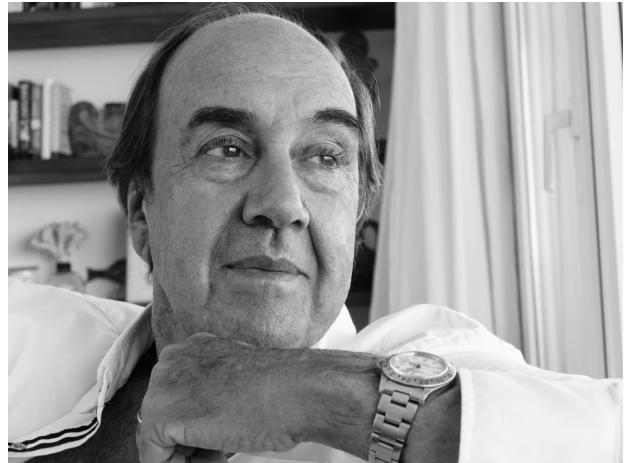


# NANDO PARRADO

**His story is one, that many will recognize, but few have an opportunity to hear first-hand.**



Nando Parrado recounts the extraordinary tale of how he and 15 of his teammates survived for 72 brutal days after their plane crashed into the frozen Andes Mountains over 50 years ago. It remains one of the paramount survival stories of all time.

From the time the plane crashed on October 13, 1972 until their rescue on December 22, Nando and his fellow Uruguayan rugby teammates were forced to cross both physical and mental boundaries. After waking from a concussion only to learn that his mother had died on impact and his sister was near death, Nando became obsessed with surviving and emerged a hero after he and teammate Roberto Canessa walked for 10 days to find their salvation.

Their story of courage, teamwork, determination and leadership, experienced at a level few have known, will leave you with a heightened awareness of the value of human life. Soon after the rescue of the 16 survivors, Nando worked with Piers Paul Read, the author chosen by the survivors to pen the best-selling book *Alive*. Twenty years later, Nando served as technical advisor to the Frank Marshall/Kathleen Kennedy production of the film of the same name starring Ethan Hawke as Nando.

The success of the film quickly prompted requests for Nando to speak around the world about the "Miracle in the Andes" and he began doing so on a very limited basis in 1995. The requests for presentations continue to far exceed the number that he is able to accept due to business, and family obligations.

Since his ordeal, Nando has become a successful businessman in Cable TV, television content production, hardware stores and real estate. He hosted several popular television programs in Uruguay including shows on nature, public affairs, automobile and travel. He is also a highly sought-after speaker on the international lecture circuit, where he has achieved greatest honors, having been chosen as the keynote speaker for the IASB (International Ass. of Speakers Bureaus) annual meeting, keynote speaker for the NSA (National Speakers Ass.) and cover of the coveted Speaker magazine in June 2009.

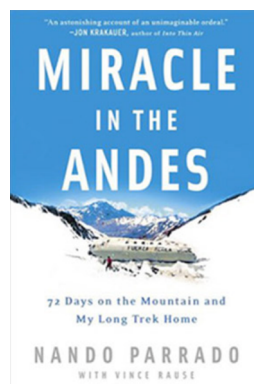
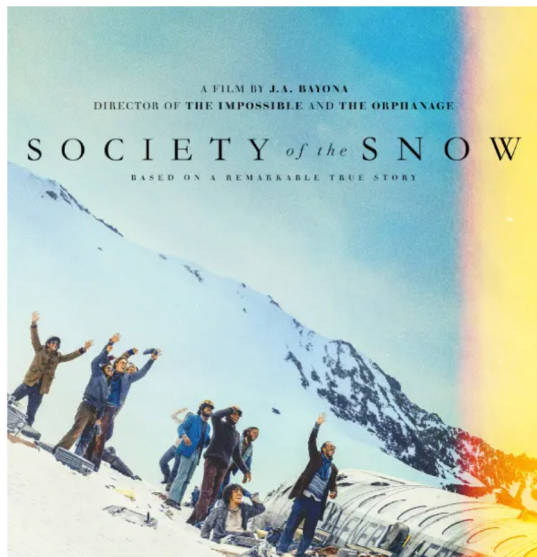


His book "Miracle in the Andes", published by Crown, has been in the New York Times bestseller's list and has been published in fifteen languages all over the world. He has also collaborated extensively, with the production of the latest movie success, *The Society of the Snow*, which has been No.1 in 99 countries.

In his spare time, Nando enjoys racing motorcycles, sports cars, stock cars and watercraft. He has many awards, including the European Touring Car Championship with Alfa Romeo (1977) and the Open Watercraft Championship in Punta Del Este, Uruguay. He also won the Motocross of the Americas, in 1975.

A native of Montevideo, Uruguay, Nando graduated from Stella Maris College run by the Irish Christian Brothers. He also participated in a study abroad in the United States that allowed him to attend high school in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Nando speaks five languages and travels extensively.

He is married to Veronique van Wassenhove and has two daughters, Verónica and Cecilia. He has four grandchildren, Alexia (12), Máximo (9), Thor (6) and Borja (4).





Agustin Pardella, as Nando Parrado. *Society of the Snow*