gain recognition around the globe. She has established authority and credibility, not only as a broadcaster but also as a person. Her honesty and rapport with her viewers & guests have captured the hearts of people, and have continued to esteem her as an inspiration and an icon.

Oprah was brought up by her grandmother on a farm where she began her "broadcasting career" by learning to read aloud and perform recitations at the age of 3. From age 6 to 13, she lived with her mother. After suffering abuse and molestation, she was sent to Nashville to live under her father's strict discipline. Her real career began at 17, when she was hired by WVOL radio, and 2 years later she signed on with WTVF-TV as a reporter. In 1984, she went to Chicago to host WLS-TV's "AM Chicago" - a local talk show. In less than a year, she turned it into the hottest show in town and a year later it was renamed "The Oprah Winfrey Show".

Birth: January 29, 1954 in Mississippi, USA
Nickname: O, Lady O
Education: BA (Hons) in Speech Communications & Performing Arts from the US
 Honorary doctorate from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina
Milestones: First African-American woman to become a billionaire
 First woman to own & produce her own talk show
 One of the **100 Most Influential People** of 20th Century by Time Magazine
 Youngest & only the fifth woman to ever achieve the **Broadcaster of the Year Award** by International Radio and Television Society
 Received a **Lifetime Achievement Award** from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences
 Received the National Book Foundation's 50th anniversary **Gold Medal** for her service to books and authors
 Ranked #1 on VH1's list of the **200 Greatest Pop Culture Icons**
 The Oprah Winfrey Show became #1 talk show in national syndication in less than a year & received **3 Daytime Emmy Awards**
 Initiated a campaign to establish a national database of convicted child abusers, and testified on behalf of a National Child Protection Act. President Clinton signed the **Oprah Bill** into a law in 1993.
 In 2006, she donated **\$58.3 million** to several charities for a noble cause



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