

Celebrities who are uber-nerds

When they're not shooting films or attending award shows, some celebrities are obsessing over *Lord of the Rings* or publishing papers in science journals



VIN DIESEL

Action star Vin Diesel might not be as tough as you think. The buff actor is a huge fan of the ultimate geek board game "Dungeons and Dragons." Vin has been playing the game since the 1970s and even has one of his character's names tattooed on his body. The actor's love for the game is widely known and he was asked to write the foreword for the book "30 Years of Adventure: A Celebration of Dungeons and Dragons."



NICOLAS CAGE

Cage revealed his inner comic book geek when he named his youngest son Superman's true name, Kal-El. Not to mention the fact that he changed his last name from Coppola to Cage, which just so happens to be comic character Power Man's last name.

MEGAN FOX

Megan Fox is stunning, but the "Transformers" actress is also a huge "Lord of the Rings" geek. Fox said, "I'm a 'Lord of the Rings' fan. And I'll go on the forums and they'll complain that Frodo is eating the Lembas bread outside of Mordor instead of in the Mines of Moria. And they get really mad... You cannot focus completely on pleasing them because you'll never win."

ZAC EFRON

He played the stud in "High School Musical," but that wasn't the case when Zac Efron was growing up. "I wasn't a heartthrob at school; I was a geek, I was into musical theatre, which isn't perceived as the coolest thing. There were guys who were 6' 1" with beards and big muscles and I was a gawky 17-year-old, a skinny, awkward kid. I was a late bloomer. Growing up was hell. I could never get into trouble like the rest of my friends, my parents were very strict and taught me good values," the actor revealed.



NATALIE PORTMAN

Natalie Portman may be an Oscar winner, but don't count out her other academic achievements. Portman put her acting career on hold to study at Harvard. During her time at the Ivy League school she worked as a research assistant in a psychology lab and managed to have two papers published in professional science journals. All of this on top of the four languages she studied while at school.

