

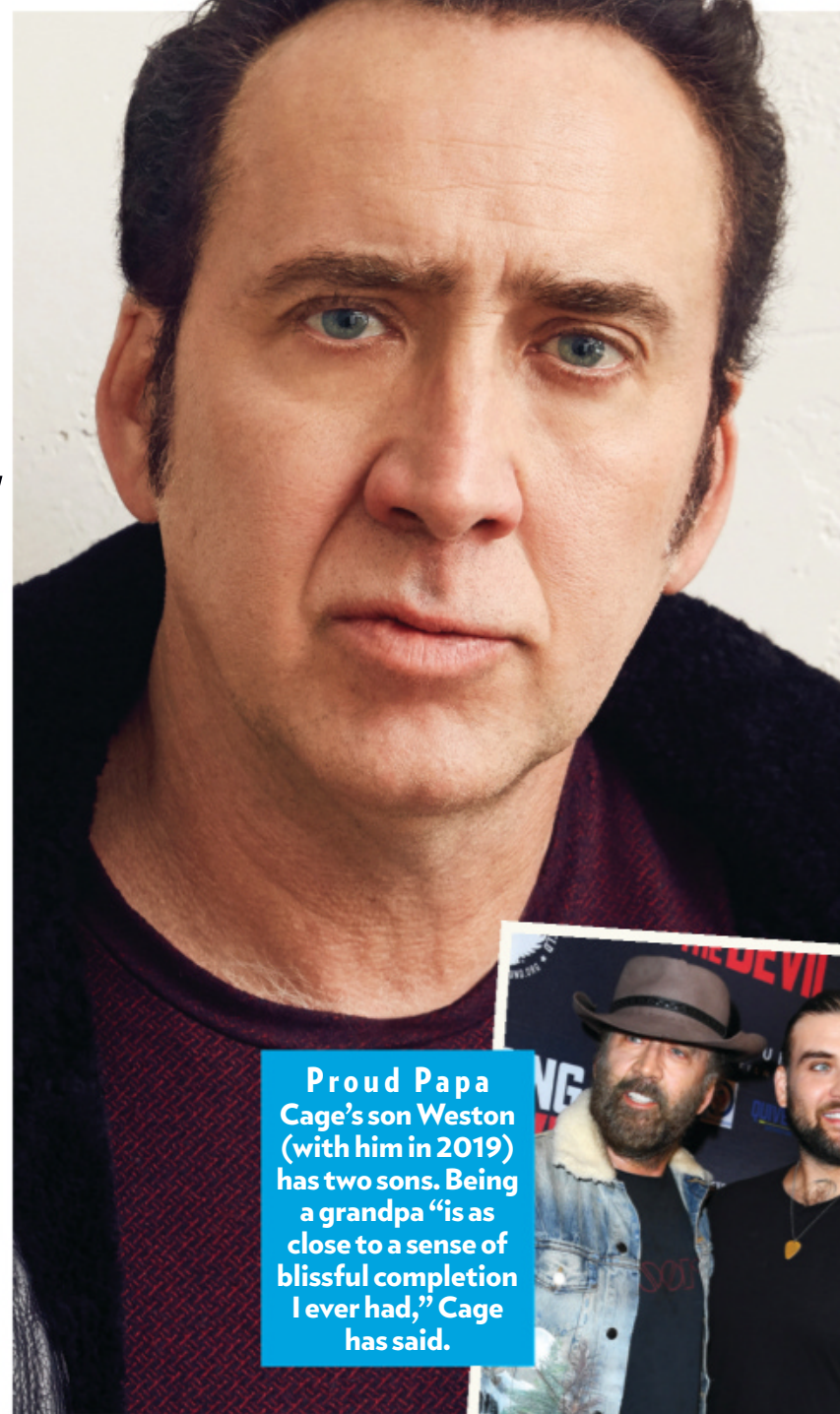
# Nicolas Cage

## 'I Don't Have Any Regrets'

After appearing in more than 100 films during his 38-year career, Nicolas Cage, 56, says he doesn't have a favorite genre—he just loves to act. For his new sci-fi film *Color Out of Space* he plays a man fighting to save his family from a mysterious alien entity, but he says his next role will be a naturalistic, quiet one. “It’s not a secret that I’ve always tried to push boundaries in terms of film performance,” says the Oscar winner. Single after four marriages (to Patricia Arquette, Lisa Marie Presley, Alice Kim and Erika Koike), he’s dad to sons Weston, 29, and Kal-El, 14.

### What goes through your mind when you watch your own movies?

In a situation where I’m with other people who are seeing it for the first time, I’m actively a member of the audience. I’ll be



**Proud Papa**  
Cage’s son Weston (with him in 2019) has two sons. Being a grandpa “is as close to a sense of blissful completion I ever had,” Cage has said.



thinking about them, mostly, and how their response is going to be. So I’m on pins and needles. But if I’ve made a movie and it comes on TV, I tend to turn it off after about five minutes. I might check through it a little bit to just go

down memory lane. It’s like a photo album of sorts. **What advice would you give your younger self?** I don’t have any regrets, because I think everything leads to something. I do see

the positive in every negative and the gold in every bit of lead. But I would’ve said just perhaps keep it simple in terms of your quest for your life experience. Maybe simplify it a little more so that it doesn’t eclipse your work. I had a wanderlust. I wanted to go everywhere, see everything and experience everything. If I had a little less of that, I could’ve focused more on the work itself.

### Would you ever make a move to TV?

Yeah, that’s something that I’ve been thinking about a lot lately. It’s no secret that independent film, which is my bread and butter—finance for that is drying up, which is really kind of sad. So I have

to diversify my portfolio.

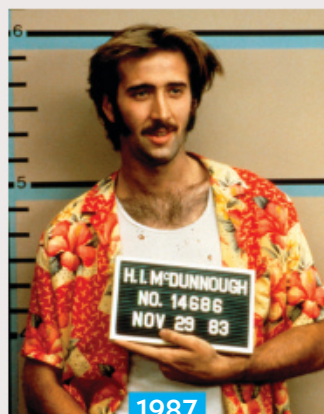
### What do you like to do with your rare time off?

I sadly had a movie fall apart recently, so I had plenty of time off—about two or three months. I watched a ton of movies. I kind of went on a film education, if you will.

### Your fans have stuck with you over the years. Do you feel close to them?

I feel blessed in that my fan base spans in ages from 3 to 90. They give me a reason to keep going and keep exploring. —NIGEL SMITH

## FOUR DECADES OF CAGE ONSCREEN



1987

Raising Arizona



1997

Face/Off



1996

Cage won the Best Actor Oscar for *Leaving Las Vegas*.



2007

National Treasure: Book of Secrets



2020

Color Out of Space