

# Johnny Weissmuller: Twice the Hero

Johnny Weissmuller was a true Renaissance man. He was an Olympic swimmer, a Hollywood actor, and a war hero. He is best known for his role as Tarzan in 12 films, but there was much more to Weissmuller than just his iconic jungle persona.



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Weissmuller was born in Windber, Pennsylvania, in 1904. He began swimming at a young age, and by the time he was 16, he had set a world record in the 100-meter freestyle. Weissmuller went on to win five gold medals at the 1924 and 1928 Olympic Games. He was the first swimmer to break the one-minute barrier in the 100-meter freestyle, and he held the world record in the event for seven years.

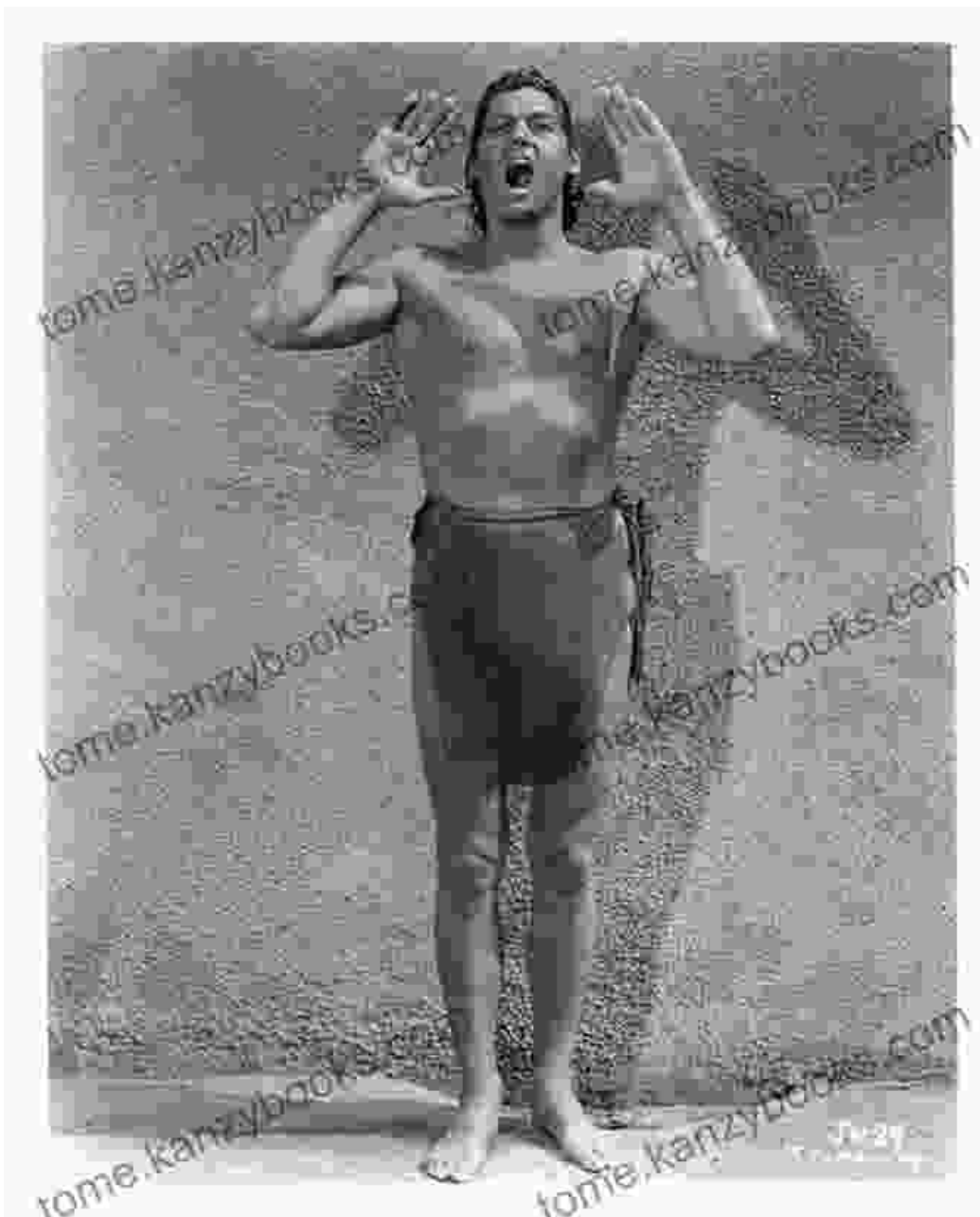
After his swimming career, Weissmuller turned to acting. He was discovered by MGM in 1932, and he went on to star in 12 Tarzan films. Weissmuller's Tarzan was a larger-than-life character, and he quickly became one of the most popular actors in Hollywood. He also starred in a

number of other films, including *Drums of the Congo* (1942) and *Jungle Jim* (1948).

During World War II, Weissmuller served in the United States Navy. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in the Pacific Theater. After the war, Weissmuller returned to Hollywood, where he continued to act and make personal appearances.

Weissmuller died in 1984 at the age of 80. He was a true legend, and his legacy continues to live on. He is remembered as one of the greatest swimmers of all time, and he is also considered to be one of the most iconic actors in Hollywood history.

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