



with...
James McAvoy,

36, star of *Victor Frankenstein*

1 Do opposites attract?
Why do we go for the opposite? Because when two people complement each other, like filling in the blanks like a jigsaw, that can be quite satisfying. But at the same time, I think it can be really comforting to be with someone who's just like you too. There are things [my wife and I] can connect over and there are things that we absolutely clash over as well.

Where do you take your wife when you want to impress her?

A really nice long walk in some beautiful, deserted part of the wilderness. Yeah, and maybe with a chance of wildlife around us.

The craziest thing you've done for love is _____.

Probably fight people. [WH: Like bar fights?] Yep. It's silly, it's always unnecessary. I've never found that women that I've been with have ever said, "Thank you for doing that." They might have said, "Thank you for caring," but usually it's like, "Why are you being such a dick?"

3 Is there anything you're insecure about?
I'd like to be a better football [soccer] player. I love it. I've played it every weekend for my entire life and I'm still sh-t at it. That's kind of it. I'm my own in my own skin.

What's your first thought when you wake up in the morning?

Jesus Christ, it's f-cking early. We get up very early in our home. Like 6 o'clock, 6:30, because of our little boy [his son, Brendan, is 5]. It's not all bad, but sometimes you're like, Jesus, wow.

—Faye Brennan

Fast Talk

- > **Long hair or short?**
Long.
- > **Makeup or natural?**
Both.
- > **Guilty pleasure?**
Science fiction.
- > **Dream city?**
A cross between Montreal and New York.
- > **Favorite shower song?**
"Ship to Wreck" by Florence + the Machine.
- > **Desert island must-have?**
Does it need to be practical, like a rain catcher? Anything I want? I'd like to have a dolphin that hung out with me and catered to me and took me swimming.