



the norm." And, while she started out to write lofty theories on coping with freshman life, her editor turned the book into a "Dick and Jane" commentary peppered with such phrases as, "I like school," and, "School makes me happy." It wasn't exactly what Brooke had in mind.

Although Brooke has always tried to maintain her privacy and keep her private relationships out of the public eye, it hasn't always worked. When she developed a friendship with pop star Michael Jackson, the two became fodder for countless trashy tabloid headlines; and Brooke was hounded by paparazzi during her 1999 divorce from professional tennis player Andre Agassi. Now, her TV series, "Suddenly Susan," is approaching the end of its final season. Yet Brooke has managed to keep the external intrusions and the challenges in perspective, and she just keeps moving forward. One gets the sense that no matter how much she has already accomplished, Brooke is just getting started. Here, she speaks for herself:

What do your friends respect most about you?

I've been told that no matter what I achieve, I make time for my friendships and I don't act like my own time or goals are more important than theirs.

Do you do anything that makes your friends nuts?

I'm in constant motion. I don't know how to stop. I simply take everything on and I don't know yet how to have peace in my own heart. Sometimes [my friends] will "kidnap" me and make me do things like watch really bad TV and eat ice cream for hours.

What are the most important characteristics in the friendships you made during college?

Simplicity and loyalty. I need to know that people can accept me without placing me outside their daily circle. I need to know that I can really be myself and be accepted. Pressures at Princeton were very high and you needed the support of your friends. In college, you gain weight, your skin breaks out, the academics present a high level of anxiety – you need a place to feel safe, and that is with your friends. I still am very close to many of the women friends that I made there. I share an apartment in New York with one of them. I haven't stayed as close to some of my male friends, unfortunately. In several cases, they married women who were not comfortable with their husbands being friends with "Brooke Shields." It is sad.

Is it hard for you to have male friends?

Not for me. Last year I lost a very dear friend.

Brooke Shields Filmography

1999	The Bachelor
1999	The Weekend
1999	"The Almost Perfect Bank Robbery" (TV)
1999	After Sex
1999	Black and White
1998	The Misadventures of Margaret
1998	"AFI's 100 Years ... 100 Movies" (TV)
1997	Scratch the Surface
1996	"Suddenly Susan" (TV Series)
1996	Freeway
1995	"Nothing Lasts Forever" (TV mini-series)
1994	The Seventh Floor
1993	"I Can Make You Love Me" (TV)
1993	Freaked
1992	Un Amore Americano
1992	Running Wild
1990	Backstreet Dreams
1989	Brenda Starr
1989	Speed Zone!
1988	"The Diamond Trap" (TV)
1984	The Muppets Take Manhattan
1984	"Wet Gold" (TV)
1983	Sahara
1981	Endless Love
1980	The Blue Lagoon
1979	Just You and Me, Kid
1979	Wanda Nevada
1978	King of the Gypsies
1978	Pretty Baby
1978	Tilt
1977	"The Prince of Central Park" (TV)
1977	Holy Terror
1977	Alice, Sweet Alice

Upcoming Projects

Black and White

Brooke plays a documentary filmmaker chronicling the lives of Upper East Side white kids infiltrating the hip-hop scene. Brooke co-stars with Robert Downey Jr. and Ben Stiller. Release date: April 5, 2000

The Weekend

Recently screened at the Hampton's Film Festival, Brooke co-stars with Gena Rowlands and Deborah Kara Unger. Awaiting release date.

"The Misadventures of Margaret"

Screened at the 1998 Sundance Film Festival, Brooke co-stars with Parker Posey, Jeremy Northam, and Elizabeth McGovern. Awaiting release date.