

Columbine: A Killer In The Family



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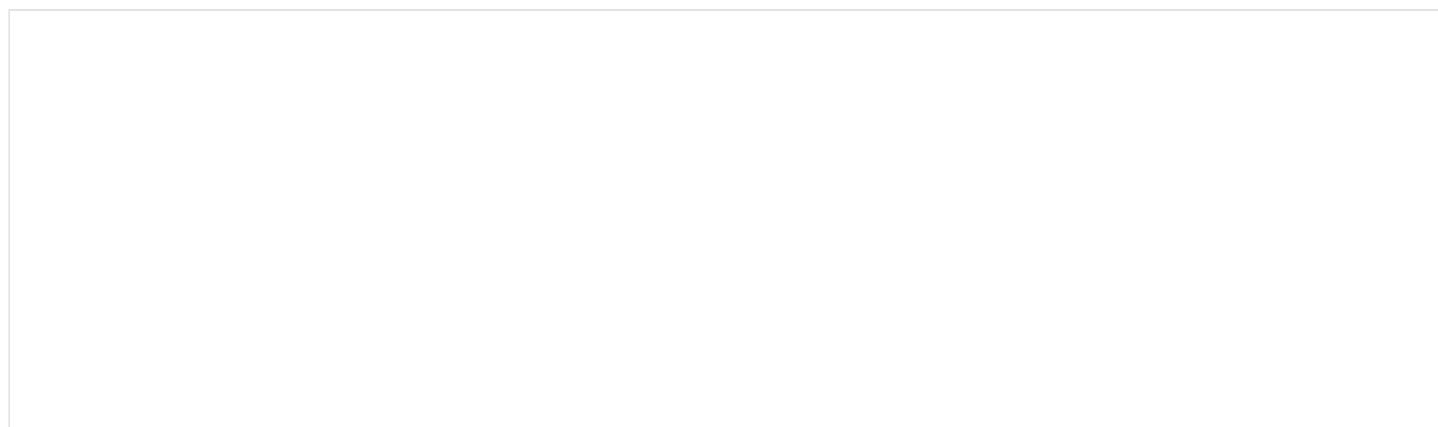
What does it feel like to give birth to a monster? That was a question Kirsty Wark refrained diplomatically from asking when she met the mother of Dylan Klebold, one half of a duo who made Bonnie & Clyde look tame. On April 20, 1999, her 17 year old son and his slightly older co-conspirator Eric Harris committed the unspeakable atrocity of Columbine High, murdering 10 people and injuring 24 others, overwhelmingly their contemporaries.

Even if you are not old enough to remember the [Columbine massacre](#), you will surely have heard of it. Seventeen years on, Sue Klebold has broken her self-imposed silence to talk about her son. This coincides with the publication of [her book](#) about facing life in its aftermath.

The massacre was carried out on what would have been Adolf Hitler's 110th birthday, a fact that is probably not as significant as the mind-altering psychiatric drugs Harris was prescribed. The slaughter was planned in meticulous detail, an act of calculated evil and madness by two fairly privileged kids who for some reason hated the world. Were there any signs that Klebold would have contemplated even one mindless murder? He and Harris had engaged in minor criminal activity, and were arrested for one act of petty theft; there were other things too, but this is juvenile delinquent stuff, not Ted Bundy country.

This [short documentary](#) has no answers because of course there are none. It is currently on BBC iPlayer.

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