

Author Biography for

Nick Vujicic



International motivational speaker and *New York Times* best-selling author Nick Vujici (pronounced "Vooycheech") was born in 1982 in Melbourne, Australia. Without any medical explanation or warning, Nick came into the world with neither arms nor legs. Throughout his childhood, Nick dealt not only with the typical challenges of school and adolescence, such as bullying and self-esteem issues, he also struggled with depression and loneliness as he questioned why he was different from all the other kids. He couldn't get the haunting question of "Why was I the one born without arms and legs?" out of his head.

As Nick grew up, he learned to deal with his disability and started to accomplish more and more on his own. A janitor at his high school inspired him to start speaking publicly about overcoming adversity, so Nick starting speaking to small groups of students when he was 17.

After high school, Nick went on with further study and obtained a double Bachelor's degree, majoring in Accounting and Financial Planning, from Griffith University in Logan, Australia. By the age of 19, Nick started to fulfill his dream of encouraging other people with motivational speeches revolving around his life story. He found the purpose of his existence, and also the purpose in his circumstance.





Nick eventually made the move from Brisbane, Australia to Los Angeles, Calif., where he is the president of an international non-profit organization, Life Without Limbs, and also has his own motivational speaking company, Attitude Is Altitude. He married the love of his life, Kanae, in 2012, and they welcomed their son, Kiyoshi, in February 2013.

Since his first motivational speaking engagement back when he was a teenager, Nick has traveled to over 54 countries, sharing his story with millions of people. In 2013 Nick traveled to 25 countries as part of his World Tour Outreach, and reached an estimated 400 million people through his speaking events and through broadcast media. Nick is the author of *Life Without Limits*,

Unstoppable, Limitless, and Stand Strong. His books have been translated into 30 different languages.

Nick's story continues to resonate worldwide, and he has been featured on "CBS Sunday Morning," "Oprah's LifeClass," "PBS Religion & Ethics News Weekly," *USA Today*, *NewsMax*, "Life Today" and "The 700 Club," and twice on "60 Minutes Australia."



"If you're alive, you have the gift of growing," Vujicic says. "Battle after battle, you need to understand: you will get through this. That's the power of hope . . . if you don't get a miracle, you can still be a miracle."

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