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Top 10
Dwarf Names





Dwarven names are built from hard consonants and short, punchy syllables that reflect stone, metal, and stubbornness. Tolkien borrowed from Old Norse dwarf-lists in the Völuspá, and that tradition echoes through nearly every fantasy setting since.

1. **Gimli** — *The Lord of the Rings*
   Son of Glóin, whose friendship with Legolas broke centuries of racial distrust.
2. **Thorin Oakenshield** — *The Hobbit*
   Exiled king who reclaimed Erebor. His epithet comes from using an oak branch as a shield.
3. **Bruenor Battlehammer** — *Forgotten Realms (D&D)*
   King of Mithral Hall and Drizzt's steadfast companion. The archetypal D&D dwarf.
4. **Durin** — *Tolkien Legendarium*
   The first of the seven Dwarf-fathers, reborn across ages. His name comes from Old Norse.
5. **Balin** — *The Lord of the Rings*
   Lord of Moria whose tomb the Fellowship discovers. A reminder that dwarven ambition has costs.
6. **Dáin Ironfoot** — *The Hobbit*
   The warrior-king who headbutted his way through the Battle of Five Armies.
7. **Varric Tethras** — *Dragon Age*
   A crossbow-wielding storyteller dwarf who names his weapon Bianca. BioWare's most quotable companion.
8. **Khelgar Ironfist** — *Neverwinter Nights 2*
   A brawler dwarf who wanted to become a monk. Obsidian's take on dwarven stubbornness.
9. **Oghren** — *Dragon Age: Origins*
   A hard-drinking berserker from Orzammar whose tragic backstory hides behind crude humor.
10. **Moradin** — *D&D Pantheon*
    The All-Father, creator deity of dwarves. His name anchors dwarven religion across editions.