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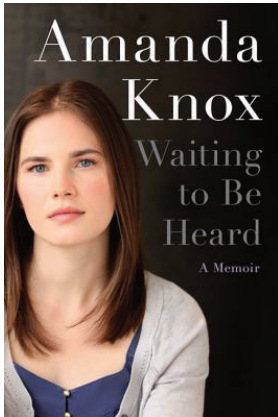
Amanda Knox

Exoneree, Best-Selling Author,
& Host of *The Scarlet Letter Reports*

WHY AMANDA KNOX IS CAPTIVATING AUDIENCES

On any given week, the international criminal justice system sees wrongful convictions, prosecutorial misconduct, aggressive interrogation techniques, and cases that test the limits of our empathy and morality. Perhaps no case in the 21st century better encapsulates these systemic issues than that of Amanda Knox. In late 2007, Knox created international headlines when she stood accused of the murder of her roommate and fellow study abroad student Meredith Kercher in Perugia, Italy. After nearly 4 years in prison and 8 years on trial, she was finally acquitted of the crime, but the scars left by the ordeal ran deep.

Rather than retreat into obscurity, however, Knox has tirelessly devoted the time since to shedding light on the pervasive issues of wrongful conviction, public shaming, and our frequently imperfect methods of seeking truth. Through her writing, journalism, and public advocacy, Knox delves deep into these universal topics while also speaking to the specific social crises highlighted by her harrowing experience—the epidemic of misogyny, controversy-hungry tabloid culture, “fake news” and misinformation, and our increasingly elusive sense of empathy. Thoughtful, passionate, and revelatory, Amanda Knox is no longer waiting to be heard.



ABOUT AMANDA KNOX

Amanda Knox is an exoneree, journalist, and the author of *The New York Times* best-selling memoir ***Waiting to Be Heard***. Between 2007 and 2015, Knox spent nearly four years in an Italian prison and eight years on trial for a murder she didn't commit. The controversy over Amanda's case made international headlines for nearly a decade and thrust her into the spotlight, where she was vilified, shamed, and harassed. Amanda now works to shed light on the issues of wrongful conviction, truth-seeking, and public shaming. Her essays and journalism have been published in *Marie Claire*, *USA Today*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Seattle Times*, *Seattle Magazine*, *BROADLY*, and the *West Seattle Herald*. She is currently the host of ***The Scarlet Letter Reports*** on Facebook Watch.

SPEECH TOPICS

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