STAR SURGERY

Why does Ashlee



NOW Ash could pass for Jess!

"She's turning into more of a sex symbol," says Dr. Youn. Dr. Li agrees: "She looks like a young woman now as opposed to a little girl. She finally grew into her face." Perhaps with some help!

The plastic surgeons consulted for this story submitted their expert opinions after reviewing the featured pictures. The doctors have not personally treated the star.

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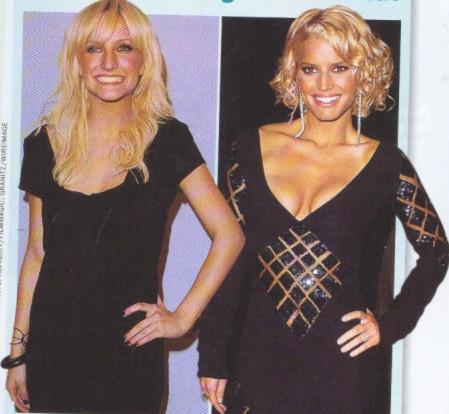


She sings "I Am Me" but looks like a different person. What's behind her tweaks?

was a weird-looking little kid for a while," Ashlee Simpson, 21, admits in the March issue of *Elle* magazine. She's certainly solved that problem! Dr. Anthony Youn, a Michigan-based plastic surgeon, says, "Ashlee was the ugly ducking, and now she's coming into her own."

So what might that transformation have entailed? Ashlee's rep denies that she's had any surgery, but Dr. Youn believes otherwise. "Her brows have a nicer arch," says Dr. Youn, who thinks Ash improved their placement with Botox in the forehead and brow (around \$500 each) and had a subtle rhinoplasty (around \$7,000) to thin the bridge and tip of her nose. An insider confirms that Ash plumped her lips — and Beverly Hills plastic surgeon Dr. Linda Li agrees, noting that Restylane (at \$500 a pop) is the likely suspect.

Is Ashlee turning into Jessica?



Seeing double? Ash seems to be morphing into big sis Jessica Simpson! New Jersey-based psychologist Dr. Patricia Farrell says copycatting is natural: "It's a way of looking up to Jessica and wanting to be as successful." But, she adds, Ash should beware: "Eventually she has to discover her own uniqueness."