

## Campbell's Condensed

Satisfy your hunger to stay up to date with pop culture trends and our secrets.

Grab your spoon and get the scoop on some of the hottest TV shows, movies before they boil over.

Dig in for all of that  
...and so much more!



## LINDSAY LOHAN GETS OWNED

Written by Rachel Campbell on 29 April 2014. Posted in [Campbell's Condensed](#)



Contact Rachel  
at  
[rcampb22@kent.edu](mailto:rcampb22@kent.edu)  
or follow  
[@rachelcmpbl](#)

**Actress Lindsay Lohan, center left, leaves the Los Angeles Airport Branch Superior Courthouse, Wednesday, January 30, 2013, with her mother Dina Lohan, center right, and new attorney Mark Heller at her side after a pretrial hearing where she faces charges of three misdemeanor counts involving a crash on Pacific Coast Highway. (Al Seib/Los Angeles Times/MCT).**

Lindsay Lohan has had her fair share of tabloid headlines fueled by the daily drama that is her life. Trying to summarize them all in this introductory paragraph is impossible as that is a whole other article in itself. But it doesn't matter because "Lindsay" is about the girl behind the

itself. But, it doesn't matter because "Lindsay" is about the girl behind the drama in her attempt to leave it all behind.

Oprah Winfrey is the guiding light behind the eight-part documentary series that was aired on the Oprah Winfrey Network, or OWN. The series begins with Lohan being interviewed by Winfrey in early August, four days after her 90-day, court-ordered rehab stay at Cliffside Malibu and ends with Lohan's reflection of the documentary over 30 weeks later.

Some of the biggest struggles Lohan appears to have post-rehab are finding an apartment, making it to places on time and avoiding the paparazzi. There is very little drama regarding her actual recovery or how friends drinking around her make it more difficult, which I'm sure many wish would be the case. The most references to her rehab facility came in the form of commercials peppered in throughout the series. Honestly, the most dramatic things to happen in front of the camera are her personal trainer A.J. Johnson questioning her sobriety and being shut out by Lohan as well as admitting the infamous leaked "sex list" was real.

The list had been the eighth step of Lohan's Betty Ford Center 12-step program and was amongst a stack of other things related to her recovery. Someone who was helping her move from a hotel spotted the list and jumped at the opportunity to share it with the world, an action Lohan deemed "unfortunate and disrespectful."

Outside of the confirmed "sex list" and drama between Johnson (and occasionally her personal assistant Matt Harrell), Lohan dropped a bombshell in the final minutes of the docuseries.

"When the camera is 'on,' I'm 'on,' and when I know I'm not capable of being 'on,' that's when I would say, 'I can't film today.'" Lohan says. "No one knows this, and we can finish after this. I had a miscarriage for those two weeks I took off. It's a very long story, but that's why on the show when it says 'she doesn't' want to come down,' I couldn't move. I was sick, and mentally that messes with you."

Lohan delivers the straightforward statement while staring into a camera held, or at least directed by, documentary director Amy Rice. Rice interjects with apologies and comments as she had throughout the series, something that partially took away from the "real" aspect of the series.

There was one group of scenes where Lohan refused to be filmed one day—presumably within the aforementioned two-week timeframe—where Rice then appeared on screen while on the phone with producers or others in an attempt to coax Lohan out. This seemed necessary to the story, but Rice's other constant voice-behind-the-lens approach seemed unnecessary and more of a failure in the editing room.

Outside of Rice's interjections and a sometimes slow-moving narrative, "Lindsay" was still an interesting watch. It allows viewers into her world (as much as she'll allow) and relays the story in correlation with tabloid headlines. Her ability to address the rumors (i.e. the sex list and her ordering Paris Hilton's brother Baron be beat up at Art Basel) and most times disprove them shows that those who may dislike Lohan for what they read certainly are not getting the whole story. Overall, the cameras showed she appears to be doing better and making progress in her career with the forthcoming psychological thriller "Inconceivable," which was announced at this year's Sundance Festival.