

PEEPING TOM

TRUE CRIMINAL



Handsome, charming and monstrous, the notorious serial killer Ted Bundy, even after 30 years of his execution, seem to haunt yet fascinate many crime thriller fans for the grotesque crimes he had committed. The new release, *Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile* starring Zac Efron as Ted Bundy, tries to portray the criminal through the eyes of his girlfriend, Elizabeth Kloepfer. The story received several backlashes for its plotline where the serial killer's gruesome handiwork was allegedly curtailed under his enchanting personality. The film depicts the timeline of how Ted Bundy's girlfriend slowly realises his true identity and deals with it. The director's intention here, it seems, was not to showcase his abhorrent, monstrous acts of crime on screen; rather it was to portray the murderer through the eyes of the person who was in a romantic relationship with him. Now over the years people have been trying to find reasons to explain his psychotic mania: how did Ted Bundy become America's most infamous serial killer? Did his family background, lifestyle, work or heartbreak, structure his infamy? Bundy was born into a family where he knew his grandparents were his birth parents and his mother was his sister. It is still uncertain when Bundy discovered the truth. Later on in his life, he worked for a Seattle Suicide Hotline Crisis Center. During his work there, he was known to be kind, solicitous and empathetic. He suffered a romantic heartbreak in 1973 with a woman named Stephanie Brooks. It is believed that Ted's victims bore passing resemblance to Brook and it was only after a year of the heartbreak that he started the killings. His first documented homicide was in 1974. Bundy has confessed to a total of 30 murders, but it is believed that he might have killed more. He was arrested by the police several times but he somehow escaped custody. In 1978, he was finally caught by the police while driving a stolen car in Florida. Ted Bundy was finally executed at Raiford Prison in Starke, Florida, on January 24, 1989 with the accusation of raping and murdering a 12 year old girl in 1978. A terrible breakup, family issues and even hearing people talk about suicide may have somewhat turned him into a maniac, however nothing can ever justify his actions. He will always remain a monstrous criminal.

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Describe yourself in three words?

It is a tough question. Well, I would say I am confident, hardworking and a very emotional person.

You have already worked in a South Indian film. If you could work in Hollywood, who would you choose to work with?

I would definitely choose Tom Cruise and Robert Pattinson.

Who was your first celebrity crush?

Leonardo DiCaprio.

Your favorite food item?

Bhuna Khichuri.

What is your favourite place to visit?

I want to visit Switzerland as I have not been there yet. I also want to go to Koh Samui; I have already visited this place several times.

What are the first three items on your bucket list?

First of all, I want to go on a world tour before I die. It's a must! Secondly, I want to be featured on *Koffee with Karan*. I have so many things on my bucket list, but for some reason cannot remember them at this moment. Actually, *Koffee with Karan* pretty much sums it up as I will already

be in the prime of my acting career by then.

If you could have any super power, what would you choose?

I would choose the power of invisibility and make myself invisible whenever I wanted. I also wish I could read people's minds!

What would you do if you won a billion dollars in the lottery?

I would sponsor my world tour with that money, as I have already mentioned it. Besides, I always have a dream to build an orphanage one day. So, I would fulfill that dream as well.

If you could become the President of Bangladesh for a day, what would you do first?

Before doing anything else, I would certainly think of the possible ways of

eliminating traffic jam from the country.

Who is your favorite celebrity in Bangladesh?

There are so many of them; it is hard to pick out one name and leave out the rest. For example, if I have to choose someone from the older generation, I would choose Babita. I really admire her. As for the male artists, I always looked up to Humayun Faridi and I still do. Lastly, from among the actors of our generation, I almost never miss the works of Jaya Ahsan.

What is your favorite genre of music?

I am a music freak! I love all sorts of music. The genre varies according to my mood. When I am down, I listen to sad songs and when I am in a party mood, I listen to cheerful music starting from hip-hop and pop to rock.

If you could be an animal, what would you be?

Again, it's a very difficult question to answer. I think, I would be a panda because pandas are so adorable!

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