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**Q** What is my favorite actor, Ed Harris, up to these days?—  
*Mark Salom, Brooklyn, N.Y.*

**A** Playing a homeless dad in *Touching Home*, an autobiographical movie written, directed by, and co-starring twin brothers Logan and Noah Miller of Marin County, Calif.—neither of whom had ever written, directed, or acted in a movie before. How did they land Harris? “They wouldn’t let me say no,” the actor, 59, tells us. “This was a very personal thing for them, and they insisted that I do it. Over time, they finally got me to say yes.”



Harris: A touchdown for twins

**Q** Ann M. Martin just released a new *Baby-sitters Club* novel. Please tell me that she plans on writing more—she still has a lot of fans!—*B. Marie, Darien, Ill.*

**A** *The Summer Before* is actually a prequel that tells how the Club’s original four members first got together. Martin’s publisher, Scholastic, will also be reissuing the original *BSC* titles to join the 176 million already in print. As for new *Baby-sitters Club* books, “Never say never,” Martin says. “When the series ended [1986-2000], I told my editor that I would never write another. But the prequel was a lot of fun—so who knows?”



*The Wizard of Oz: Once wasn't enough*

*The Wizard of Oz*—which was based on the 1902 stage musical co-written by the author of the *Oz* books, L. Frank Baum! “I’m really not for remakes,” film historian Robert Osborne says. “But they didn’t get it right before, and they kept working on it, and finally they made a movie that was right.”

**Q** In a recent column, you said *The Wizard of Oz* had been remade twice. But the Judy Garland version was itself a remake of the 1925 silent version starring Oliver Hardy.—  
*T.G. Vellini, Beach Park, Ill.*

**A** Yes! And there’s more: The 1925 version was a remake of the 1910 silent *The Wonderful*

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