

= Brad Pitt =

William Bradley " Brad " Pitt (born December 18 , 1963) is an American actor and producer . He has received multiple awards and nominations including an Academy Award as producer under his own company Plan B Entertainment .

Pitt first gained recognition as a cowboy hitchhiker in the road movie *Thelma & Louise* (1991) . His first leading roles in big @-@ budget productions came with the dramas *A River Runs Through It* (1992) and *Legends of the Fall* (1994) , and *Interview with the Vampire* (1994) . He gave critically acclaimed performances in the crime thriller *Seven* and the science fiction film *12 Monkeys* (both 1995) , the latter earning him a Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actor and an Academy Award nomination . Pitt starred in the cult film *Fight Club* (1999) and the major international hit *Ocean 's Eleven* (2001) and its sequels , *Ocean 's Twelve* (2004) and *Ocean 's Thirteen* (2007) . His greatest commercial successes have been *Troy* (2004) , *Mr. & Mrs. Smith* (2005) , and *World War Z* (2013) . Pitt received his second and third Academy Award nominations for his leading performances in *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* (2008) and *Moneyball* (2011) . He produced *The Departed* (2006) and *12 Years a Slave* (2013) , both of which won the Academy Award for Best Picture , and also *The Tree of Life* , *Moneyball* , and *The Big Short* (2015) , all of which garnered Best Picture nominations .

Pitt has been cited as one of the most influential and powerful people in the American entertainment industry . Divorced from actress Jennifer Aniston , to whom he was married for five years , he has been married to actress Angelina Jolie since 2014 . They have six children together , three of whom were adopted internationally .

= = Early life = =

William Bradley Pitt was born in Shawnee , Oklahoma , to William Alvin Pitt , who ran a trucking company , and Jane Etta (née Hillhouse) , a school counsellor . The family soon moved to Springfield , Missouri , where he lived together with his younger siblings , Doug (born 1966) and Julie Neal (born 1969) . Born into a conservative household , he was raised as Southern Baptist , but has since stated that he does not " have a great relationship with religion " and that he " oscillate [s] between agnosticism and atheism . " Pitt has described Springfield as " Mark Twain country , Jesse James country " , having grown up with " a lot of hills , a lot of lakes " .

Pitt attended Kickapoo High School , where he was a member of the golf , swimming and tennis teams . He participated in the school 's Key and Forensics clubs , in school debates , and in musicals . Following his graduation from high school , Pitt enrolled in the University of Missouri in 1982 , majoring in journalism with a focus on advertising . As graduation approached , Pitt did not feel ready to settle down . He loved films ? " a portal into different worlds for me " ? and , since films were not made in Missouri , he decided to go to where they were made . Two weeks before earning his degree , Pitt left the university and moved to Los Angeles , where he took acting lessons and worked odd jobs .

= = Career = =

= = = 1987 ? 1993 : Early work = = =

While struggling to establish himself in Los Angeles , Pitt took lessons from acting coach Roy London . Pitt 's acting career began in 1987 , with uncredited parts in the films *No Way Out* , *No Man 's Land* and *Less Than Zero* . His television debut came in May 1987 with a two @-@ episode role on the NBC soap opera *Another World* . In November of the same year Pitt had a guest appearance on the ABC sitcom *Growing Pains* . He appeared in four episodes of the CBS primetime series *Dallas* between December 1987 and February 1988 as Randy , the boyfriend of Charlie Wade (played by Shalane McCall) . Later in 1988 , Pitt made a guest appearance on the Fox

police drama 21 Jump Street .

In the same year , the Yugoslavian ? U.S. co @-@ production The Dark Side of the Sun (1988) gave Pitt his first leading film role , as a young American taken by his family to the Adriatic to find a remedy for a skin condition . The film was shelved at the outbreak of the Croatian War of Independence , and was not released until 1997 . Pitt made two motion picture appearances in 1989 : the first in a supporting role in the comedy Happy Together ; the second a featured role in the horror film Cutting Class , the first of Pitt 's films to reach theaters . He made guest appearances on television series Head of the Class , Freddy 's Nightmares , Thirtysomething , and (for a second time) Growing Pains .

Pitt was cast as Billy Canton , a drug addict who takes advantage of a young runaway (played by Juliette Lewis) in the 1990 NBC television movie Too Young to Die ? , the story of an abused teenager sentenced to death for a murder . Ken Tucker , television reviewer for Entertainment Weekly wrote : " Pitt is a magnificent slimeball as her hoody boyfriend ; looking and sounding like a malevolent John Cougar Mellencamp , he 's really scary . " The same year , Pitt co @-@ starred in six episodes of the short @-@ lived Fox drama Glory Days and took a supporting role in the HBO television film The Image . His next appearance came in the 1991 film Across the Tracks ; Pitt portrayed Joe Maloney , a high school runner with a criminal brother , played by Rick Schroder .

After years of supporting roles in film and frequent television guest appearances , Pitt attracted wider recognition in his supporting role in Ridley Scott 's 1991 road film Thelma & Louise . He played J.D. , a small @-@ time criminal who befriends Thelma (Geena Davis) . His love scene with Davis has been cited as the event that defined Pitt as a sex symbol . After Thelma & Louise , Pitt starred in the 1991 film Johnny Suede , a low @-@ budget picture about an aspiring rock star , and the 1992 live @-@ action / animated fantasy film Cool World , although neither furthered his career , having poor reviews and box office performance .

Pitt took the role of Paul Maclean in the 1992 biographical film A River Runs Through It , directed by Robert Redford . His portrayal of the character was described by People 's Janet Mock as a career @-@ making performance , proving that Pitt could be more than a " cowboy @-@ hatted hunk . " He has admitted to feeling under pressure when making the film and thought it one of his " weakest performances ... It 's so weird that it ended up being the one that I got the most attention for . " Pitt believed that he benefited from working with such a talented cast and crew . He compared working with Redford to playing tennis with a superior player , saying " when you play with somebody better than you , your game gets better . "

In 1993 , Pitt reunited with Juliette Lewis for the road film Kalifornia . He played Early Grayce , a serial killer and the boyfriend of Lewis 's character in a performance described by Peter Travers of Rolling Stone as " outstanding , all boyish charm and then a snort that exudes pure menace . " Pitt also garnered attention for a brief appearance in the cult hit True Romance as a stoner named Floyd , providing much needed comic relief to the action film . He capped the year by winning a ShoWest Award for Male Star of Tomorrow .

= = = 1994 ? 98 : Critical success = = =

1994 marked a significant turning point in Pitt 's career . Starring as the vampire Louis de Pointe du Lac in the romantic horror film Interview with the Vampire , based on Anne Rice 's 1976 novel of the same name , he was part of an ensemble cast that included Tom Cruise , Kirsten Dunst , Christian Slater , and Antonio Banderas . Despite his winning two MTV Movie Awards at the 1995 ceremony , his performance was poorly received . According to the Dallas Observer , " Brad Pitt ... is a large part of the problem [in the film] . When directors play up his cocky , hunkish , folksy side ... he 's a joy to watch . But there 's nothing about him that suggests inner torment or even self @-@ awareness , which makes him a boring Louis . "

Following the release of Interview with the Vampire , Pitt starred in Legends of the Fall (1994) , based on a novel by the same name by Jim Harrison , set in the American West during the first four decades of the twentieth century . Portraying Tristan Ludlow , son of Colonel William Ludlow (Anthony Hopkins) a Cornish immigrant , Pitt received his first Golden Globe Award nomination , in

the Best Actor category . Aidan Quinn and Henry Thomas co -@-@ starred as Pitt 's brothers . Although the film 's reception was mixed , many film critics praised Pitt 's performance . Janet Maslin of The New York Times said , " Pitt 's diffident mix of acting and attitude works to such heartthrob perfection it 's a shame the film 's superficiality gets in his way . " The Deseret News predicted that Legends of the Fall would solidify Pitt 's reputation as a lead actor .

In 1995 , Pitt starred alongside Morgan Freeman and Gwyneth Paltrow in the crime thriller Seven , playing a detective on the trail of a serial killer . Pitt called it a great movie and declared the part would expand his acting horizons . He expressed his intent to move on from " this ' pretty boy ' thing ... and play someone with flaws . " His performance was critically well received , with Variety saying that it was screen acting at its best , further remarking on Pitt 's ability to turn in a " determined , energetic , creditable job " as the detective . Seven earned \$ 327 million at the international box office .

Following the success of Seven , Pitt took a supporting role as Jeffrey Goines in Terry Gilliam 's 1995 science @-@ fiction film 12 Monkeys . The movie received predominantly positive reviews , with Pitt praised in particular . Janet Maslin of the New York Times called Twelve Monkeys " fierce and disturbing " and remarked on Pitt 's " startlingly frenzied performance " , concluding that he " electrifies Jeffrey with a weird magnetism that becomes important later in the film . " He won a Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actor for the film and received his first Academy Award nomination for Best Supporting Actor .

The following year he had a role in the legal drama Sleepers (1996) , based on Lorenzo Carcaterra 's novel of the same name . The film received mixed reviews . In the 1997 film The Devil 's Own Pitt starred , opposite Harrison Ford , as the Irish Republican Army terrorist Rory Devany , a role for which he was required to learn an Irish accent . Critical opinion was divided on his accent ; " Pitt finds the right tone of moral ambiguity , but at times his Irish brogue is too convincing ? it 's hard to understand what he 's saying " , wrote the San Francisco Chronicle . The Charleston Gazette opined that it had favored Pitt 's accent over the movie . The Devil 's Own grossed \$ 140 million worldwide , but was a critical failure . Later that year he led as Austrian mountaineer Heinrich Harrer in the Jean @-@ Jacques Annaud film Seven Years in Tibet . Pitt trained for months for the role , which demanded significant mountain climbing and trekking practice , including rock climbing in California and the European Alps with his co @-@ star David Thewlis . The film received mostly negative reviews , and was generally considered a disappointment .

Pitt had the lead role in 1998 's fantasy romance film Meet Joe Black . He portrayed a personification of death inhabiting the body of a young man to learn what it is like to be human . The film received mixed reviews , and many were critical of Pitt 's performance . According to Mick LaSalle of the San Francisco Chronicle , Pitt was unable to " make an audience believe that he knows all the mysteries of death and eternity . " Roger Ebert stated " Pitt is a fine actor , but this performance is a miscalculation . "

= = = 1999 ? 2003 = = =

In 1999 , Pitt portrayed Tyler Durden in Fight Club , a film adaptation of Chuck Palahniuk 's novel of the same name , directed by David Fincher . Pitt prepared for the part with lessons in boxing , taekwondo , and grappling . To look the part , Pitt consented to the removal of pieces of his front teeth which were restored when filming ended . While promoting Fight Club , Pitt said that the film explored not taking one 's aggressions out on someone else but to " have an experience , take a punch more and see how you come out on the other end . " Fight Club premiered at the 1999 Venice International Film Festival . Despite divided critical opinion on the film as a whole , Pitt 's performance was widely praised . Paul Clinton of CNN noted the risky yet successful nature of the film , while Variety remarked upon Pitt 's ability to be " cool , charismatic and more dynamically physical , perhaps than ... his breakthrough role in Thelma and Louise " . In spite of a worse @-@ than @-@ expected box office performance , Fight Club became a cult classic after its DVD release in 2000 .

Following Fight Club , Pitt was cast as an Irish Gypsy boxer with a barely intelligible accent in Guy

Ritchie 's 2000 gangster film *Snatch* . Several reviewers were critical of *Snatch* ; however , most praised Pitt . Mick LaSalle of the *San Francisco Chronicle* said Pitt was " ideally cast as an Irishman whose accent is so thick even Brits can 't understand him " , going on to say that , before *Snatch* , Pitt had been " shackled by roles that called for brooding introspection , but recently he has found his calling in black comic outrageousness and flashy extroversion ; " while Amy Taubin of *The Village Voice* claimed that " Pitt gets maximum comic mileage out of a one @-@ joke role " .

The following year Pitt starred opposite Julia Roberts in the romantic comedy *The Mexican* , a film that garnered a range of reviews but enjoyed box office success . Pitt 's next role , in 2001 's \$ 143 million @-@ grossing Cold War thriller *Spy Game* , was as Tom Bishop , an operative of the CIA 's Special Activities Division , mentored by Robert Redford 's character . Mark Holcomb of *Salon.com* enjoyed the film , although he noted that neither Pitt nor Redford provided " much of an emotional connection for the audience " . On November 22 , 2001 , Pitt made a guest appearance in the eighth season of the television series *Friends* , playing a man with a grudge against Rachel Green , played by Jennifer Aniston , to whom Pitt was married at the time . For this performance he was nominated for an Emmy Award in the category of Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series . In December 2001 , Pitt had the role of Rusty Ryan in the heist film *Ocean 's Eleven* , a remake of the 1960 *Rat Pack* original . He joined an ensemble cast including George Clooney , Matt Damon , Andy García , and Julia Roberts . Well received by critics , *Ocean 's Eleven* was highly successful at the box office , earning \$ 450 million worldwide .

Pitt appeared in two episodes of MTV 's reality series *Jackass* in February 2002 , first running through the streets of Los Angeles with several cast members in gorilla suits , and participating in his own staged abduction in another episode . In the same year , Pitt had a cameo role in George Clooney 's directorial debut *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind* . He took on his first voice @-@ acting roles in 2003 , speaking as the titular character of the DreamWorks animated film *Sinbad : Legend of the Seven Seas* and playing Boomhauer 's brother , Patch , in an episode of the animated television series *King of the Hill* .

= = = 2004 ? present = = =

Pitt had two major film roles in 2004 , starring as Achilles in *Troy* , and making a second appearance as Rusty Ryan , in the sequel *Ocean 's Twelve* . He spent six months sword training before the filming of *Troy* , based on the *Iliad* . An on @-@ set injury to his Achilles tendon delayed production on the picture for several weeks . Stephen Hunter of *The Washington Times* stated that Pitt excelled at such a demanding role . *Troy* was the first film produced by Plan B Entertainment , a film production company he had founded two years earlier with Jennifer Aniston and Brad Grey , CEO of Paramount Pictures . *Ocean 's Twelve* earned \$ 362 million worldwide , and Pitt and Clooney 's dynamic was described by CNN 's Paul Clinton as " the best male chemistry since Paul Newman and Robert Redford . "

In 2005 , Pitt starred in the Doug Liman @-@ directed action comedy *Mr. & Mrs. Smith* , in which a bored married couple discover that each is an assassin sent to kill the other . The feature received reasonable reviews but was generally lauded for the chemistry between Pitt and Angelina Jolie , who played his character 's wife Jane Smith . The *Star Tribune* noted that " while the story feels haphazard , the movie gets by on gregarious charm , galloping energy and the stars ' thermonuclear screen chemistry . " *Mr. & Mrs. Smith* earned \$ 478 million worldwide , making it one of the biggest hits of 2005 .

For his next feature film , Pitt starred opposite Cate Blanchett in Alejandro González Iñárritu 's multi @-@ narrative drama *Babel* (2006) . Pitt 's performance was critically well @-@ received , and the *Seattle Post @-@ Intelligencer* said that he was credible and gave the film visibility . Pitt later said he regarded taking the part as one of the best decisions of his career . The film was screened at a special presentation at the 2006 Cannes Film Festival and was later featured at the 2006 Toronto International Film Festival . *Babel* received seven Academy and Golden Globe award nominations , winning the Best Drama Golden Globe , and earned Pitt a nomination for the Best Supporting Actor Golden Globe . That same year , Pitt 's company Plan B Entertainment produced *The Departed* ,

which won the Academy Award for Best Picture . Pitt was credited on @-@ screen as a producer ; however , only Graham King was ruled eligible for the Oscar win .

Reprising his role as Rusty Ryan in a third picture , Pitt starred in 2007 's Ocean 's Thirteen . While less lucrative than the first two films , this sequel earned \$ 311 million at the international box office . Pitt 's next film role was as American outlaw Jesse James in the 2007 Western drama The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford , adapted from Ron Hansen 's 1983 novel of the same name . Directed by Andrew Dominik and produced by Pitt 's company Plan B Entertainment , the film premiered at the 2007 Venice Film Festival , with Pitt playing a " scary and charismatic " role , according to Lewis Beale of Film Journal International , and earning Pitt the Volpi Cup award for Best Actor at the 64th Venice International Film Festival . He eventually collected the award one year later at the 2008 festival .

Pitt 's next appearance was in the 2008 black comedy Burn After Reading , his first collaboration with the Coen brothers . The film received a positive reception from critics , with The Guardian calling it " a tightly wound , slickly plotted spy comedy " , noting that Pitt 's performance was one of the funniest . He was later cast as Benjamin Button , the lead in David Fincher 's 2008 film The Curious Case of Benjamin Button , a loosely adapted version of a 1921 short story by F. Scott Fitzgerald . The story follows a man who is born an octogenarian and ages in reverse , with Pitt 's " sensitive " performance making Benjamin Button a " timeless masterpiece , " according to Michael Sragow of The Baltimore Sun . The performance earned Pitt his first Screen Actors Guild Award nomination , as well as a fourth Golden Globe and second Academy Award nomination , all in the category for Best Actor . The film received thirteen Academy Award nominations in total , and grossed \$ 329 million at the box office worldwide .

Pitt 's next leading role came in 2009 with the Quentin Tarantino @-@ directed war film Inglourious Basterds , which premiered at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival . Pitt played Lieutenant Aldo Raine , an American resistance fighter battling Nazis in German @-@ occupied France . The film was a box office hit , taking \$ 311 million worldwide , and garnered generally favorable reviews . The film received multiple awards and nominations , including eight Academy Award nominations and seven MTV Movie Award nominations , including Best Male Performance for Pitt . He next voiced the superhero character Metro Man in the 2010 animated feature Megamind .

Pitt appeared in Terrence Malick 's experimental drama The Tree of Life , co @-@ starring Sean Penn , which won the Palme d 'Or at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival . In a performance that attracted strong praise , he portrayed the Oakland Athletics general manager Billy Beane in the drama Moneyball , which is based on the 2003 book of the same name written by Michael Lewis . Moneyball received six Academy Award nominations including Best Actor for Pitt .

His next role was as mob hitman Jackie Cogan in Andrew Dominik 's 2012 Killing Them Softly , based on the novel Cogan 's Trade by George V. Higgins . In 2013 , Pitt starred in World War Z , a thriller about a zombie apocalypse , based on Max Brooks ' novel of the same name . Pitt also produced the film . World War Z grossed \$ 540 million at the box office worldwide , becoming Pitt 's highest grossing picture . Next in 2013 , he produced , and played a small role in , 12 Years a Slave , a historical drama based on the autobiography of Solomon Northup . The film received critical acclaim and was nominated for nine Academy Awards , winning three , including Best Picture . Also in 2013 , Pitt had a supporting role in Ridley Scott 's The Counselor .

Plan B productions landed its first television series on the 2013 ? 2014 schedule , as their joint venture with ABC Studios , the sci @-@ fi / fantasy drama Resurrection , was picked up by ABC .

Pitt starred in Fury , a World War II film directed and written by David Ayer , and co @-@ starring Shia LaBeouf , Logan Lerman , Jon Bernthal and Michael Pena . The film was released on October 17 , 2014 . By the end of its run , Fury proved to be a commercial and critical success ; it grossed more than \$ 211 million worldwide and received highly positive reviews from critics .

In 2015 , Pitt starred opposite his wife , Jolie , in her third directorial effort , By the Sea , a romantic drama about a marriage in crisis , based on her screenplay . The film was their first collaboration since 2005 's Mr. & Mrs. Smith . Pitt 's next role came with the biographical comedy @-@ drama The Big Short , which he also produced . The film was a commercial and critical success . It went on to gross over 102 million worldwide and received positive reviews from critics . The film was

nominated for five Academy Awards , including Best Picture , earning Pitt his third Academy Award nomination as producer . In 2016 , Pitt will star in the Netflix satirical comedy War Machine .

= = Humanitarian and political causes = =

Pitt visited the University of Missouri campus in October 2004 to encourage students to vote in the 2004 U.S. presidential election , in which he supported John Kerry . Later in October he publicly supported the principle of public funding for embryonic stem @-@ cell research . " We have to make sure that we open up these avenues so that our best and our brightest can go find these cures that they believe they will find , " he said . In support of this he endorsed Proposition 71 , a California ballot initiative intended to provide state government funding for stem @-@ cell research .

Pitt supports the ONE Campaign , an organization aimed at combating AIDS and poverty in the developing world . He narrated the 2005 PBS public television series Rx for Survival : A Global Health Challenge , which discusses current global health issues . The following year Pitt and Jolie flew to Haiti , where they visited a school supported by Yéle Haïti , a charity founded by Haitian @-@ born hip hop musician Wyclef Jean . In May 2007 , Pitt and Jolie donated \$ 1 million to three organizations in Chad and Sudan dedicated to those affected by the crisis in the Darfur region . Along with Clooney , Damon , Don Cheadle , David Pressman , and Jerry Weintraub , Pitt is one of the founders of Not On Our Watch , an organization that focuses global attention on stopping " mass atrocities " .

Pitt has a sustained interest in architecture , even taking time away from film to study computer @-@ aided design at the Los Angeles offices of renowned architect Frank Gehry . He narrated Design e2 , a PBS television series focused on worldwide efforts to build environmentally friendly structures through sustainable architecture and design . He founded the Make It Right Foundation in 2006 , organizing housing professionals in New Orleans to finance and construct 150 sustainable , affordable new houses in New Orleans 's Ninth Ward following the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina . The project involves 13 architectural firms and the environmental organization Global Green USA , with several of the firms donating their services . Pitt and philanthropist Steve Bing have each committed \$ 5 million in donations . The first six homes were completed in October 2008 , and in September 2009 Pitt received an award in recognition of the project from the U.S. Green Building Council , a non @-@ profit trade organization that promotes sustainability in how buildings are designed , built and operated . Pitt met with U.S. President Barack Obama and Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi in March 2009 to promote his concept of green housing as a national model and to discuss federal funding possibilities .

In September 2006 , Pitt and Jolie established a charitable organization , the Jolie @-@ Pitt Foundation , to aid humanitarian causes around the world . The foundation made initial donations of \$ 1 million each to Global Action for Children and Doctors Without Borders , followed by an October 2006 donation of \$ 100 @,@ 000 to the Daniel Pearl Foundation , an organization created in memory of the late American journalist Daniel Pearl . According to federal filings , Pitt and Jolie invested \$ 8 @.@ 5 million into the foundation in 2006 ; it gave away \$ 2 @.@ 4 million in 2006 and \$ 3 @.@ 4 million in 2007 . In June 2009 the Jolie @-@ Pitt Foundation donated \$ 1 million to a U.N. refugee agency to help Pakistanis displaced by fighting between troops and Taliban militants . In January 2010 the foundation donated \$ 1 million to Doctors Without Borders for emergency medical assistance to help victims of the Haiti earthquake .

Pitt is a supporter of same @-@ sex marriage . In an October 2006 interview with Esquire , Pitt said that he would marry Jolie when everyone in America is legally able to marry . In September 2008 , he donated \$ 100 @,@ 000 to the campaign against California 's 2008 ballot proposition Proposition 8 , an initiative to overturn the state Supreme Court decision that had legalized same @-@ sex marriage . In March 2012 , Pitt was featured in a performance of Dustin Lance Black 's play , ' 8 ' ? a staged reenactment of the federal trial that overturned California 's Prop 8 ban on same @-@ sex marriage ? as Judge Vaughn Walker .

In September 2012 , Pitt reaffirmed his support of President Obama , saying , " I am an Obama supporter and I 'm backing his US election campaign . "

= = Personal life = =

= = = Relationships = = =

In the late 1980s and early 1990s , Pitt was involved in successive relationships with several of his co @-@ stars , including Robin Givens (Head of the Class) , Jill Schoelen (Cutting Class) , and Juliette Lewis (Too Young to Die ? and Kalifornia) . In addition , Pitt had a much @-@ publicized romance and engagement to his Seven co @-@ star Gwyneth Paltrow , whom he dated from 1994 to 1997 .

Pitt met Friends actress Jennifer Aniston in 1998 and married her in a private wedding ceremony in Malibu on July 29 , 2000 . For years their marriage was considered a rare Hollywood success ; however , in January 2005 , Pitt and Aniston announced they had decided to separate . Two months later , Aniston filed for divorce , citing irreconcilable differences . Pitt and Aniston 's divorce was finalized by the Los Angeles Superior Court on October 2 , 2005 . Despite media reports that Pitt and Aniston had an acrimonious relationship , Pitt said in a February 2009 interview that he and Aniston " check in with each other " , adding that they were both big parts of each other 's lives .

During Pitt 's divorce proceedings , his involvement with his Mr. & Mrs. Smith co @-@ star Angelina Jolie attracted media attention . While Pitt stated that there was no infidelity , he also stated that he " fell in love " with Jolie on the set . In April 2005 , one month after Aniston filed for divorce , a set of paparazzi photographs emerged showing Pitt , Jolie and her son Maddox at a beach in Kenya ; the press interpreted the pictures as evidence of a relationship between Pitt and Jolie . During 2005 , the two were seen together with increasing frequency , and the entertainment media dubbed the couple " Brangelina " . On January 11 , 2006 , Jolie confirmed to People that she was pregnant with Pitt 's child , thereby publicly acknowledging their relationship for the first time . Pitt and Jolie announced their engagement in April 2012 after seven years together . They were married on August 23 , 2014 , in a private ceremony in Château Miraval , France .

= = = Children = = =

In July 2005 , Pitt accompanied Jolie to Addis Ababa , Ethiopia , where she adopted her second child , Zahara Marley . On December 3 , 2005 , Pitt was in the process of becoming the adoptive father of both children ; on January 19 , 2006 , a California judge granted Jolie 's request to change the children 's surnames from " Jolie " to " Jolie @-@ Pitt " . The adoptions were finalized soon after .

Jolie gave birth to daughter Shiloh Nouvel in Swakopmund , Namibia , on May 27 , 2006 . Pitt confirmed that their newborn daughter would have a Namibian passport . The couple sold the first pictures of Shiloh through the distributor Getty Images ; the North American rights were purchased by People for over \$ 4 @.@ 1 million , while Hello ! obtained the British rights for approximately \$ 3 @.@ 5 million . The proceeds from the sale were donated to charities serving African children . Madame Tussauds in New York unveiled a wax figure of two @-@ month @-@ old Shiloh ; it marked the first time an infant was recreated in wax by Madame Tussauds .

On March 15 , 2007 , Jolie adopted three @-@ year @-@ old Pax Thien from an orphanage in Ho Chi Minh City , Vietnam . Pitt adopted Pax in the United States on February 21 , 2008 .

At the Cannes Film Festival in May 2008 , Jolie confirmed that she was expecting twins . She gave birth to son Knox Léon and daughter Vivienne Marcheline on July 12 , 2008 in Nice , France . The rights for the first images of Knox and Vivienne were jointly sold to People and Hello ! for \$ 14 million ? the most expensive celebrity pictures ever taken . The couple donated the proceeds to the Jolie @-@ Pitt Foundation .

= = In the media = =

Pitt 's perceived sex appeal has been picked up by many sources , including Empire , who named him one of the 25 sexiest stars in film history in 1995 . The same year , Pitt won People 's Sexiest Man Alive , an accolade he won again in 2000 . Pitt appeared on Forbes 's annual Celebrity 100 list of the 100 most powerful celebrities in 2006 , 2007 , and 2008 , at No. 20 , No. 5 , and No. 10 respectively . In 2007 , he was listed among the Time 100 , a compilation of the 100 most influential people in the world , as selected annually by TIME . The magazine credited Pitt with using " his star power to get people to look [to where] cameras don 't usually catch " . Pitt was again included in the Time 100 in 2009 , this time in the Builders and Titans list .

Starting in 2005 , Pitt 's relationship with Angelina Jolie became one of the most reported celebrity stories worldwide . After confirming that Jolie was pregnant in early 2006 , the significant media hype surrounding the couple reached what Reuters , in a story titled " The Brangelina fever , " called " the point of insanity " . To avoid media attention , the couple flew to Namibia for the birth of their daughter Shiloh , which was described by the media as " the most anticipated baby since Jesus Christ . " Similarly , intense media interest greeted the announcement two years later of Jolie 's second pregnancy ; for the two weeks Jolie spent in a seaside hospital in Nice , reporters and photographers camped outside on the promenade to report on the birth .

In a 2006 global industry survey by ACNielsen in 42 international markets , Pitt , together with Jolie , was found to be the favorite celebrity endorser for brands and products worldwide . Pitt has appeared in several television commercials . For the U.S. market , he starred in a Heineken commercial aired during the 2005 Super Bowl ; it was directed by David Fincher , who had directed Pitt in Seven , Fight Club , and The Curious Case of Benjamin Button . Other commercial appearances came in television spots including Acura Integra , in which he was featured opposite Russian model Tatiana Sorokko , as well as SoftBank , and Edwin Jeans . On June 2 , 2015 , the minor planet 29132 Bradpitt was named in his honor .

= = Awards and nominations = =

= = Filmography (selected) = =