

## Chris Harrison



Chris Harrison began his television career by covering local sports in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Dallas, Texas native went to Oklahoma City University on a soccer scholarship, and then made the natural transition to sportscasting with a local station. During his six years there, he worked his way up the ranks from part-time sportscaster to weekend sportscaster. He also had the opportunity to cover hard news stories, including the 1995 tragedy at the Federal Building, an event which profoundly affected his perspective on life and career.

A visit to L.A. in 1999 for an audition for a horseracing network led to a permanent move. Later that year, Harrison landed the job as host of HGTV's *Designer's Challenge*, which was consistently one of the network's highest rated shows. In 2001, he became host of ABC's hit romance/reality series *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette*. He also has hosted ABC's popular reality show, *Bachelor Pad*, the "all-star" reunion from previous seasons of *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette*, the last two years.

Harrison continues to advance in the entertainment industry through a variety of professional endeavors. He was just named as the new host of the nationally syndicated game show *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*. He will join the popular long-running franchise beginning with its 14<sup>th</sup> season the fall of 2015, while remaining the host of the *Bachelor* franchise. Harrison co-hosted ABC's live coverage of *The Miss America Pageant* for the past four years, and first hosted the iconic broadcast on ABC in 2004. Additional hosting credits include *Emmys Red Carpet Live* at the 2012 Primetime Emmys; ABC's 2011 *American Music Awards Red Carpet*; live television coverage of the final championship rounds of *The 2010 Scripps National Spelling Bee* on ABC; ABC's 2008 *American Music Awards Red Carpet Live!*, and *Road to the 60th Primetime Emmy® Awards*, ABC.com's daily coverage leading up to the 2008 *Primetime Emmy Awards*.

In a departure from his many broadcast endeavors, Harrison is turning to the written page, as he pens his first book – an emotional, passionate and suspenseful novel entitled *The Perfect Letter*. The romantic novel, published by Harper Collins, will be out on May 19.

The versatile Harrison has done his fair share of acting as well, with roles in the popular television series *Alias*, *The Practice*, *Six Feet Under* and *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*. His feature film appearances include *Bounce*, *Showtime* and portraying himself in the comedy *Date Movie*.

In his spare time Harrison still plays soccer and has become addicted to golf. He has developed a great appreciation for the weather and lifestyle of Southern California, and spends as much time as possible outdoors with 13-year-old son, Joshua, and 11-year-old daughter, Taylor.