Ted Bundy is one of the most notorious serial killers in American history and one of the most publicized to this day. However, very rarely do we hear from the women he left behind—the ones forgotten as mere footnotes in this tragedy. This updated and expanded reissue of Elizabeth Kendall’s 1981 memoir, The Phantom Prince, chronicles her intense, six-year relationship with serial killer Ted Bundy and its eventual unraveling. Featuring a new introduction by the author, never-before-seen photos, and new chapters from the author’s daughter, Molly, this gripping account presents a remarkable examination of obsession, intrigue, and the darkness that love can mask.

Elizabeth Kendall’s memoir, The Phantom Prince, was originally published in 1981. Molly Kendall, her daughter, considered Bundy a father figure between the ages of three and ten.
The Phantom Prince. I was sneaking into my mom’s closet to read true crime books before I hit the double digits. Polly Klaas was kidnapped when I was 9 years old. It was the first time that I learned that little girls could be taken into the night by monsters. It wasn’t long after that I started my closet raid, in hopes to understand why these things happened. I thought that if I read enough about it, I would one day understand the minds of monsters. I only learned that it didn’t matter if it was your birthday slumber party.