

Nick Offerman Quotes

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I'm enjoying the opportunity that Parks And Recreation affords me to exploit my own soapbox agenda, which is to try to encourage people to make things with their hands.

~Nick Offerman

I grew up in a small town in Illinois, and my dad was a basketball coach. Thanks to him, I have excellent fundamentals in both basketball and baseball.

~Nick Offerman

I have a wonderfully hedonistic appetite, and if I wasn't really strict with myself, I'd weigh 300 pounds. I'm not good with moderation.

~Nick Offerman

If I had more time, I'd watch more woodworking or home-improvement shows, but, not enough hours in the day.

~Nick Offerman

If your shirt isn't tucked into your pants, then your pants are tucked into your shirt.

~Nick Offerman

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Don't teach a man to fish and you feed yourself. He's a grown man, fishing's not that hard.

~Nick Offerman

Follow your gut, make a choice, and throw yourself into it. If you make a mistake, then you have merely afforded yourself a valuable lesson.

~Nick Offerman

If properly dried and trimmed, New York-style pizza could be used to make a box for Chicago-style pizza.

~Nick Offerman

If you want to be happy in life, consider yourself a student. Every day of your life, think: how can I improve?

~Nick Offerman

Figure out what you love to do, then figure out how to get paid to do it.

~Nick Offerman

Technically, we're all half centaur.

~Nick Offerman

I have a Kenwood charcoal grill. In our house, if anybody is cooking, it's me. I love making burgers. I love making pork tenderloin. Lamb chops I do on the grill a lot. But you just can't beat brats.

~Nick Offerman

And what we've lost sight of is that performing manual labor with your hands is one of the most incredibly satisfying and positive things you can do.

~Nick Offerman

I've learned through experience that to trouble celebrities with my handshake doesn't do anybody any good.

~Nick Offerman

Once you have a PhD, every meeting you go to becomes a doctor's appointment.

~Nick Offerman

I never went too long without a job. The problem was a lot of the early jobs are almost more demoralizing than unemployment.

~Nick Offerman

I am a saxophone player.

~Nick Offerman

If you always have something in your life that you're trying to improve upon, then every day you have a reason to get out of bed, and you have a reason to achieve something and feel good.

~Nick Offerman

Love one another, make something with your hands, and exalt the farmer.

~Nick Offerman

Marijuana is quite possibly the finest of intoxicants. It has been scientifically proven, for decades, to be much less harmful to the body than alcohol when used on a regular basis.

~Nick Offerman

I grew up among farmers in Illinois and so you always have to have the tools you might need in the eventuality of a flat tire or a broken window.

~Nick Offerman

Jobs that require a suit upset me. They displease me much, as our world is rife with such superficial conformity.

~Nick Offerman

The ultimate disguise is nothing. Nudity.

~Nick Offerman

How lucky my life is that I have two arms, and two legs, and ten fingers with which to make things out of wood.

~Nick Offerman

I come from the theater, where I got into acting because I love transforming. I love nothing more than to be unrecognizable.

~Nick Offerman

Of course smartphones are brilliant inventions, but the nefarious thing

about Twitter and other social media is that it starts to fill all the gaps in your day. I quickly become an addict.

~Nick Offerman

I awaken. I consume oxygen, then bacon, eggs and black coffee, then my wife, then bacon.

~Nick Offerman

Just stand up for your principals and be loyal to your friends and family.

~Nick Offerman

It's taken me a lot of years to peel away my own layers.

~Nick Offerman

I don't get nominated, and I have to say, I've probably gotten the greatest mass of press in my life through not getting nominated. It's definitely been a winning situation as far as I'm concerned.

~Nick Offerman

If you don't look at yourself and evaluate it, you instead see how the world's reacting to it.

~Nick Offerman

I think what makes so many other actors miserable is focusing completely on making other plans. They're obsessed with their haircut and their headshot and their agent, their IMDB profile or whatever.

~Nick Offerman

I don't put a great deal of stock in art trophies.

~Nick Offerman

There's a lot of common sense ... which I feel like we have lost touch with.

~Nick Offerman

You know, it's hard to beat bacon at anytime of day. But I also am a big fan of corned beef hash.

~Nick Offerman

Only when you get into TV and film, do people really want you to be a 'specialist'.

~Nick Offerman

Branding is quite an important thing. As an artist, you want to be able to explore facets of yourself.

~Nick Offerman

If I had to pick one form of acting, it would be live theater. That's where I started; that's where I became a man, I think I'm still finishing up that job.

~Nick Offerman

If I put down my tweeter machine for a minute, I actually can communicate with people. As an aside, astonishingly, I just started doing Twitter.

~Nick Offerman

When I got to Los Angeles, I started building cabins in peoples' yards, building post-and-beam structures and cutting the joinery for those.

~Nick Offerman

I'm a very intermediate sax player, but now that Rob Lowe is on my show, I had to cop to him. Like, 'Dude your ridiculous fake sax playing [in St. Elmo's Fire] inspired me to pick up a horn.'

~Nick Offerman

I think that laziness in many ways is the human condition, and that's

what has led us to this place where, as we've developed technology.

~Nick Offerman

I always had a lot of confidence in my work and the unique flavor I like to bring to my characters, but you know I'm not a huge dreamer.

~Nick Offerman

The fact that I have a job that people even watch is an incredible gift.

~Nick Offerman

Let's just say I can never be cast again after Ron Swanson. Then I have a life of theater and woodworking and my wife to look forward to, and that doesn't make me anything but very happy.

~Nick Offerman

I've had to learn and discipline myself that I'm much happier and much less depressed if I give myself a project. It's just that simple.

~Nick Offerman

I was drinking a lot of bourbon. I was miserable. I was starting to get work, but it wasn't remotely satisfying. It was garbage compared to the theater I was doing.

~Nick Offerman

I'm opposed to a lot of the time that we as a civilization have come to spend looking at screens. For my money, life is much delicious damn near everywhere but inside that screen.

~Nick Offerman

I learned the word non-conformist in fourth grade and immediately announced that I would grow up to become one.

~Nick Offerman

If you like comedy, go home and curl up with Leviticus. The writers of

The Onion are handed Leviticus on their first day.

~Nick Offerman

My career is inexplicable to me. So far I've just been not getting fired despite being myself.

~Nick Offerman

I worked a lot in Chicago's theater scene as a fight choreographer. And so I do have a lot of experience in stage combat and also in Kabuki dance and Kabuki theater.

~Nick Offerman

Meat is a big deal in my life. I do love breakfast food, but I don't think that's extraordinary. I'm a normal American. We love eggs and meat and potatoes and gravy.

~Nick Offerman

When I was in high school, I would perform every year in those plays and there was something I really loved about it. But I was completely unaware that you could sort of get into an acting career.

~Nick Offerman

I always call performing live "giving the people the medicine," because when you're engaged in it, you can feel the sort of soul magic being exchanged between the performer and the audience.

~Nick Offerman

When I got my job on Parks, it was so dreamy, kind of unfathomable. I didn't think a job that excellent could exist for me.

~Nick Offerman

People are afraid that they're going to upset somebody on top, and so there's a real sense of, I've got to be quiet, I don't want to be fired.

~Nick Offerman

It's funny, growing up there was never anybody around me with any kind of artistic bent.

~Nick Offerman

My wife happens to be probably the greatest working woman in comedy. I can't think of anyone who even approaches her achievements and her abilities.

~Nick Offerman

I always drastically changed my look for each role. It's gotten a little tedious in real life, also, because there's no hiding.

~Nick Offerman

No one will ever ask me to sing because it's beautiful. My secret is hiding my musicianship behind humor.

~Nick Offerman

I learned as a young man that I don't write jokes, but that I can deliver more mundane material and get a laugh. I call myself a humorist.

~Nick Offerman

I also grew up building theatrical scenery. I spent many years building scenery as a large part of my income and that allowed me to really develop my shop skills.

~Nick Offerman

My family has schoolteachers and librarians, and I think people who teach are probably some of our greatest American heroes. Certainly, underpaid and unsung.

~Nick Offerman

People keep referring to me as a standup, and that just doesn't sit well with me because a lot of my friends are standups and they're brilliant at writing jokes, and I'm not.

~Nick Offerman

I'm very hairy, and men in film and TV are no longer allowed to be hairy.

~Nick Offerman

I'm always pleased that I managed to stay out of jail throughout my tenure in Chicago.

~Nick Offerman

I'm obsessed with the Victorian era and the British Royal Navy... I'd love to play a troubled sailor or captain or a boatman on a three masted ship.

~Nick Offerman

Before people figured out I was funny, I got cast quite a bit as either a rapist or serial killer or the guy who catches those people.

~Nick Offerman

I am always so happy to be at 'SNL.' I still feel like a kid when I'm there, like I can't believe I'm watching them make the show.

~Nick Offerman

I come from a family of fishermen. Fishing is very important to us. We don't hunt. We're not gun folk.

~Nick Offerman

The quest for the next key art awards begins with tomorrow's hangover

~Nick Offerman

I spent a lot of my youth working outside in the elements, and I kind of revel in defeating tough weather.

~Nick Offerman

I would like Americans to make things with their hands. Thomas Jefferson and I feel that makes for a much stronger nation.

~Nick Offerman

I've been working steadily as an actor since around 1998. I wasn't well known in the public, but I was a dependable working journeyman.

~Nick Offerman

Being a man of the theater and a hedonist, I find the idea of building coffins very romantic.

~Nick Offerman

I just always had a penchant for performing for people. I'm a jackass clown.

~Nick Offerman

My education began in theater school, and it continues to this day. I just continued learning to be a better performer.

~Nick Offerman

A lot of people find themselves in the entertainment business - or perhaps society steers them toward it - because they're beautiful.

~Nick Offerman

When I first met with agents, they said, "Okay, you're going to play plumbers and mechanics and bus drivers and farmers. Go."

~Nick Offerman

My uncles, who are farmers in Minooka, Illinois - I grew up with them and their pickup trucks and mustaches, and to me that was masculinity: big hairy sweaty guys who could pick up a bus.

~Nick Offerman

I keep having these bros come up to me and say, "I used to watch you

when I was a fetus," and I just want to kill them.

~Nick Offerman

Shut your damn mouth.

~Nick Offerman

I really thought that I'd be doing Shakespeare, honest to God. I did not foresee the whole action television thing. That was God's joke.

~Nick Offerman

I like to play women who are not strong at all, because, there's certainly plenty of myself that is no kind of a warrior.

~Nick Offerman

I'm quite excited to not play a Xena type character - it's probably closer to me than any character I've ever played.

~Nick Offerman

We realized that the world of popular culture had been creating the perfect candidate for many years: the female champion of the universe.

~Nick Offerman

Damn it all, you have been given a life on this beautiful planet! Get off your ass and do something!

~Nick Offerman

The world is split into two halves: the bacon, and the bacon eaters.

~Nick Offerman

Children are so egocentric - they want to watch their lives, and not yours.

~Nick Offerman

I always call myself a "student" of the guitar.

~Nick Offerman

Don't use barbiturates before going on stage. And be honest.

~Nick Offerman

Actually, I'm not super-kickass at a lot of things.

~Nick Offerman

When we think of an actor, we think of a tanned, frosted-tipped, model-looking guy. We don't think of a plumber.

~Nick Offerman

Really, all religious teachings can be boiled down to: "Just be cool. Don't be an asshole."

~Nick Offerman

Your dreams are always going to seem much more profound to you than they are to your friend.

~Nick Offerman

I really bridled when Parks And Rec became popular and woodworking publications wanted me to do stuff with them.

~Nick Offerman

Whatever it is you like to do, that's the sexiest part of you.

~Nick Offerman

For years I drove a big Ford F250 pickup. That was my ride because two-thirds of my work was wood work, and I'm always driving up to Northern California, where I harvest salvaged trees.

~Nick Offerman

Whenever I have a stubborn position on something, I take a deep

breath and swallow myself.

~Nick Offerman

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