

# You Can Be Serious Kal Penn: A Personal Journey of Identity, Ambition, and Freedom



## You Can't Be Serious by Kal Penn

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Kal Penn is an actor, activist, and former White House staffer. He is best known for his roles in the *Harold & Kumar* film series, *Designated Survivor*, and *Clarice*. Penn is also a vocal advocate for progressive causes, and he served as a member of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities under President Barack Obama.

In his new book, *You Can Be Serious Kal Penn*, Penn shares his inspiring and often hilarious story of growing up as a first-generation Indian American in a conservative town, navigating Hollywood, and finding his true calling in public service.

Penn begins his book with a vivid description of his childhood in New Jersey. He was raised by immigrant parents who worked hard to provide for their family. Penn's father was a scientist and his mother was a stay-at-home mom. Penn recalls that he was always a bit of an outsider growing up. He was the only Indian American kid in his school, and he often felt like he didn't belong.

Despite the challenges he faced, Penn excelled in school. He was a good student and he was active in extracurricular activities. Penn was also a talented actor, and he performed in several school plays.

After graduating from high school, Penn attended the University of California, Los Angeles. He majored in theater and film, and he continued to pursue his acting career. Penn landed his first major role in the 2004 film *Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle*.

The *Harold & Kumar* film series was a huge success, and it made Penn a star. He went on to star in several other films, including *The Namesake*, *The Big Short*, and *Designated Survivor*.

In addition to his acting career, Penn is also a passionate activist. He is a vocal advocate for progressive causes, and he has worked with several organizations to promote social justice.

In 2009, Penn was appointed to the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. He served on the committee for two years, and he helped to promote arts education and access to the arts for all Americans.

Penn's new book, *You Can Be Serious Kal Penn*, is a powerful and inspiring memoir. It is a story of identity, ambition, and freedom. Penn's story is a reminder that anything is possible if you set your mind to it.

### **Praise for *You Can Be Serious Kal Penn***

"Kal Penn is a role model for all Americans. His story is one of hope, inspiration, and perseverance. I highly recommend this book." - **Barack Obama**

"Kal Penn is a true original. His book is a must-read for anyone who wants to live a life of purpose and meaning." - **Oprah Winfrey**

"Kal Penn's story is one of triumph over adversity. He is an inspiration to us all." - **Malala Yousafzai**

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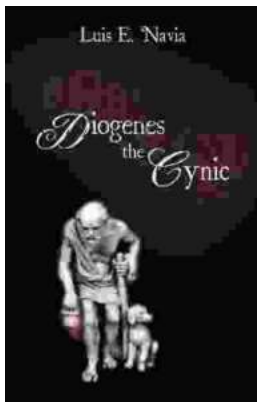
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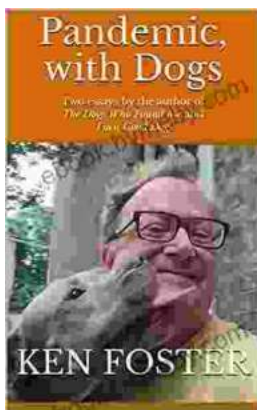
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