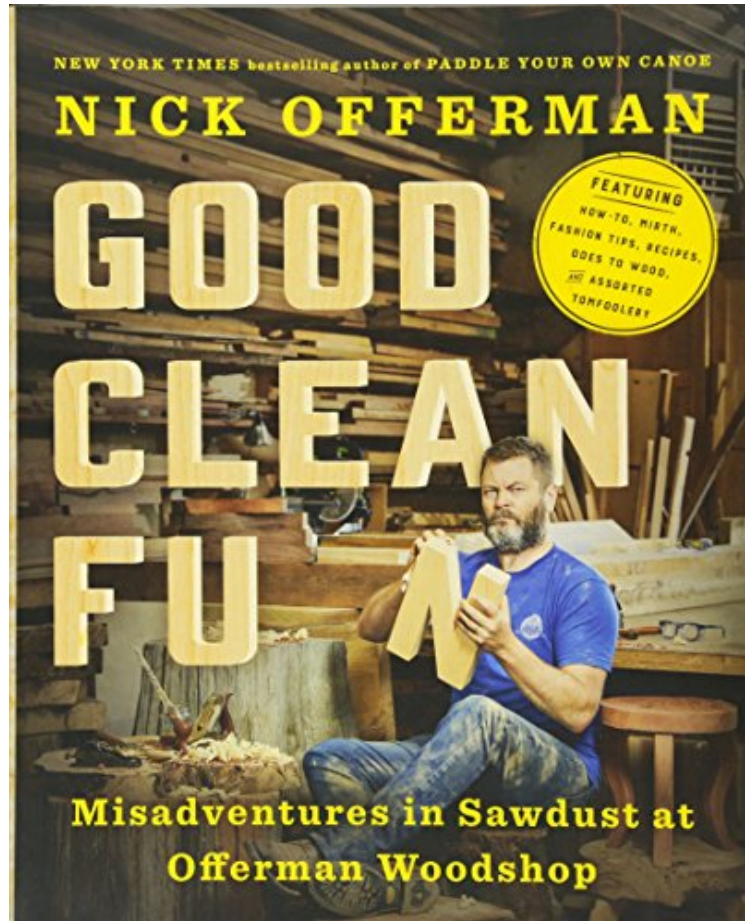


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Nick Offerman : Good Clean Fun: Misadventures in Sawdust at Offerman Woodshop before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Good Clean Fun: Misadventures in Sawdust at Offerman Woodshop:

64 of 68 people found the following review helpful. The emphasis here is FUN. By SJ23 Sailor 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. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Inspiration, Fun, and Philosophy for Woodworkers Everywhere By WMCI'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." 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable read By Chris 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.

After two New York Times bestsellers, 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 days 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, mustache combs, even cedar-strip canoes. Now Nick and his ragtag crew of champions want to share their experience 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 takes readers 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 these pages you will find a variety of projects for every skill level, with personal, easy-to-follow instructions by the OWS woodworkers themselves; and, what's more, this tutelage is augmented by mouth-watering color photos (Nick calls it "wood porn"). 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 if holding this stack of compressed wood pulp is as close as you've ever come to milling lumber, or even if you just love Nick Offerman's brand of bucolic yet worldly wisdom, you'll find Good Clean Fun full of useful, illuminating, and entertaining information.

Praise for Good Clean Fun Good Clean Fun has helped me discover new ways to have fun in the shop. If Offerman's goal is to expose a wider audience to the world of woodworking, he's hit the nail on the head. The guidance is sound and presented in a much more entertaining manner than you'll encounter in other woodworking books. Good Clean Fun may be the first woodworking book that's actually fun to read. Woodcraft Magazine Offerman offers detailed projects, shop tips, and tricks, wider reflections on his career and craftsmanship. Offerman really loves wood. By the time you're finished, you will too. Popular Mechanics Part memoir, part technical guide (which provides instructions on how to build fine pieces down to the very inch), and part spiritual guide (there's zen-like life lessons to take away from crafting something with your hands). Esquire "This book is sure to fit nicely in your library and next to you, in your wood shop, whether you are just picking up a new hobby or looking to dive into a career of carving and turning wood." Design*Sponge A witty woodworking tutorial. Country Living "Woodworking craftsmanship cannot get more fun than this." BookPage About the Author NICK OFFERMAN is an actor, humorist, and woodworker. He is married to the most beautiful and talented actress working today, Megan Mullally. They live in Los Angeles, California, with their pups and an impressive collection of assorted wood clamps.