

# IS THIS TOMORROW?

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ALBERT FISH- PART ONE

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In his book, The Sexual Psychopath, D.L. Champion named Albert Fish (1870-1936) as the most maniacal sadomasochist that ever lived, having indulged in every perversion mankind has ever known.



A favorite pastime of Albert's was to insert needles into his body. While he was in custody, an X-ray revealed 27 pins in his pelvic region. Many were large, some of them the type used by sailors to repair canvas. Many were eroded from being in his body for so long.



A family man of sorts, Fish was the father of possibly 12 offsprings from his polygamous marriages. His victims were always children, but the most severely harmed were never his own. He preferred to commit acts on negro boys because the police would rarely investigate.



Fish was probably best remembered for his acts of murder and cannibalism. He took great care in his preparation of the body parts of his victims. Fish's psychiatrist, Frederick Wertham, noted that when Fish spoke about how a child was served, it was "in a matter-of-fact way, like a housewife describing her favorite method of cooking."



Albert liked to play games with the neighborhood kids. They would hit him with sticks or a spiked board. Sometimes he would have them slide down his back, clawing into his flesh as they fell.



Another of Albert's hobbies was letter writing. He often enjoyed sending obscene letters to lonely heart ads. It was his fondness for the postal service which was his downfall. A letter he had written to a victim's parents, graphically describing her murder, decapitation and consumption, was traced back to him, leading to his arrest.