

Mick FOLEY

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 287 pounds

From: Stony Brook, New York

Career Achievements: 3-time WWE Champion and 2-time *New York Times* #1 best-selling author

Mick Foley is a legendary name in the world of sports entertainment. He began wrestling professionally while studying at The State University of New York at Cortland, making a weekly 800-mile round trip commute to Freedom, Pennsylvania, where he learned the ropes under former grappling great Dominic DeNucci. Foley forged his own unique style in venues ranging from armories, to high school gymnasiums, to massive outdoor stadiums - in twenty six countries, including Nigeria, Japan, Ecuador, and the United Kingdom - before signing with World Wrestling Entertainment in late 1995.

Foley was one of the cornerstones of the WWE's meteoric rise in popularity, becoming WWE Champion three times, and entertaining millions around the globe, before his unprecedented physical style took its toll, resulting in a mind numbing list of injuries, including 350 stitches, a multitude of bone fractures and three knee surgeries, as well as the loss of one ear and two teeth.

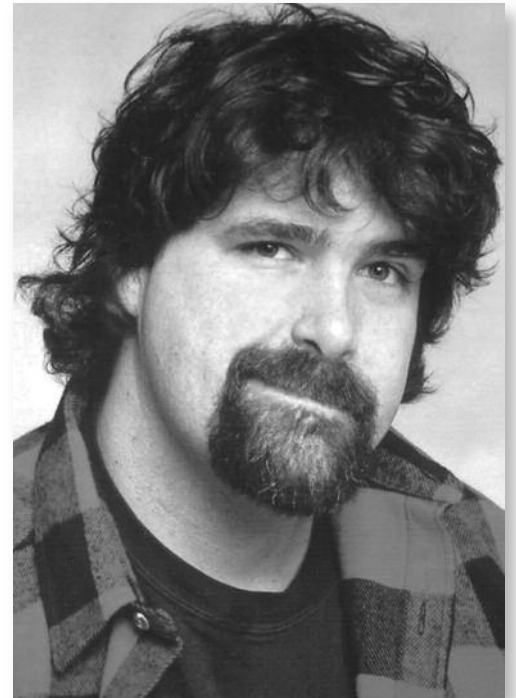
With retirement looming, Foley, penned his autobiography, churning out 200,000 words on 760 pages of notebook paper in only fifty days. The book, *Have a Nice Day*, which showcased Foley's irreverent sense of humor and natural storytelling ability, shocked the literary world by hitting #1 on the *New York Times* Bestseller List and by staying there for 26 weeks. The sequel, *Foley is Good*, shot to #1 in its very first week. His latest book, *The Hardcore Diaries*, was also a *New York Times* Bestseller, and was named as a "notable book for teens" by the New York Public Library.

Foley recently became the talk of the sports-entertainment world by signing with *TNA - Total Nonstop Action* - a vibrant, young promotion with national television exposure on *Spike TV*, for an on-air role which should include occasional returns to in-ring action.

Foley was featured in the critically-acclaimed motion picture, *Beyond the Mat*, was the subject of an *A&E Biography* and has appeared on dozens of television shows, including *The Today Show*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *20/20*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, *Live with Regis and Kelly* and *Good Morning America*.

In addition, he has been a much sought after college lecturer, speaking at some of our country's finest institutions, including Notre Dame, Syracuse University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Foley sponsors seven children through Christian Children's Fund, has entertained U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, and visits regularly with wounded soldiers, marines, sailors and airmen at Washington, DC-area medical centers. He lives with his wife and four children on Long Island and is a roller coaster enthusiast.



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