

This Tom Hanks Story Will Help You Feel Less Bad

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Here is a list of stories about Tom Hanks I've heard over the last few miserable months, as it appeared that politeness and civility and manners were facing an extinction event in this country.

Once, in 2008, when he was shooting "Angels & Demons" in Rome by the Pantheon, a bride and her father couldn't approach the chapel because of the hullabaloo, so Hanks stopped filming to escort them to the altar.

Once, in 2015, he stopped by a table of Girl Scout cookies and bought some boxes, donated an additional \$20, then offered selfies to passers-by as an enticement to buy. That same year, he found a young woman's student ID in a park and used his charming Twitter feed, which is filled with found items, to [get it back to her](#).