

Albert Fish



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I like children they are tasty.

— *Albert Fish* —



AZ QUOTES

“None of us are saints”
—Albert Fish



Who is Albert Fish?

~ Serial Killer - 3-9+ victims

~Also known as Grey Man, Werewolf of Wysteria, Brooklyn Vampire, Moon Maniac, and The Boogey Man

~ Child rapist and cannibal

~ Put on trial for the kidnapping and murder of Grace Budd

~ Suspect for five murders in his lifetime



Background/Psychological Profile

~ May 19, 1870 - January 16, 1936 - Hamilton

~ Youngest of four children

~ Family history of mental illness (Mother, Uncle, Sister, Brother, 3 other relatives)

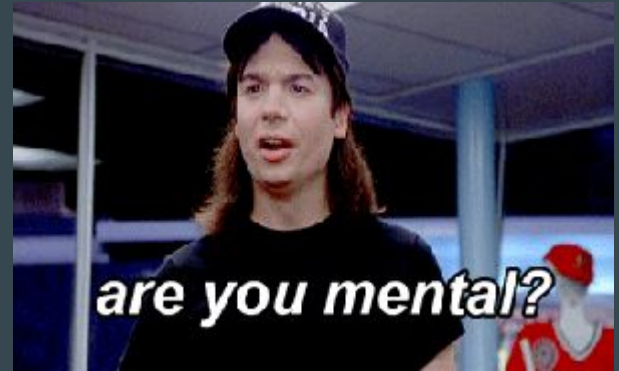
~ Dad died, put into orphanage (Abused)

~ 1890 - New York - Prostitute - Married with six kids

~ Obsessed with sexual mutilation.

~ 1919 - Stabbed intellectually disabled boy

~ Sadism, masochism, anilingus, flagellation, exhibistionism, voyeurism, piquerism, cannibalism, coprophagia, urophilia, pedophilia, infibulation. (Don't ask... no bueno)



Crime

- ~ May 25 1928 - Fish saw Edward Budd was looking for a job
- ~ May 26 1928 - Fish visited pretending to hire (Tie up, mutilate, let bleed to death)
- ~ Changed intended victim from Edward to Grace
- ~ Had to attend birthday party
- ~ Convinced Grace's parents to let her attend with him.
- ~ Police arrested Charles Edward Pope as suspect when his wife accused him, spent 108 days in jail.
- ~ Grace never returned
- ~ Fish never tried hard to hide, he just simply went back home and kept being awful



Grace Budd's skull and pieces of her skeleton were found buried behind the cottage where she was murdered.



**Stranger
Danger**



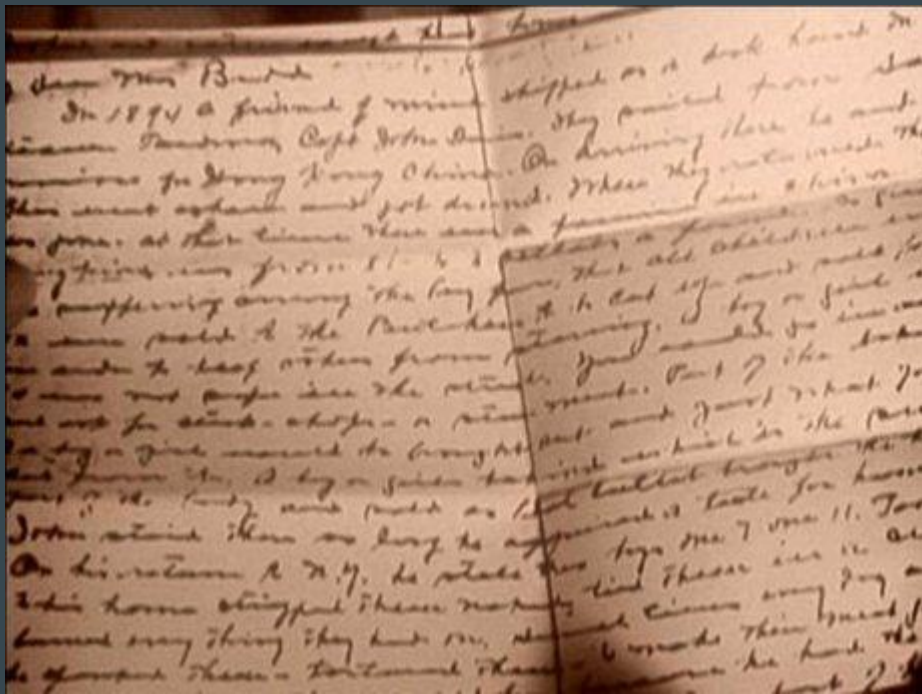
The Letter

~ Six years later, Fish sent a letter to Mrs. Budd

~ The letter explained in graphic and gruesome material what happened to her daughter.

~ He also told her about how a friend introduced him to cannibalism.

~ He writes “ On Sunday June the 3 – 1928 I called on you at 406 W 15 St. Brought you pot cheese – strawberries. We had lunch. Grace sat in my lap and kissed me. I made up my mind to eat her, on the pretense of taking her to a party. You said Yes she could go. I took her to an empty house in Westchester I had already picked out. When we got there, I told her to remain outside. She picked wild flowers. I went upstairs and stripped all my clothes off. I knew if I did not I would get her blood on them. When all was ready I went to the window and called her. Then I hid in a closet until she was in the room. When she saw me all naked she began to cry and tried to run down stairs. I grabbed her and she said she would tell her mama. First I stripped her naked. How she did kick – bite and scratch. I choked her to death then cut her in small pieces so I could take my meat to my rooms, cook and eat it. How sweet and tender her little ass was roasted in the oven. It took me 9 days to eat her entire body. I did not fuck her tho I could of had I wished. She died a virgin”



~ This letter was the only piece of evidence the police had.

~ Forensic graphologists at the time determined that the handwriting was the same as that from the letter that “Howard” had written the Budds six years prior,

~ When Fish sent the letter, he sent it in an envelope with a hexagonal emblem with the letters N.Y.P.C.B.A on it.

~ A janitor had left stationary in an old apt. where Fish got ahold of it. The landlady verified Fish being there and when Fish returned, they brought him in.

Graphology/Personality Analysis

~ Looking at his letter now, we can dig deeper and find out more about his personality

- Small letters - Meticulous and concentrated
- Wide spacing - Like to be alone and not overwhelmed
- Dots high over “i” - Active imagination
- Right slant - open to new experiences and ideas

~ When looking at Alberts writing, there are actually traits you can observe that have been identified as possible indicators of sociopathy

- Abnormally heavy pressure
- Emphasis at the beginning of passages or sentences
- “Muddy” letters
- Overly fancy letters

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more complex and more violent
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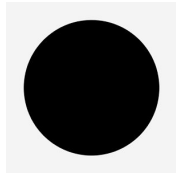
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Sincerely
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306 Fenwick St.

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I write with heavy pressure. I put more energy into what I do, than most people. My emotional feelings last for a long time.

HEAVY

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Defense

- ~ Fish pleaded insanity and that he had heard God's voice telling him to kill children.
- ~ The defense stated that Fish was a "psychiatric phenomenon" and that no one else ever in legal or medical records had ever had so many sexual abnormalities.
- ~ Fish's obsession with religion and the bible lead him to sacrifice.
- ~ "Insane knowledge" disrupted right vs wrong.



Prosecution

- ~ Four rebuttal witnesses
- ~ Menas Gregory : Abnormal but sane, not “mentally sick”, copro/uro/pedo are “socially perfectly alright” .
- ~ Perry Lichtenstein : Not masochism, hurt self.
- ~ Charles Lambert/James Vavasour : Coprophilia is common and cannibalism is taste.
- ~ Mary Nicholas : 17 yr old stepdaughter, childhood games involved masochism.



Verdict



An X-Ray of Fish's pelvic region reveals 29 rusty needles that had been inserted and left there.



- ~ Not one of the jurors doubted that Fish was insane.
- ~ However, they thought he needed to die anyway.
- ~ The court found Albert Fish sane and guilty, and the judge sentenced him to death by electric chair.
- ~ He was excited to die in such a violent way and thanked the judge for his sentence. Electric chair was perfect as he had already inserted 29 needles into his pelvic region.
- ~ “It will be the only thrill i have not tried”... “Going to the electric chair will be the supreme thrill of my life”

Modern Technology

- ~ Being almost 100 years ago, they didn't have all of the technology that they do now to help solve the crime
- ~ With modern technology, we could find fingerprints on the letter, analyze his letter better, find DNA at a crime scene and with all of this it wouldn't take 6 years to find this guy.
- ~ Seeing as the jury knew he was insane but still decided on a sane and guilty verdict, they didn't care. Dude was crazy so they wanted him dead.

Opinion

I think the jury did the right thing, this guy needed death. Even if he didn't kill all the people he said he did, I definitely believe that he raped and tortured and mutilated a bunch of children. So, like even if you're just insane, still... no bueno.

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