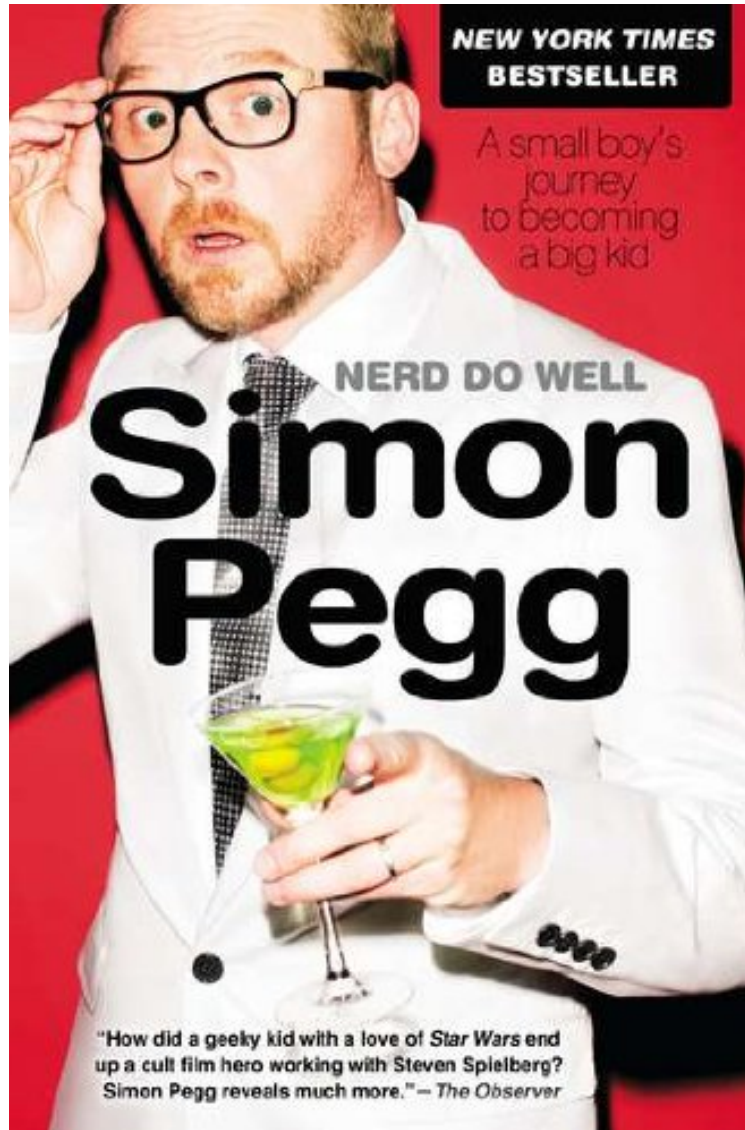


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**Simon Pegg : Nerd Do Well: A Small Boy's Journey to Becoming a Big Kid** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Nerd Do Well: A Small Boy's Journey to Becoming a Big Kid:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Aah, Simon Pegg. Never Change. By John Lemut While not exactly what I expected, Simon Pegg's memoir "Nerd Do Well" was an enjoyable read. First off, it focuses on his earlier life. There is not a detailed recounting of the making of "Shaun of the Dead" or "Hot Fuzz" or even that much on his time working for the BBC pre-SotD. Those films, and others, are touched upon here and there, but only briefly and usually

just to highlight the oddly coincidental things that Pegg connects from his childhood to his blossoming career, such as enjoying "Star Trek" as a youngster and then shooting a scene with Leonard Nimoy who tells him, "You are Montgomery Scott." Now if there were only some way he could go back in time to tell himself as a child that these things will happen...I really enjoyed all the coincidences he points out. He makes it okay to geek out by example. One of my favorite aspects about "Shaun of the Dead" is all the foreshadowing or parallelism between the first twenty or so minutes of the flick and the rest of it. Rather than stick to a strictly linear narrative tract, Pegg's stories or tangents really follow themselves to their logical end, jumping around in time from his childhood to wearing a motion-capture suit for a movie and back to his earlier life. It seems Pegg is an intelligent, thoughtful, regular guy. Good news for his fans like me who imagine someday we'll get to hang out even though I don't attend ComicCon and won't ever be in the same building with him so there's no way I'd even be able to buy him a Cornetto, or Drumstick, as we say in America. Perhaps this book is only for his fans and then only for really big fans, and maybe that's intentional. I'm fine with that. But wait. There's more: there is a sci-fi/super spy/mystery piece of fiction that is interspersed throughout the book every few chapters that is hilariously, intentionally bad and over-the-top. Pegg is the main character, an incredibly rich, muscled, handsome spy with a robot sidekick, a love interest who is bad but not totally bad, and an arch-enemy whose identity comes as a shock. As they say, it's worth the price of admission on its own. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Loved Simons Memoir...and Nicks...recommend both...By DONALD D ROBERSONI read Nick Frosts memoir first, and just finished Simons. I love them both, and the memoirs too. Amazing in so many ways, their journeys in life and where it took them. I would have loved to have been at their favorite pub during those days, just to sit and watch. Looking forward to ordering the Spaced DVD's...and other brit shows mentioned in Simons book. And now I understand Simon wrote the script to the coming Star Trek movie? GOOD GAAD.... Envy is not good, but I do for both of these men. Makes one wonder about PreDestination. and Quantum as Simon says....and it seems Simon and Nick are starting another collaboration. Brilliant movies they have made. The Cookie Cutter was thrown out. I wish both men all the best in their life. One of the best Bromances ever. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Simon Pegg's Love Letter By ADignorantium I couldn't wait to enter into the controversy that surrounds this book, all due to someone's comment on the price. I'm not necessarily a 'Nerd' type, or a Sci-Fi 'Geek', although I do have an appreciation for the genres. (...and I love Simon Pegg's work.) I discovered Simon Pegg through twitter. I had seen him in films, but it was through twitter that I truly became a fan. (Don't ask. It's too complicated and has little to do with this book.) I purchase the hard cover print version, as opposed to the digital version, because of all the controversy. I'm glad I did, as there are pictures of Simon taken throughout his life. And I don't know if they're available in the digital version. (If they are, please leave a comment below.) Shortly into the book, you get the idea that this is an entertaining Love Letter from Simon to all his childhood heroes. His self effacing nature only serves to endear him to you. He's the kind of guy you'd want to have a few drinks with at your local watering hole. He's clever and smart. And he treats his readers as equals. By that, I mean he doesn't dumb things down. He assumes that his American audience is now familiar with British sensibilities (by way of PBS's broadcasting of popular BBC programming here in the States) I like that he tries to keep his films 'British'. For example, Shaun of the Dead forgoes any attempt to seduce American audiences with Hollywood-style tricks. And because of this, Shaun of the Dead is a better, more original movie. It's a good and fun read for everybody. And if you've seen his films and TV shows, all the better for you. Even if you've never seen a Simon Pegg's performances, you'll be entertained by this tale of a young boy who grows up to live his dream. Much to his own surprise!

The unique life story of one of the most talented and inventive comedians, star of Shaun of the Dead, Hot Fuzz, Paul, Spaced, and Star Trek. Zombies in North London, death cults in the West Country, the engineering deck of the Enterprise -- actor, comedian, writer, and supergeek Simon Pegg has been ploughing some bizarre furrows. Having landed on the U.S. movie scene in the surprise cult hit Shaun of the Dead, his enduring appeal and rise to movie stardom has been mercurial, meteoric, megatronic, but mostly just plain great. From his childhood (and subsequently adult) obsession with science fiction, his enduring friendship with Nick Frost, and his forays into stand-up comedy, which began with his regular Monday-morning slot in front of his twelve-year-old classmates, Simon has always had a severe and dangerous case of the funnies. Whether recounting his experience working as a lifeguard at the city pool, going to Comic-Con for the first time and confessing to Carrie Fisher that he used to kiss her picture every night before he went to sleep, or meeting and working with heroes that include Peter Jackson, Kevin Smith, and Quentin Tarantino, Pegg offers a hilarious look at the journey to becoming an international superstar.

"When the hilarious Simon Pegg asked for a quote for his book, I said no." Ricky Gervais Simon Pegg is the nerdiest nerd ever to nerd out about nerdiness. Read this hilarious book, nerd! Michael Ian Black, author of My Custom Van Nerd Do Well does the necessary job of telling Pegg's story, but does so in an intimate manner. The Times (London) "I read over 1 million books a year and this is the best book I have read in 15 years." Kristen Wiig Hollywood's go-to geek talks about the chronicle of his passage through the lower-lying lands of popular culture. Word magazine How did a geeky kid with a love of Star Wars end up a cult film hero working with Steven Spielberg?

Simon Pegg reveals much more. The Observer An anthology of childhood milestones and film analysis, Pegg's book isn't your run-of-the-mill celebrity tell-all. Time.com Anyone over 13 who ever wrote middle-school-aged standup comedy, filmed stop-motion movies with their action figures, storyboarded Star Wars: Episode VII or mixed fake blood using corn syrup and food coloring will probably find a certain kinship with the writer of Nerd Do Well. Wired.com As promised in the title, Pegg lets his nerd flag fly, offering extended reflections on the inner workings of comedy and his own fannish obsessions. Sweet, funny and moving, Nerd Do Well is about what you'd expect from Simon Pegg. Yeah, it's that good. Kirkus s Nerd Do Well makes an ideal summer read. Pegg's discourse on the merits and shortcomings of the Star Wars movies are worth the price of the book themselves. It's everything that Patton Oswalt's Zombie Spaceship Wasteland could have been but wasn't. Examiner.com Overflowing with alarmingly bang-on analyses of geek/nerd iconography from the Enterprise to the Death Star to Comic-Con, the Pegg's Tale, so to speak, is the kind of personal history you wish all your four-color heroes would write but generally don't. Austin Chronicle A charming collection of stories Slate.com About the Author Simon Pegg is an actor, comedian, screenwriter, producer, and author. Best known for his roles in Shaun of the Dead, Hot Fuzz, Spaced, and Paul, he also played Scotty in Star Trek (2009). Simon lives in London with his wife and daughter.