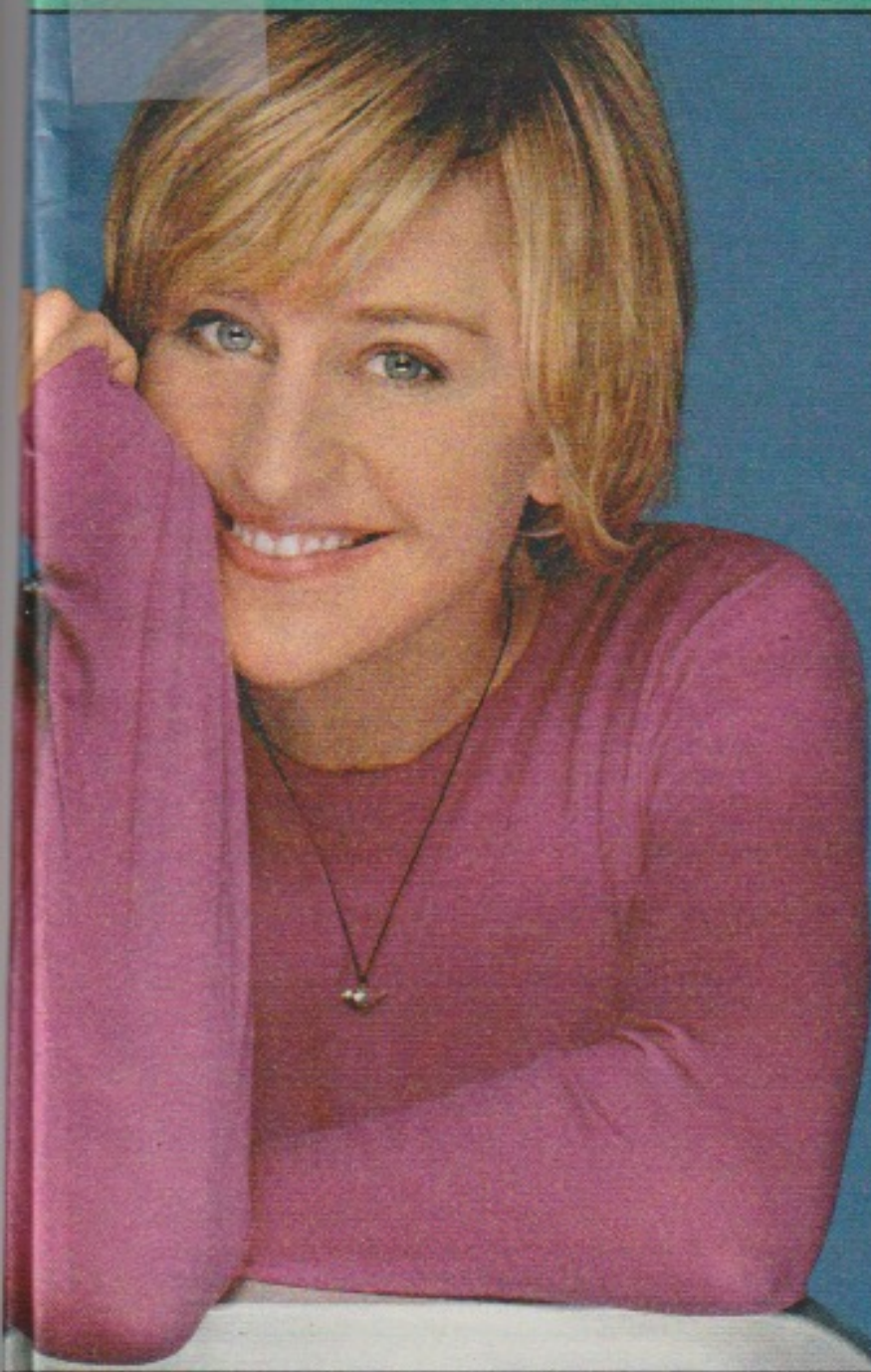


the awful memories of her childhood



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Ellen admits to being a "serial monogamist." She was with producer Theresa Boyd for four years, lived with actress Anne Heche for three and with photographer Alexandra Hedison for four.

The comedian now lives in a sprawling Los Angeles compound with 32-year-old *Arrested Development* actress Portia de Rossi, whom she calls "the sweetest girl in the world." She prays they will be together the rest of their lives.

In 1997 the comic-actress shocked America when she revealed in a national television interview that she was gay at the same time her character on the TV series *Ellen*

came out of the closet.

The comedy show was soon cancelled. After a string of forgettable movies she returned to prominence playing the voice of Dory in the animated mega hit movie *Finding Nemo*.

Then in 2003 Ellen launched *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* - nominated for 11 Daytime Emmys.

Said the friend: "With all the personal and professional success she's had, Ellen is still brought to tears when she remembers the lowest point of her life - when she was forced to live with her mother and a man she couldn't stand the sight of."

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