



PUBERTY TO PARENTHOOD

FROM SCHOOL TO STAGE

THE GEEK FACTOR

MAG: *You said you were lucky to make it through puberty. What kind of teenager were you—and what did you most want to change about yourself?*

STEVE: I think I was afraid of being a geek. I wasn't geek-like, but I had geek tendencies. One of my biggest fears was being kind of a nerdy, brainy techno goofball. I wasn't athletic enough to be an athlete. I was okay. I mean, I could throw and catch a ball and all that stuff. But I wanted to be cool.

And I really thought I wasn't. I was always small and I had skipped a grade, so I was that much smaller. And then I was sent off to that brainy school, so you've got a little, twerpy, nerdy guy at a brainy school. Good luck. Every bully in the world wanted to kill me. But I could make them laugh.

So, I think geekiness was my biggest fear. My brother was pretty geeky. He took a briefcase to school in Grade Six, for God's sake. Didn't bother him. He was on the corporate track in those days. But for me, it was like—no, no, no.