

## KRISTIN BOOTH

Kristin is a Genie and Gemini-winning Canadian actor with a career that spans three decades (she started at age 12). Currently starring as the tech-savvy Shane McInerney in *Lost Letter Mysteries* on Bravo, she will soon reprise her role as Ethel Kennedy in the Emmy Award®-winning miniseries *The Kennedys-After Camelot*, which filmed in Toronto this summer. Off screen, Kristin is a Pilates and yoga enthusiast, the mother of a four-year-old daughter, and an avid supporter of Canadian fashion.

**My first job ever was...** Renting bikes to tourists in the park along the Avon River (I grew up outside Stratford, Ontario).

**I decided to be an actor because...** It was the only thing that filled me with both fear and excitement.

**My first paid acting job ever was...** In a Summer Stock production of “Annie” in Grand Bend, Ontario. It was the first time I worked among adults in the theatre and that’s when I knew I wanted to be an actor. I was like, “hold on a sec, you can do this for a living?”

**Looking back, I wish I’d known...** To celebrate my uniqueness. I spent a lot of years comparing myself and my career to others. What a waste of time and energy.

**My proudest accomplishment is...** I’ve had many proud moments over the course of my career but I think what I’m most proud of is balancing motherhood with a career. It’s difficult and I don’t always do it as well as I would like but I’m doing it and that’s half the battle.

**My boldest move to date was...** Deciding to leave L.A. just as I was establishing momentum there. Thing is, my

grandmother was dying of ovarian cancer here in Ontario, and I had to decide which was more important to me: L.A. or being with my nana. I chose my nana and I’ve never regretted it. Family comes first.

**I surprise people when I tell them...** That I suffer from depression and have for almost 20 years.

**My best advice to people starting out in the business is...** Work. Do things for free, get experience and immerse yourself in an environment with like-minded people.

**My best advice from a mentor was...** “Trust your instincts, they’re good.”

**If I could model my career after anyone, it would be...** I don’t think I could pick just one person, I admire many elements of so many different artists and their careers. I look at Robin Wright’s career trajectory... In the height of her fame and youth, she

took a lot of time off to raise her children... now at 50 she’s starring in and directing *House of Cards*. That’s pretty inspiring.

**My biggest setback was...** It’s funny because one of my biggest breaks ended up being one of my biggest setbacks. I starred opposite Ryan Reynolds in a movie called *Foolproof*. The movie was such an amazing experience and opportunity, but then it didn’t do well at the box office. To this day I still can’t figure out why, I thought it was a fantastic film! Ultimately, it hurt me for a few years.

**I overcame it by...** Not getting discouraged. I just kept working hard and doing the best I could.

**The future excites me because...** I never know what is around each corner. There’s always a new and exciting project brewing and with that comes the opportunity to vie to be a part of it. There’s always a new story to be told. ☺

