

Sandra Bullock Is An Ex-Con In Netflix's *The Unforgivable* First Look

Netflix releases a first look photo of Sandra Bullock as an ex-con named Ruth Slater in the upcoming Netflix Original film, *The Unforgivable*.

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Netflix has just released a first look at the upcoming film, *The Unforgivable* (2021), starring Sandra Bullock as an ex-con. The new drama-thriller is one of the Netflix Original films that will be released this Fall. The film is scheduled to be released in select theaters November 24 and streaming on Netflix December 10.

The Unforgivable, which also stars Vincent D'Onofrio, Jon Bernthal, and Viola Davis, follows Bullock as Ruth Slater, a woman recently released from prison after serving a long sentence for a brutal crime. Upon returning to her hometown, she is judged harshly by her community, and as the title suggests, no one is willing to forgive her for the crime she committed long ago. Looking to atone for her wrongdoing and earn forgiveness, Ruth becomes determined to find her

estranged younger sister, whom she had to leave behind. *The Unforgivable* was directed by Nora Fingscheidt. Peter Craig, Hillary Seitz, and Courtenay Miles wrote the screenplay.

Netflix released the first production still from *The Unforgivable*, which shows Bullock looking haggard—as one would expect from an ex-con. In the photo, Bullock's Ruth Slater stares at herself in the mirror appearing to be deep in thought, possibly thinking about how she is going to navigate her future with the heavy burden of her past on her back. Check out the first look at Sandra Bullock as Ruth Slater below:



“My character is someone who has been incarcerated for 20 years for a pretty heinous crime [and] gets out,” Bullock, who is also one of the producers of the film, told *EW* in a recent interview. *“There are several people whose lives she affected by this crime she committed, and there’s a lot of hatred and anger and bitterness and sorrow associated with her release. She wants to find this one person, the only family she had when she went in, and you keep asking yourself, ‘Why can’t you let it go? This family member was traumatized by your actions—let it go! Stop harming these people all over again.’”* Bullock went on to say that discovering the

backstory of the character—which explains Slater’s motivation for committing the crime—is the real whodunnit of the film.

This film is pushing Bullock’s prominent career to another level as the role is unlike others she has had in recent films. Interestingly, Bullock has played an ex-con before, as Debbie Ocean in *Ocean’s 8* (2018). However, Debbie's crime of theft can't compare to Ruth's crime, which is unknown, but described as violent. The filmmakers hope that ***The Unforgivable*** will cause viewers to feel a greater sense of empathy. It is not easy to re-enter society after being in prison. Ex-cons are disadvantaged because of their past, and the film points out the importance of looking at the details and giving second chances.

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