

Andrew McCarthy Introduction

Andrew McCarthy is a director, an award winning travel writer, and—of course—an actor. He made his professional début at 19 in *Class*, appearing in dozens of films, including *The Spiderwick Chronicles* and *The Joy Luck Club*, as well as such iconic movies as *Pretty in Pink*, *St. Elmo's Fire*, *Less Than Zero*, and cult favorites *Weekend At Bernie's* and *Mannequin*.

He has starred on Broadway and on television, appearing on numerous shows including *Lipstick Jungle*, *Stephen King's Kingdom Hospital*, and all the *Law & Order's*. He is also a highly regarded television director, having worked on *Orange is the New Black*, *Alpha House*, *Black Box*, *Gossip Girl* and *White Collar*, among others.

Simultaneously, Andrew is an award winning travel writer. He is an editor-at-large at *National Geographic Traveler*, and has written for *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Travel+Leisure*, *AFAR*, *Men's Journal*, *Bon Appetit*, and many others. He has received six Lowell Thomas awards, and been named Travel Journalist of the Year by The Society of American Travel Writers. His travel memoir, *THE LONGEST WAY HOME*, became a *New York Times* Best Seller.

Please join me in welcoming, Andrew Mccarthy!