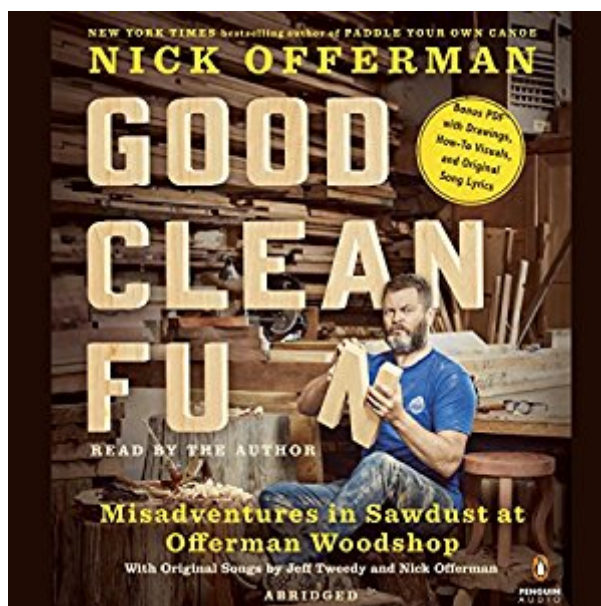


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# Good Clean Fun: Misadventures In Sawdust At Offerman Woodshop



## Synopsis

After two New York Times best sellers, Nick Offerman returns with the subject for which he's known best - his incredible real-life woodshop. Nestled among the glitz and glitter of Tinseltown is a testament to American elbow grease and an honest-to-God hard day's work: Offerman Woodshop. Captained by hirsute woodworker, actor, comedian, and writer Nick Offerman, the shop produces not only fine handcrafted furniture but also fun stuff - kazoos, baseball bats, ukuleles, even mustache combs. Now Nick and his ragtag crew of champions want to share their experiences of working at the Woodshop, tell you all about their passion for the discipline of woodworking, and teach you how to make a handful of their most popular projects along the way. This book will take listeners behind the scenes of the woodshop, both inspiring and teaching them to make their own projects and besotting them with the infectious spirit behind the shop and its complement of dusty wood elves. In this audio you will find a variety of projects for every skill level, with personal, accessible instructions by the OWS woodworkers themselves. You will also find writings by Nick, offering recipes for both comestibles and mirth, humorous essays, odes to his own woodworking heroes, insights into the ethos of woodworking in modern America, and other assorted tomfoolery. Whether you've been working in your own shop for years or just love Nick Offerman's brand of bucolic yet worldly wisdom, you'll find Good Clean Fun full of useful, illuminating, and entertaining information.

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## Customer Reviews

If you're like me, you own a hundred back issues of Shop Notes, Wood, and have shelves full of

books on specific topics from Framing to Finishes. Most of these articles you skim, get inspired with techniques and design elements, and apply those to your own projects. After spending a few days with this book, I get the feeling that Nick understands how woodworkers and tinkerers consume books, and wanted to make something that would suit them. This book is Fun: There's lovely photography that will inspire you, and there's several techniques and ideas that were new to me in some of the project-plans. But, what makes this book different is that there are also artist profiles, general shop advice, and Nick Offerman's humor and sensibilities throughout. You probably won't read it cover-to-cover, but then, the book doesn't appear to be designed to be consumed in that way. It's perfect for a casual read; to pick up at the end of the day and read a few pages. This is not to say that the book doesn't contain practical instruction; it does, and those projects are well presented. You should be warned however that some of the projects here are going to come off as a bit precious for an older experienced woodworker, but then, many of the projects are going to be approachable and exciting to younger and inexperienced woodworkers. The fun of this book will inspire you to get back into the shop to finish your most recent project. This book would be a great gift for a wide range of woodworkers with a wide range of interests; you'd have a hard time going wrong.

I'm a huge fan of Nick Offerman from his Ron Swanson character on Parks and Recreation. It turns out that Ron Swanson has a lot of Nick Offerman in him. You can almost hear Ron Swanson narrate this book in your head. This book is an inspirational dream for the weekend warrior and amateur woodworker who loves turning chunks of wood into beautiful and useful things. It's like shop talk with your Dad. This is not a technical tome or instructive manual, but it has lots of technical stuff in it along with some decent instruction, common sense wisdom and some very funny stories. This is about one man's passion for wood craft and his desire to share that passion with others of like mind and spirit. There are guest chapters by master woodworkers along with cool projects of all sorts and skill levels by members of the Offerman wood shop, and even some great recipes for your next cookout. This book could be subtitled "The Joy of Working Wood."

Great book that starts with a brief Nick Offerman bio and then moves on to recommended tools for a shop, explanation of wood grain and such, and projects throughout. This is more about the love of woodworking than a how-to, but it's written in Nick Offerman's voice, so it's as entertaining as it is educational.

I bought this for my boyfriend. While he hasn't touched it since his birthday in March, it looks real good on our bookshelf. If he ever decides to read it, I'll bet you it will be his fav. But in all seriousness, it arrived quickly, in mint condition. What more can you ask for? If you want a review of the content of this book, I can't help you there. But Nick Offerman is prettttty funny so I say buy it.

Another incredible book by Nick Offerman! I own all three of his books and, being a woodworker myself, I'd have to say I enjoyed this one most of all. He is not only an avid learner as you see in his autobiography, *Paddle Your Own Canoe*, but he is also a great teacher. Not to mention the fact that literally every page is written as if he were saying it out loud to you - you can almost hear almost hear his baritone growl. Great book to pique your interest in woodworking.

As an aspiring woodworker, I've managed to collect a substantial number of instructional books as well as years of subscriptions of *Fine Woodworking*, *Popular Woodworking* etc. This book is different from anything else you've ever seen in this genre. First, it lives up to its name of "clean" fun. You good give this to anyone between your teenage daughter to your great grandfather and not worry about any inappropriate content. The individual projects contained within are straight forward, well documented and can be completed with a minimal number of tools you can get at the local home center. They don't require extensive woodworking knowledge. And man, the book is funny. You get a little bit of everything. Bios of esteemed artisans (Christian Becksvoort, Gary Knox Bennett, Mira Nakashima and others), recipes (e.g. Southern Wild's Apple & Juniper Sauerkraut) and other random interesting observations (i.e. wood come from the inside of trees, shoe sizes can be measures in 1/4's) and many other diversions. So buy the book, read a bit and laugh, and then go make something. It will make you a better person.

Really enjoyable, I like Offerman's viewpoint and engaging style, and actually managed to read it through to the last page. The project instructionals range from whimsical to practical, and a novice could tackle most of them with no problem. This book is an opportunity to learn something about the concepts of quality and craftsmanship as they apply to all types of woodworking, as well as life.

I've always been a fan of Nick Offerman's writing and as someone with an inkling to get into woodworking, this book hits many high notes. The tutorials are somewhat abstract, you won't get everything you need to put together a project, but they're informative enough to get you well on your way. Someone with more experience would probably hit the ground running with the plans in the

book. Interspersed with different projects are stories about Offerman's friends, family, and woodshop coworkers with the usual humor and excitement that he puts into almost everything. A great read, especially for someone looking to get into woodworking.

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