

# HIDDEN TREASURES

## Hillary Swank

### Homeless

After her parents separated, Hillary and her mother moved to California, and lived homeless in their car for a period of time, while her mother saved enough money to rent an apartment.

### Breakthrough

Hillary's breakthrough came when she got a role in "Boys Don't Cry", and she has had a prosperous career since.

### Today

Hillary has won two Academy awards for "Best Actress". She was named by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in 2005.



### Life Lessons

Hillary Swank describes her experience in High School thusly, "I felt like such an outsider. I didn't feel like I fit in. I didn't belong in any way. I didn't even feel like the teachers wanted me there. I just felt like I wasn't seen or understood."

Hillary could have used that experience as a reason to retreat into her shell, but she used it as fuel to go into acting. She wanted to be like other people, and be accepted. So, she decided to go into acting, so that she could learn how other people thought and acted.

