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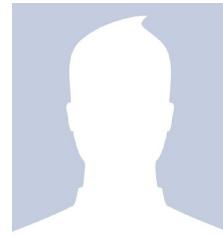


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# A Letter from the Editor



To our devoted readers,

It's that time of the year once again: time for Uncle Magazine's Uncle Awards, where our editorial staff painstakingly combs through dozens of nominations to find *the* uncle most likely to be accused of "moving the game forward".

For this year's edition of "The Uncies", we decided to recognize acts of bravery and self-sacrifice. As such, I am pleased to announce that Hollywood actor Jeremy Renner has been awarded Uncle of the Year, for his selflessness in saving his nephew Alex during an incident involving a snowplow on New Year's Day. His acts of heroism have moved the needle forward on Uncle unselfishness and inspired bravery, braveness and courage within the Unclesphere.

I've known (of) Jeremy since his first appearance in Marvel movies, in which he played Green Arrow. Recently, I had the privilege to sit down with him for a few minutes before he walked out (see our interview on page 5). It was a pleasure to speak to him.

I'd like to profusely pre-emptively thank Mr. Renner for not pursuing punitive legal action against myself, Uncle Magazine, or Uncle Industries due to my behaviour before, during, or after the interview, including future silly actions which may not even have occurred to me yet.

This year, the awards are even more special as 2023 has been declared the "Year of The Uncle". My handlers have told me not to be too grandiose, but I feel we're on the precipice of big changes for uncle-kind.

In honour of the Year of the Uncle and the Uncle of the Year, please join us in pushing for governmental recognition of National Aunts and Uncles Day, July 26. Contact your political representatives at all level and let them know that you demand that July 26 be made a public holiday in your state or country. A template email is available on our website at [unclemag.com/#holidaylobbyday](http://unclemag.com/#holidaylobbyday). Thank you for your help. 

In personal news, despite my best efforts, I still have not conceived a nephew. We're really trying.

One (1) love,

F. Guy J. Tombs

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## F. Guy's Tips of the Month

- If all your white polo shirts are always getting mustard stains... Get some mustard-coloured ones!
- If all your mustard-coloured polo shirts are always getting ketchup stains... Go tie-die!
- I before e... except after C!



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*Matt Johnson is a cool guy*

Don't recycle  
Give to uncle





# Ask Uncle Jim!

Jim is the proud uncle to two nieces and one nephew. He lives in Upstate New York with his dog, Buster, and his wife, Cheryll. He enjoys the company of his three nephews and, occasionally, that of his children.

Hi Uncle Jim,

Next Monday is my Uncle Sal's birthday. He's an unmarried man in his mid-forties and I love him to death. He lives in Florida and we're flying out to surprise him. Any ideas for gifts?

Much love,  
Angela

Good afternoon Angela,

I went to high school with a guy named Sal who lives in Florida. I wonder if it's the same...

In any case, I recommend a steak dinner or a nice watch. Tickets to a sporting event would also be a great option; ideally something with fast cars.

Best,  
Uncle Jim

Hello Uncle Jim,

I wanted to do something nice for my dog, Jackson. He's lucky enough to be around his siblings Buddy, Jack, Lucy, Lucky, and Arprit. They've all got their own puppies except him, so I guess that makes him a bona fido uncle! Any ideas?

Best,  
Brian

Good morning, Brian! You're up early!

Jackson is very fortunate to be around his nibblings (and siblings, I suppose)—very rare in this day and age! I recommend a steak dinner or a nice watch. Tickets to a sporting event would also be a great option; ideally something with fast cars.

Warm regards,  
Uncle Jim

Ask Uncle Jim at [askunclejim@unclemag.com](mailto:askunclejim@unclemag.com) ↗

## Nibbling Corner

### Nibling of the Month

Sarah from Port Moody, B.C.



- Won the "Pelvis Breaker" award at the maternity ward
- Banned from sitting on Santa's lap (there is a list—checked twice)
- Cleaned 3 corn cobs in 3 minutes ("No Niblets Left Behind" medal)

### "Angry Dinosar"

Josh, 8 (Barrie, ON)



### "My Best Day"

Avery, 3 (Summerside, PEI)



Submissions: [nibblingcorner@unclemag.com](mailto:nibblingcorner@unclemag.com) ↗

# Uncle of the Year: Jeremy Renner

**Jeremy Renner** has been nominated for two Academy Awards (known in the biz as “Acadacie Awardies”). He’s also won other awards that don’t matter as much. Now he’s back in the spotlight after saving his nephew’s life in a fatal snowplow accident in which no one died.

## What question should I ask first?

Well, since we’re here to talk about my career, it might be a good idea to start by asking about my early days in the industry. You could ask something like “how did you first get interested in acting, and what inspired you to pursue it as a career?”

## How did you first get interested in acting, and what inspired you to pursue it as a career?

Great question. Well, I’ve always been drawn to storytelling and performance. Even as a kid, I loved putting on little shows for my family and friends, and I was always fascinated by movies and television. But it wasn’t until I was in college that I really started to take acting seriously. I was studying criminology at the time, but I found myself spending more and more time in the theater department. Eventually, I realized that acting was my true passion and decided to pursue it as a career. It was a scary leap, but I’m so glad I took it.

## Why criminology? Any cold cases in your family you were hoping to nail?

(laughs) No, I don’t have any cold cases in my family that I’m aware of. I was drawn to criminology because I’ve always been fascinated by human behavior and what makes people do the things they do. I thought studying criminology would give me



a better understanding of why people commit crimes and how we can prevent them. But as I mentioned, my love for acting ultimately won out and led me down a different path.

**Sorry, I wasn’t listening, but I just thought it would have been funny if you had said “the only cold case in my family is a six pack of Budweisers after a long shift at the factory....” What did your father do for a living?**

(laughs) No worries, and I appreciate the humor. My father was indeed a factory worker. He worked hard to support our family, and I learned a lot from watching him put in long hours and always striving to do his best.

## What factory did he work at?

(laughs) He worked at a manufacturing plant in Modesto, California. It was a tough job, but he was proud of the work he did there and the support he was able to provide for our family.

**Do you know the name of the plant? I have an uncle who once worked in a factory around Modesto.**

I’m sorry, but I don’t remember the name of the plant. It was a long time ago, and I was pretty young at the time. But I do remember visiting him there a few times and being fascinated by all the machinery and production lines. What kind of factory did your uncle work in?

**He actually still works there, and I had an internship there once. The factory makes belt tensioners for an automotive supplier.**

That’s really interesting! It’s amazing to see how many different types of factories and manufacturing plants there are out there, all producing different products for different industries. I’ve always had a lot of respect for people who work in those kinds of jobs. It takes a lot of skill and dedication to keep those production lines running smoothly day after day.

**Okay. Can you please rack your brain to remember the name of the factory your father worked at?**

Sorry, I don’t have any memory of the name of the factory.

**Thanks for your time.**

(no response)

*Mr. Renner’s team later indicated that you should know about the Jeremy Renner app.*



# What to Expect When You're

## The New Rules



So. The tests came back positive. You're expecting a niece or a nephew, but you've got so many questions you're not sure where to begin.

Q: Is fish safe to eat?

A: Up to 12 ounces a week before mercury starts to retrograde your nervous system).

Q: Can I work up until the birth?

A: Yes... obviously...

## First things first



It's the realest: Uncling sickness is real, and it's no fun. It can hit at any time of day. Remember this rhyme: just go easy on the soft cheesy, wish not to eat fish and control your nerve in front of soft-serve.

## Nine months and counting

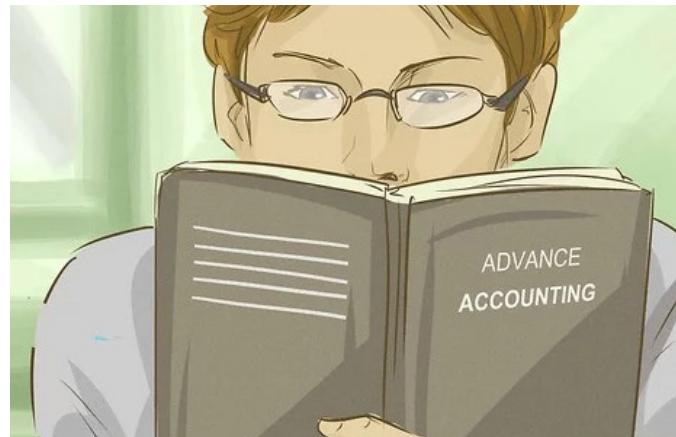


While the birth parents get ready to bring a child into the world, you've got to put your head down and learn about the responsibilities of unclehood. What can you do to prepare?

Add some padding to your hide-a-bed sofa's mattress. Do your best to protect young guests from the sharpest bits of said bed's metal. Hitting the frame means pain for which you'll get framed.

You can also get your niece or nephew a lifetime subscription to Uncle Magazine (valid for your lifetime: better start smoking!).

## Give your accountan' a sermon on the mountain



When the time comes, save your receipts—depending on your jurisdiction and income level, you may be eligible for a nibbling tax benefit.

# Expecting (To Become An Uncle\*)

## It's a budget, don't fudge it!



Agree on a spending cap for birthday gifts, gifts for the holiday season (if applicable), and National Aunt and Uncle Day. While you're at it, you can also ask about how much you should spend on them (if anything).

## Your Honour, My Client Isn't Usually This Guilty!



With your nibbling's birth parents, agree on an appropriate age to teach your nibblings their first swear words. Then take two years off the top. Tip: send an email to your future self.

Speak with your sibling/sibling-in-law about the level of involvement they expect you to have in their child's life. Do you get weekends? Are you expected to be a stay-at-home uncle? You never know until you ask (and get it in writing).

Under no circumstances should you ask about being made a godparent. As the saying goes: eager are the meek, but meager are the eek.

## Uncle-Down Economics



Never be the one to buy a child their first LEGO set. The editorial team cannot stress this one enough. Do not break the seal. It's a Raiders of the Lost Ark-level pandora's box (but if you do buy one, make sure the kid keeps the box for resale value).

## I'm The Uncle That Stepped Up



Understand the vital role an aunt or uncle can play in a child's life. In every family, some uncles are role models and others serve as cautionary tales.

Your role is not to discipline or judge the child. You can offer a reprieve from the strict authoritarian environment the birth parents may provide. You should aim to provide a different perspective and show the child an alternative way of life.

Don't let the baggage of your existing family relationships tarnish the new generation. Try not to speak ill of family members who you believe slighted you decades ago. Foster a positive and confident attitude towards life.

\*not legal advice. But not particularly illegal either...



