

## Hill Harper Bio



Hill Harper is an award-winning actor, bestselling author, and philanthropist. Mr. Harper starred on the CBS TV drama *CSI: NY* from 2004 to 2013. As of March 2013, he joined the USA Network spy drama *Covert Affairs*. Mr. Harper is the author of four New York Times bestsellers and he has earned seven NAACP Image Awards for his writing and acting. Mr. Harper is founder of the Manifest Your Destiny Foundation, dedicated to empowering underserved youth through mentorship, scholarship, and grant programs. Mr. Harper graduated magna cum laude as valedictorian of his department with a bachelor's degree from Brown University and cum laude with a Juris Doctorate degree from Harvard Law School. He also holds a master's degree with honors from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and has Honorary Doctoral Degrees from Winston-Salem State University, Cheyney University, Westfield State College, Tougaloo College, Dillard University and Howard University. Mr. Harper travels frequently as a motivational speaker, addressing a wide range of audiences, including youth, adults, couples, and business leaders.

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*I have a foundation, the Manifest Your Destiny Foundation. The idea is we want you to create your best life, your destiny. The only way I could do that was to work with the whole family. Every time I would talk to a family on how to achieve your goals someone would say, "I wanted to go to this school, but don't have the money. I wanted to start a business, but don't have the money." Money was the No. 1 scapegoat people used as to why they can't create the life they want.*