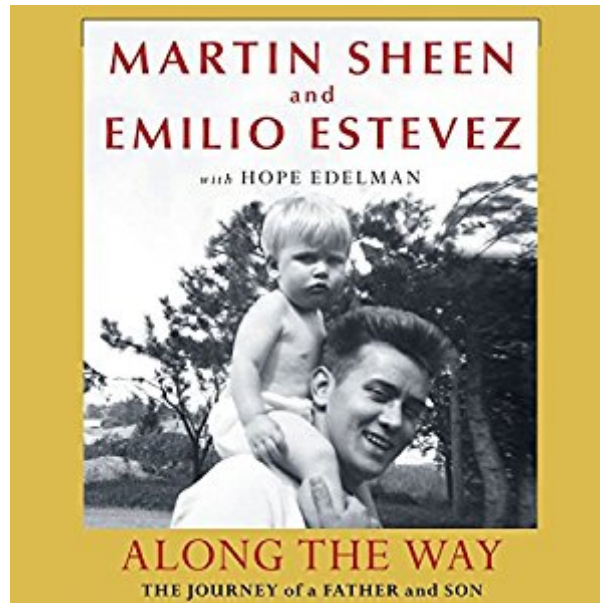


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# Along The Way: The Journey Of A Father And Son



## Synopsis

In this remarkable dual memoir, film legend Martin Sheen and accomplished actor/filmmaker Emilio Estevez recount their lives as father and son. In alternating chapters-and in voices that are as eloquent as they are different-they narrate stories spanning more than 50 years of family history, and reflect on their journeys into two different kinds of faith. At 21, still a struggling actor living hand to mouth, Martin and his wife, Janet, welcomed their firstborn, Emilio, an experience of profound joy for the young couple, who soon had three more children: Ramon, Charlie, and Rene. As Martin's career moved from stage to screen, the family moved from New York City to Malibu, while traveling together to film locations around the world, from Mexico for *Catch-22* to Colorado for *Badlands* to the Philippines for the legendary *Apocalypse Now* shoot. As the firstborn, Emilio had a special relationship with Martin: They often mirrored each other's passions and sometimes clashed in their differences. After Martin and Emilio traveled together to India for the movie *Gandhi*, each felt the beginnings of a spiritual awakening that soon led Martin back to his Catholic roots, and eventually led both men to Spain, from where Martin's father had emigrated to the United States. Along the famed Camino de Santiago pilgrimage path, Emilio directed Martin in their acclaimed film, *The Way*, bringing three generations of Estevez men together in the region of Spain where Martin's father was born, and near where Emilio's own son had moved to marry and live. With vivid, behind-the-scenes anecdotes of this multitalented father's and son's work with other notable actors and directors, *Along the Way* is a striking, stirring, funny story-a family saga that listeners will recognize as universal in its rebellions and regrets, aspirations and triumphs. Strikingly candid, searchingly honest, and full of the immediacy and warmth that can only be added by the authors reading their story in their own voices, this heartfelt portrait reveals two strong-minded, admirable men of many important roles, perhaps the greatest of which are as father and son.

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## Customer Reviews

Fantastic! Enjoyable! are only two of the words that come to mind in describing this amazing journey of father and son. I loved this book from cover to cover. Most of us tend to idolize and idealize actors and other artists and rarely get to share a very personal and intimate account of their lives. In this very candid recount of their personal lives, both Martin Sheen and his son Emilio Estevez give us a glimpse of how human they are and show us how they're not so different from the rest of us. Many aspects of their story resonated with me, as I thought about my own journey to find my personal roots in Spain. And while my sisters and I did not write a memoir of our experience, we could have written about our own trip to Spain in late 2010 to the ancestral home of my grandparents, not too far away from where Mr. Sheen's and Mr. Estevez' ancestors came from. Our experiences were very similar to the ones they had once they got there, meeting family that was foreign to them in every sense of the word, but that somehow one realizes how close they seem when realization hits they are your own blood, even though their lives have not paralleled yours. Blood has a very funny way of connecting you to people that you haven't met or perhaps seen in decades, as was our case and we too enjoyed the hospitality, warmth and love of people that received us in their homes with open arms and a great deal of love, just because we were blood relatives. I also saw the film, *The Way*, written and directed by Emilio Estevez and acted by Martin Sheen, and loved it as well, so it was easy to relate to it as it mentions it in this memoir.

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