

Eric Shea

Titles: 14 Sources: 1 Stills: 4

Born: US; February 14th 1960
Younger brother of Michael and Christopher Shea [\[qv\]](#)

Eric Shea, Mitch Vogel, and Griffin O'Neal could well have been brothers. They belong to a recognisable species of American boy - a quasi-Huck Finn type - which is easier to spot than define. Bold, sassy, robust, self-assured, but never rebellious to the point where it becomes threatening to adult hegemony. At any rate, he was not boyhood with its fangs and claws filed down, as one generally expects from Disney. I saw numerous episodes of "**Anna and the King**", where he was a sideline character, and "**SMILE**", where he plays only two or three scenes and had in any case passed his boyhood peak, but none of the Disney titles which cast him in a more central role. "**THE POSEIDON ADVENTURE**" was only a "**TOWERING INFERNO**" with propellers, and Shea played the cardboard role of the Trusty Kid Survivor.





Source: *The Moving Picture Boy*

Uppity-side down in The Poseidon Adventure
The Moving Picture Boy entry:

“Eric was a floridly freckled little chap who, given a bristling moustache and some pince-nez, would have had a certain Teddy Roosevelt quality. His screen image was plucky and argumentative, not to say uppity. He showed true American grit as the SS Poseidon capsized around him, and (well cast) as Mitch Vogel’s kid brother in the Civil War adventure **"MENACE ON THE MOUNTAIN"**; he was resourceful in **"CASTAWAY COWBOY"**, a sort of Hawaiian Western, and peddled nude snapshots of aspiring beauty queens in **"SMILE"**.

Many of his cinema and TV films were for Disney, and when Yul Brynner made a comeback as the King of Siam in a TV serialisation of **"Anna and the King"**, Eric played astonished son to Samantha Eggar’s Anna. One of his later performances, a break from his normal role of dear little pest, was as a bullying lout in **"WHEN EVERY DAY WAS THE FOURTH OF JULY"**. Eric had two elder

brothers, Michael and Chris, both of whom were useful actors around the same time.”



Above – fly boy in **“ACE ELI AND RODGER OF THE SKIES”**
Source: *The Moving Picture Boy*

Below – getting the hot britches treatment from mom
Lucille Ball in **“YOURS, MINE AND OURS”**
Source: *The Movie & TV Spanking Page*

FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
68	8	YOURS, MINE AND OURS 🔗 with Christopher Shea, Mitch Vogel	
69	9	GAILY, GAILY	
70	10	THE COCKEYED COWBOYS OF CALICO COUNTY	
72	12	MENACE ON THE MOUNTAIN with Mitch Vogel, Jodie Foster	US TV
72		THE POSEIDON ADVENTURE	as Robin
72		Anna and the King	US TV series, as Lewis Leonowens
73	13	ACE ELI AND RODGER OF THE SKIES	as Rodger
74	14	BOBBY PARKER AND COMPANY	
74		THE CASTAWAY COWBOY	as Booton
74		HOUSTON, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM	US TV
74		THE WHIZ KID AND THE MYSTERY AT RIVERTON with Clay O'Brien, Kim Richards	US TV
--		THE SECRET OF THE POND with Ike Eisenmann	
75	15	SMILE	
76	16	THE WHIZ KID AND THE CARNIVAL CAPER with Clay O'Brien, Kim Richards	US TV
77	17	VIVA KNIEVEL! With Eric Olson	
78	18	WHEN EVERY DAY WAS THE FOURTH OF JULY with Chris Petersen, Moosie Drier	