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## **Official Biography**

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Long before his writing career, the world of vaudeville and variety beckoned thanks to a grandfather who took Andrew to visit Coney Island, the spiritual home of cheap amusements. There, he shared tales with his young grandson about the glory days of Dreamland and Luna Park. The author's lifelong love of New York and theatre history followed.

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