

# They can't get enough of Indy

**These fans have been following their favorite character for decades**

From Trekkies ("Star Trek") to Jedi ("Star Wars") to Marvel Zombies (Marvel comic books), fanboys go by many names.

Now that the latest Indy film, "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," has earned more than \$312 million worldwide in its first five days of release, you have to wonder what fans of the whip-cracking archeologist call themselves.

There are as many rabid fans of Indy as there are for Capt. Kirk, Luke Skywalker and Spider-Man, who take their devotion far beyond buying a ticket to see the film.

Brandon Mysinger, 32, first saw "Raiders of the Lost Ark" in Johnson City, Tenn., when he was 6 years old.

"It created a fascination in me about ancient Egypt, God, archeology and Indiana Jones," he told me recently, adding that after seeing the film, he began to build his collection of Indy memorabilia.

"I will always remember the day I got my first [action figure]. It was a day that I broke my wrist at a soccer game. When we got home from getting my cast, the Montgomery Ward store called to tell us the figures were in," he said. "No pain kept me from playing with my figures for hours."

More than 20 years since he first started his collection, Mysinger, who now lives in Greeneville, Tenn., with his wife, Christy, has almost 900 Indy-related items.

"My wife thinks that my Indy collection is amazing," he said.

She must be one exceptional spouse. But the award for most-supportive-wife-ever has to go to Dennis Bruhn's significant other, Tanja.

Not only does she endure Bruhn decorating their entire home in Bennigsen,



"I will always remember the day I got my first [action figure]," says Brandon Mysinger, who has been a fan of Indiana Jones since he was 6 years old.



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Germany, with "Indy-bilia," but she also agreed to go to Petra in Jordan—the mythical resting place of the Holy Grail in "The Last Crusade"—for their honeymoon.

"I'm 33 now and I [have been] an Indy fan since I was 7," Bruhn said. "All my friends have known me with this hobby for a long time. They think I'm crazy but in a good way."

Well, to Indy fans—Raiders if you will—crazy may not be the right word for it. Raiders call it dedication. [ELLIOTT SERRANO IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.]



Some of Dennis Bruhn's "Indy-bilia."



For his honeymoon, Indy fan Dennis Bruhn and his wife went to Petra in Jordan, the mythical resting place of the Holy Grail in "The Last Crusade."

**GET YOUR FIX ONLINE**

Fans of the Indiana Jones franchise have created some of the most impressive sites on the Internet:

>> **theraider.net:** Entertainment Weekly says the Webby Award-nominated site is "like the warehouse at the end of 'Raiders of the Lost Ark' itself: Everything you could want is just down the next aisle, waiting to be rediscovered."

>> **throwmetheidol.com:** This is the Web site for "Indiana Jones" merchandise. The geeks at this site were posting photos of Indy goodies gleaned from conventions and promotional events long before they appeared on any of the official sites.

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