



EXCLUSIVE: MUM TELLS ALL

Toxic men destroying my Katie

● **MODEL'S EXES 'JUST USED HER'**
 ● **ABUSE 'LEFT HER SUICIDAL'**



By SHARON HENDRY
KATIE Price's mum has broken her silence on her daughter's chaotic life, confessing: "She's lucky to be alive."
 In a tell-all interview with The Sun, Amy Price reveals several suicide attempts by her abused daughter.
 She also says Katie has been the victim of "utterly toxic" relationships with men which she believes damaged
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Flipped... Katie's BMW in what Amy fears was suicide bid

I came close to sectioning Katie after she crashed

By SHARON HENDRY

KATIE Price's mum has told how she was close to sectioning her daughter amid fears the reality star wanted to kill herself.

Amy Price told of her agony as troubled Katie hit "rock bottom", flipping her BMW after drinking alcohol in what she now believes was a suicide attempt.

She told The Sun: "It was the sort of moment no parent ever imagines having to deal with. Shocking – so, so hard."

The 70-year-old spoke out as she launched a sensational new memoir – serialised in The Sun.

Fighting back tears last night, Amy told how she was left fearing the worst after Katie's car crash in September 2021.

She said: "I'd feared it would reach that point one day. After all the years of failed relationships, betrayals by friends, duplicitous managers, and the painful loneliness she had experienced all her life. It had all come to a head.

"We seriously thought about sectioning Kate under the Mental Health Act, but I just couldn't do that to my own daughter."

Meanwhile, Amy's pain was compounded as she was waging her own desperate health battle after developing a fatal lung condition.

Amy, who calls her daughter Kate, said she was left "reeling" when the model phoned to say she had crashed her car.

She recalled: "Kate began by apologising and then said, 'I don't want to be here. How am I still alive, Mum? I just don't want to be here.' Thankfully, a decent man had stopped his car to help her and I could hear him in the background telling her, 'You've got five kids. You've got everything to live for'. But I knew Kate – who was caught up in yet another toxic relationship – thought otherwise.

"We knew she had suffered from depression for a long time, but to reach this depth was so, so sad.

"Me, her stepdad Paul, brother Dan and sister Sophie had a conversation about attempting to have her sectioned to get her the help she so desperately needed but I just couldn't go through with it."

Instead Katie's stepdad took the 45-year-old from the police station to The Priory, where Amy says she later attempted to take her life a second time by slashing her wrists.

Amy, who had Katie with first husband Ray Infield in 1978, said: "I think I was at my lowest ebb that day."

Three-times-married Katie spent a month in The Priory and was

later handed a 16-week jail sentence, suspended for a year, for drink-driving while disqualified.

She is now having therapy and is being assessed for ADHD while Amy says she is just "someone who wants to be loved and happy".

Amy's book, *The Last Word*, reveals other "deeply worrying suicide attempts" – the first of which was following her split from pop star Dane Bowers.

It also documents Amy's own fight to stay alive. Once a champion swimmer, she was stunned to be diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in 2017. The rare and fatal condition causes scarring

of the lungs which triggers breathing difficulties. Over five harrowing years, Amy was left gasping for air as she drifted slowly towards death.

Writing her book kept her focussed on trying to stay alive.

She said: "When you know you are dying you think, 'What have I done with my life?'"

"I wanted to reflect on it all and make sure my grandchildren knew who I really was not just an old lady dying in a chair. I wanted them to know what shaped them and their mum, including characters like Kate's gran who worked as a topless mermaid during the war. If I could get it all down on

paper I knew I could die happy." Amy then received an extraordinary phone call from the transplant team at Harefield Hospital, letting her know that a donated lung had become available.

After a dramatic dash to the world-renowned hospital in North West London, which involved a clash with Just Stop Oil protesters, she underwent an eight-hour operation which saved her life.

Amy said: "I'm only able to talk about my book today because of the incredible doctors at Harefield and a selfless donor family who generously chose to give me life in their saddest hour. I'm not out of

the woods yet but I was so lucky to be considered a match and have already lived months longer than I would otherwise. I am lucky to be alive and so is Kate."

Amy says her feisty daughter was born with a hole in her heart.

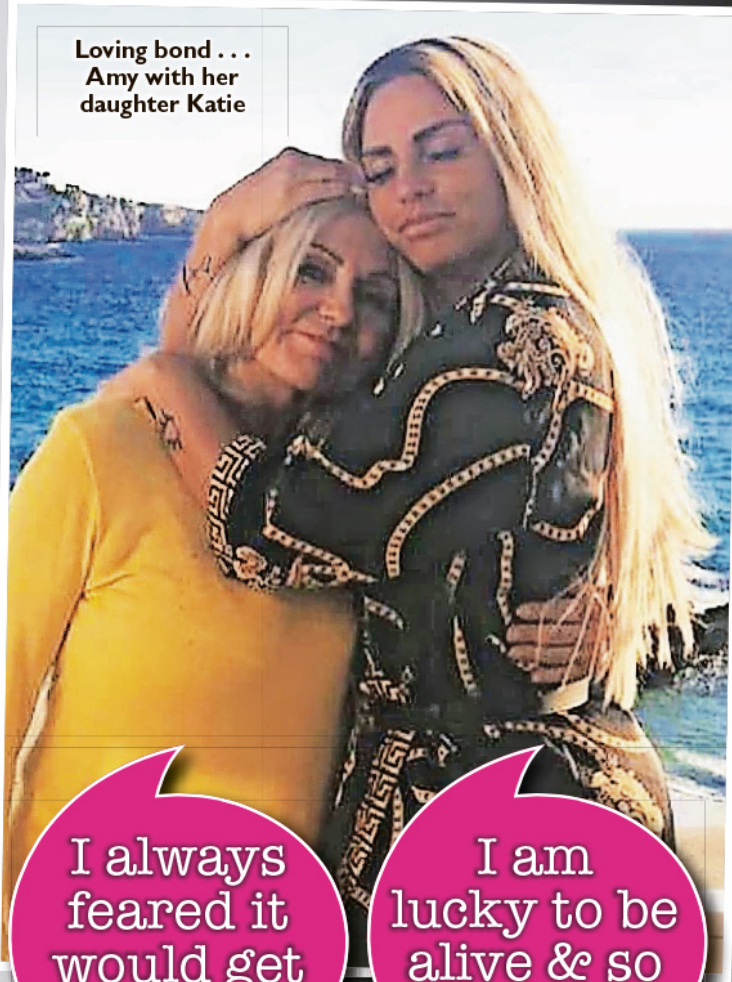
She said: "Eventually the hole healed over. But over the years I've seen her heart broken time and time again. I don't think it's ever really mended."

Amy believes much of Katie's mental health issues were seeded by two traumatic childhood events – and worsened by three disastrous marriages. Katie was just seven

MUM TELLS OF BATTLE



Loving bond . . . Amy with her daughter Katie



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Troubled . . . Amy says Katie just wants to be loved



Former flames . . . Katie pictured with pop stars Dane, above left, and Peter, above right. Below, from left, Alex, Kieran and Carl



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her TV star daughter's mental health. Gran Amy, 70, blasts Katie exes including Peter Andre and Alex Reid for using her daughter's fame to advance their careers.

And she believes a sexual assault Katie suffered aged seven sowed some of the seeds of her destructive life.

Launching no-holds-barred book *The Last Word*, serialised in *The Sun*, Amy said: "This is no sob story. I'm not here to defend Kate's actions. No one can defend those. It takes two to tango in every relationship."

"But part of my life's work as her mum has been to understand and support her."

"Writing the book has brought us even closer and I hope it will help people understand her family better."

She said of the men in Katie's life: "Kate has allowed herself to be controlled by husbands, boyfriends and managers – always for their own benefit."

"Of course, they would argue they were trying to get the best out of her, to make money for her, but in reality, it also lined their pockets."

"I think Kate sees herself as a modern-day Elizabeth Taylor but I just see her as someone who wants to be loved and happy."

Amy's own health battles have seen her need an emergency lung transplant.

She added: "I am lucky to be alive and so is Kate."

"We have both come close to death – me through my illness and Kate due to her complex and ongoing battles with mental health."



Proceeds from Amy's book will be passed to a series of charities

when she was molested by a paedophile. He lured her and a friend into scrubland during a picnic and assaulted Katie before forcing her pal to perform a sex act on him.

Amy said the day went from "being idyllic to nightmarish" when cops were called and the pervert got away. She said: "After this I noticed Kate becoming more body-conscious. I think it set up difficulties in relating to men. She needed proper therapy but it just wasn't available back then, especially not for working-class people like us."

"In fact, I never heard her speak about it again until she was interviewed by Piers Morgan years later

in 2009. He asked her about it and she broke down in floods of tears."

When she was 13, Katie had a row with a photographer after she refused to pose in just a T-shirt.

He was later jailed for drugging vulnerable would-be models. Amy says it left Katie scarred.

Her fast-emerging insecurities led to tumultuous teen years and, ultimately, her super-confident alter-ego Jordan. Amy said: "I would watch my vulnerable, ordinary daughter Kate take off her comfy tracksuit and slippers and put on thick make-up and outrageous outfits, ready to go out into the world as Jordan. She'd simply say, 'I'm

off to work now Mum' and the next day I would see photographs of her falling out of clubs drunk and playing up to the cameras

"It was like an actress going on stage and I think she began to lose sight of who she really was."

As Katie's public profile increased, so too did the intensity of her relationships, many of which Amy describes as "utterly toxic".

She said: "While thinking and writing about them, patterns began to emerge and I realised that so many of Kate's husbands had similar character traits. For example, I think it's fair to say from my point of view that Dane Bowers and

Peter Andre were men who liked to be in control and prioritised furthering their own careers. In my view, they used their relations with Kate for their own gains and quit while they were ahead."

"Alex Reid and Kieran Hayler were complex exhibitionists who came along when Kate was at her lowest ebb and her most recent suitor is of a similar ilk."

"I always remember Alex referring to himself as Mrs Katie Price and that says it all. Kieran and Carl [Woods, ex-fiancé] are also men who crave fame and have used Kate as a springboard for their social media feeds. Of course

it takes two to tango in every relationship and I'm not for a moment suggesting things are plain sailing with my daughter. My book explores this further and tells the story of what it's been like for an ordinary, working-class mum like me to watch it all play out from the sidelines. And I don't lie!"

● **AMY** is donating all royalties and proceeds from *The Last Word* to charity Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis, The Royal Brompton and Harefield hospitals, plus St Barnabas House Hospice, Worthing. *The Last Word* (HQ, HarperCollins) will be published on July 6 in hardback, eBook and audiobook.