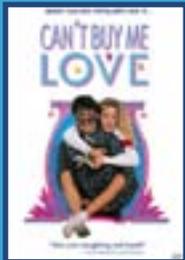


# PATRICK DEMPSEY

*then and now*

## THE *dempsey* FILES



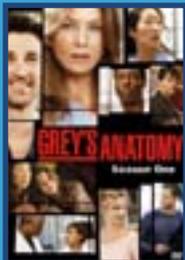
1987

Dempsey plays Ronald Miller, a high school nerd who bought his girlfriend and his popularity.



1989

As Randy Bodek, Dempsey plays a pizza delivery man whose pizzas come with a little more "loving."



2005

In the series *Grey's Anatomy*, Dempsey plays Dr. Derek Shepherd, a handsome neurosurgeon.

## *An Icon of the 80's*

Before his break on *Grey's Anatomy*, Patrick Dempsey was struggling acting-wise. After playing smaller roles in movies such as *Sweet Home Alabama*, it was clear that Dempsey's prime had been in his 1987 and 1989 movies *Can't Buy Me Love* and *Loverboy*. It was in the 80's that Dempsey truly made his mark on the movie industry. Dempsey's kid-faced appeal captured the hearts of millions and his nerdy, underdog characters became symbols of the decade while continuing to provide tons of laughs today.

## From Geeky to "McDreamy"

Patrick Dempsey has not always been a household name synonymous with the word "gorgeous." In fact, in 1987, he played quite the opposite. Starring in the 80's hit *Can't Buy Me Love*, Dempsey plays Ronald Miller, the prototypical high school nerd desperate to break into the cool clique. When Ronald's longtime crush finds herself in a bind, Ronald offers to pay her \$1,000 for her to pretend to be his girlfriend for a month. Immediately, Ronald's social status and reputation surge, and he finds himself to be one of the most popular guys in school.

Two years later, in 1989, Dempsey again found himself in a less than "gorgeous" position. In *Loverboy*, Dempsey plays Randy Bodek, a sophomore in college who upon receiving his grades, was told that he would have to pay for college out of his own pocket. Randy gets a job as

the delivery man at Senor Pizza. However, his duties differ from the typical delivery guy. When female customers order "extra anchovies," it's Randy's job to provide them with pizza with a little more "loving." The movie climaxes when Randy finds that his mom has ordered some "extra anchovies" for herself.

After years of Dempsey catching tough breaks and seemingly falling away from acting, he reappeared as who he is known to be now: "Dr. McDreamy." As Dr. Derek Shepherd on the show *Grey's Anatomy*, Dempsey is a neurosurgeon at Seattle Grace Hospital whose lovelife is just as complicated as the surgeries he performs. His love for Dr. Meredith Grey is convoluted by his wife, Dr. Addison Shepherd. However, regardless of his choice, it's still agreed: Patrick Dempsey has truly gone from geeky to "McDreamy."



Patrick Dempsey plays Dr. Derek "McDreamy" Shepherd, a neurosurgeon with a love life just as complicated as the surgeries he performs on the series *Grey's Anatomy*.