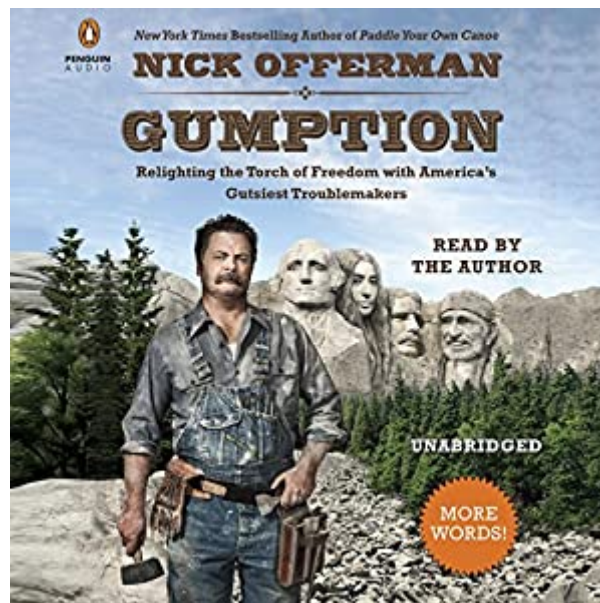




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Gumption: Relighting The Torch Of Freedom With America's Gutsiest Troublemakers



Synopsis

The star of Parks and Recreation and author of the New York Times best seller Paddle Your Own Canoe returns with a second book that humorously highlights 21 figures from our nation's history, from her inception to present day - Nick's personal pantheon of "great Americans". To millions of people, Nick Offerman is America. Both Nick and his character, Ron Swanson, are known for their humor and patriotism in equal measure. After the great success of his autobiography Paddle Your Own Canoe, Offerman now focuses on the lives of those who inspired him. From George Washington to Willie Nelson, he describes 21 heroic figures and why they inspire in him such great meaning. He'll combine both serious history with light-hearted humor - comparing, say, George Washington's wooden teeth to his own experience as a woodworker. The subject matter will also allow Offerman to expound upon his favorite topics, which listeners love to hear - areas such as religion, politics, woodworking and handcrafting, agriculture, creativity, philosophy, fashion, and, of course, meat.

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Customer Reviews

Nick Offerman (TV's Ron Swanson) is a true American. He can do anything he wants with a tree. Whether it's craft a boat or write a hefty tome to adorn on the pages it provided. He could probably make the pages too. In his second offering Nick Offerman provides insight into those American's that one can model themselves after in order to become as great a person as he. I very much enjoyed reading his takes on the exploits of our Revolutionary fathers in the first portion of the book.

The book also turned me onto several other authors and people I'll need to check out. Anyone that is a fan of the Ron Swanson characteristics that Mr. Offerman made famous on Parks and Recreation would do good to read this book. Preferably on a hand crafted canoe.

I bought this for my husband and he loves it! This is someone who is very choosy about what he reads. He keeps telling me different and interesting things from the book. I bought his other book last night. If you ever get a chance Google this author and the Conan show, he does the best comedy bits, you will laugh.

This book is, as the author self describes, a means to meet most the people the author admires. The writing is in the style of a self thought journal, but it doesn't make it any less "a good read" and down right hilarious at some points. It provides some great insights into some well known public figures as well. While I don't agree with all Mr. Offerman's view points, reading his atheist, pro-liberal rhetoric only serves to highlight my own beliefs to the contrary and doesn't hinder my ability to respect the man or his writing.

This book had a few laugh out loud moments and was a quick easy read. Not quite as funny or enjoyable, in my opinion, as "Paddle Your Own Canoe," but still worth the effort. I enjoyed reading about individuals I'd heard about or experienced in class or in pop culture, not as much about many of the writers, artists, politicians a younger fella like me hasn't heard of before...some of those I skimmed through pretty quickly.

I love Nick Offerman's style of writing. Great read

Very engaging book, I would recommend to everyone! As a lover of history and art, Nick has chapters on so people I had already admired. It was great fun to read thanks to his upbeat wit and humor throughout.

Witty, educational, and just down right enjoyable to read. It's a history lesson that you actually want to stay awake for. Highly recommend. I'm off to immediately buy his other book as I am hooked.

Offerman is a great writer and I just read everything in his gruff voice. Great stories about great people in this one.

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