

# Is Foxy Knox Really A Killer?

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Amanda Knox faces trial for murder



**A week after Amanda Knox and her ex-boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito were ordered to stand trial for the murder of British student Meredith Kercher, we reveal some intimate details about 'Foxy Knoxy'**

Friends describe her as a wholesome young woman – the perfect date for a high school prom. Her parents view her as an unworldly tomboy, an all-American sweetheart who would never hurt a fly. So how, then, has 21-year-old Amanda Knox – who calls herself 'Foxy Knoxy' – become an alleged sexual deviant accused of the murder of British exchange student Meredith Kercher?

According to many who know Amanda, a dramatic change in her personality occurred as soon as she arrived in Perugia, Italy, for a three-month stay in September 2007. She told a friend that she'd met and made love to a stranger on the train taking her to the city.

From that moment on, she appeared to lose control. In the town's seedier bars, she became known for her drinking and drug taking. Amanda's behaviour also caused concern to her housemate Meredith Kercher, 21. The pair had never met before arriving to study at

Perugia's University for Foreigners and were sharing a house by chance.

Meredith's father John told police: 'She spoke to me about Amanda in a jokey way, as a girl who was very sure of herself and a bit eccentric.' She also told him about Amanda's busy private life, remarking that: 'She only arrived a week ago and she already has a boyfriend.'

Meredith's best friend Robyn Butterworth – one of the last people to see her alive on 1 November last year – was also concerned. The 21-year-old told police: 'Amanda's behaviour was always a little strange. I remember the first time we met we were in a restaurant having something to eat when all of a sudden she got up and started singing at the top of her voice – it was very strange.'

After seeing Amanda in the waiting room of the Perugian police station shortly after Meredith's murder, Robyn said: 'She kept talking about how she'd found Meredith. She seemed proud of being the first to find her. She behaved as if she wasn't upset.' Just two days later, Amanda

was apparently calm enough to buy sexy underwear at a lingerie shop with her then boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito.

Amanda's always strenuously denied being involved in Meredith's murder, but a judge has now ruled that she must stand trial alongside her ex Raffaele. A third accused, Rudy Guede, has already been found guilty.

Since Amanda's arrest on 6 November 2007, she's written page after page of her version of events that fateful night. Among those who've seen her prison diaries is one of the UK's leading criminologists Professor David Wilson, 50.

Professor Wilson, of Birmingham City University, says he was struck by the sheer volume of the pages and the largely self-pitying tone of a young woman who sees herself as the real victim of this case. 'This appears to be someone who's keen to

record her every thought about what's happening to her,' he says. 'She keeps it going for 80 pages and for the entire time she sees the tragedy entirely through her own misfortune. Most striking

of all is the lack of frequent references to the real victim Meredith, who's mentioned just a handful of times.'

Amanda says in her diary: 'My friend was killed. Everyone I know is destroyed by sadness for her, but we all have contrasting feelings. We're angry. We want justice.' Professor Wilson says that her attitude appears to be all about her rather than Meredith.

'There's a desire to paint herself as the victim. I'd expect her opening words to be the human response of a good friend to the murder, but Amanda's unable to engage with the terrible thing that's taken place and is caught up in her own self-obsessed fantasy.'

Perhaps most revealing is Amanda's vanity. 'Her diary contains frequent references to

her appearance and she complains that prison food has caused her to gain weight,' says David. 'She refers to her morbid celebrity status since being arrested, boasting about her role as a sex symbol. She wrote: "Apparently someone out there saw me on TV and thought I was hot, so they set up a website where people comment on how pretty I am."

'I don't believe that Amanda set out for fame, but she's revelling in it now,' says David. 'In another entry she writes: "I received 23 fan letters today – that makes the count up to 35. I've received blatant love letters, a marriage proposal and others wanting to get to know 'the girl with the angel face'. People are acting like I'm the prettiest thing since Helen of Troy."

'When an English-speaking guard in the prison begins conversations with her on a regular basis, she interprets the attention in sexual terms – he must be attracted to her. For Amanda, this is a man who has sexual motivations and is overcome by her beauty. She's desperate to be desired.'

'It's possible that on the night Meredith was killed Amanda could've done something in a fit of sexual passion, caught in the excitement of the moment.'

David notes that throughout her prison diary, Amanda fondly remembers being referred to by her friends as 'the littlest one' and the 'free spirit', painting a picture of herself as whiter than white. 'It's common for such people to see themselves in this way,' he says. 'There's no doubt she's hiding something. There's definitely a deep level of deceit there.'

## She's caught up in her own fantasy

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**Rudy Guede, 21**  
Last week, loner Rudy Guede from the poverty-stricken Ivory Coast – an acquaintance of Amanda's – was found guilty of Meredith's brutal murder after choosing to 'fast track' his case in court. He's been sentenced to 30 years in prison.

**Raffaele Sollecito, 24**  
Amanda's Italian former boyfriend Raffaele has also been accused of the murder and will be in the dock with Amanda when the trial commences on 4 December. Like Amanda, he denies all charges.



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