

# Andrew McCarthy

## Short Bio

Andrew speaks about his personal journey and how travel and self-reflection changed his life. Aside from his successful acting and directing careers, he is now a successful writer and editor at large for National Geographic Traveler. He discusses fear of the unknown, taking the time to enjoy the precious moments in life, pushing yourself to try new things, and looking at the world with new eyes. Best known for his acting career and starring roles in *St. Elmo's Fire*, *Pretty in Pink*, *Mannequin*, and *Weekend at Bernie's*, he has a successful Broadway career and is currently a highly regarded director. Current projects include hit series' *Orange is the New Black*, *Turn*, and *The Blacklist*. He returned to acting in ABC's 2016 hit, *The Family*. His debut novel for young readers, *Just Fly Away* was published in March 2017.

## Full Bio

Andrew McCarthy is a director, an award-winning travel writer, and—of course—an actor. He made his professional debut at 19 while attending New York University as a theatre major in *Class*, with Rob Lowe and Jaqueline Bisset. He has since appeared 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 in over two dozen movies, acted in numerous TV shows, and appeared on Broadway as well. He returned to acting in ABC's 2016 hit, *The Family*. McCarthy was known as a member of the 1980s "Brat Pack" of young actors that included Anthony Michael Hall, Rob Lowe, Demi Moore, Molly Ringwald and Ally Sheedy.

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 *The Blacklist*, *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, and the Financial Times of London named it one of the Best Books of 2012. In the fall of 2014 his work appeared in the Best American Travel series. His debut novel for young adults, *Just Fly Away*, was published in March 2017. He lives in New York.