



The Human Face of
Pedophilia (Amaros): A
Pedophile (Amarso)
Unmasked

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Welcome!

Society fears people who have pedophilic feelings. It fails to distinguish them from child rapists. Instead, it insists upon believing that these two groups do not differ very much, even though the pedophile's attraction (or preference) does not imply any kind of action.

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The result of this is that many pedophiles are initially confused about their feelings. They can see that even though they are regarded as the *bêtes noires* of society, irrespective of how good their intentions are or how well they deal with feelings that they have not chosen, but received.

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- [What Is a Pedophile?](#)
- [What Causes Pedophilia?](#)
- If you are a pedophile who is just coming to terms with your sexual orientation, I invite you to read [Living with Pedophilia \(Amaros\): A Practical Guide](#) for practical guidance on coping with this gift. All of the best to you!
- If you are the partner of a pedophile, please read [Significant Other: Living with a Pedophile \(Amarso\)](#) for some suggestions on how to deal with this relationship.
- There is much more to [puellula.com](#) than the *Human Face of Pedophilia (Amaros)*. For an overview of all that we have to offer here, have a look at our [site map](#).

Currently, society wants pedophiles to repress their feelings. Yet at the same time it makes even those pedophiles who have never broken the law feel like criminals. They are unable to seek counseling to cope with the guilt feelings society has imposed upon them and they are unable to make a public affirmation of their orientation for fear of ostracism. *They are condemned for crimes they have never committed; they are punished for their feelings.*

In a society with a tolerant outlook to age-disparate relationships, pedophiles have the opportunity to get in touch with their feelings early and are therefore capable of learning to express their sexuality in a positive, non-coercive manner. Acceptance by society will allow pedophiles to realize their full potential as people and therefore make a more substantive contribution to society.

Society

believes that pedophiles are evil in great part because much of the data about pedophiles has been collected in forensic or clinical settings. It is predictable that "the pedophile" seems to be a very troubled type of human being. Pedophiles who do not have mental problems and who have not engaged in illegal activities are generally loth to participate in research because of the fear of discovery. In the absence of relevant data, society has chosen to apply the characteristics of child molesters to pedophiles as well. The media have not been helpful, fanning the flames of hysteria by sensationalizing stranger child abduction and abuse cases and making these

Did you know that...

- [pedophilia is a sexual orientation, not a lifestyle choice?](#)
- [most pedophiles never 'act upon' their attractions?](#)
- [a fifth of the population has at least an occasional sexual attraction to minors?](#)
- [most child molesters are not actually pedophiles?](#)
- [only 3% of people convicted of child sex offenses re-offend?](#)
- [95% of sexual offenses against children](#)

[are committed by people with no prior child sex convictions?](#)

occurrences appear to be far more common than they actually are.

Since I have committed no crimes, I have nothing to hide. I have therefore decided to make my identity public. It is my hope that this will enable me to help begin a dialogue about what it really means to be a pedophile and demonstrate that, within a proper ethical framework, mutually fulfilling intimate relationships between consenting adults and young people are possible.

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