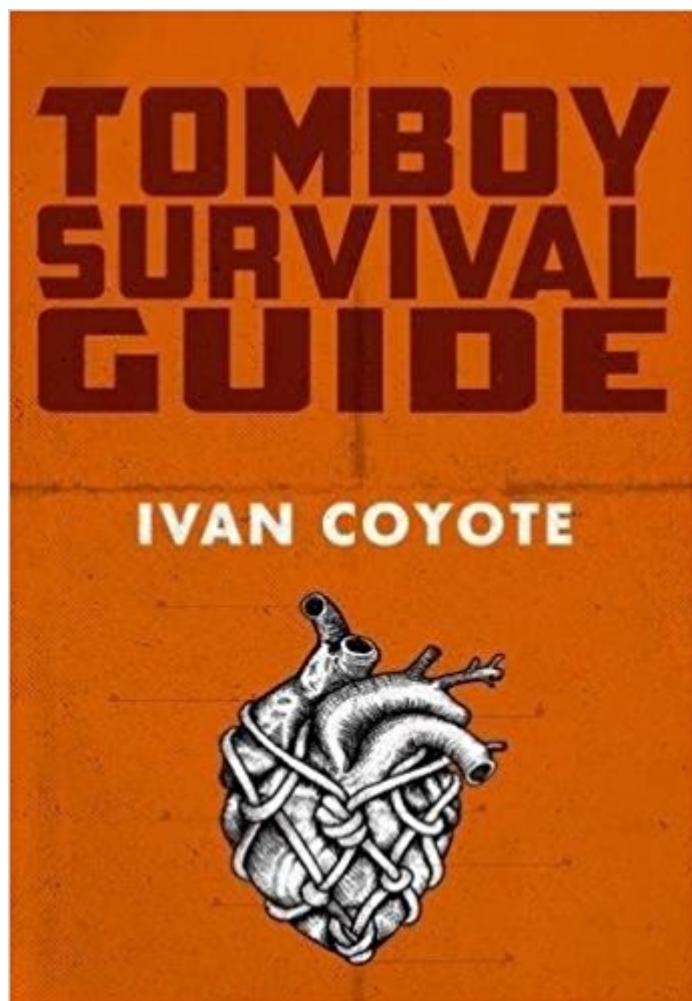


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Tomboy Survival Guide



Synopsis

Stonewall Book Award Honor Book winner Ivan Coyote is a celebrated storyteller and the author of ten previous books, including *Gender Failure* (with Rae Spoon) and *One in Every Crowd*, a collection for LGBT youth. *Tomboy Survival Guide* is a funny and moving memoir told in stories, in which Ivan recounts the pleasures and difficulties of growing up a tomboy in Canada—Yukon, and how they learned to embrace their tomboy past while carving out a space for those of us who don't fit neatly into boxes or identities or labels. Ivan writes movingly about many firsts: the first time they were mistaken for a boy; the first time they purposely discarded their bikini top so they could join the boys at the local swimming pool; and the first time they were chastised for using the women's washroom. Ivan also explores their years as a young butch, dealing with new infatuations and old baggage, and life as a gender-box-defying adult, in which they offer advice to young people while seeking guidance from others. (And for tomboys in training, there are even directions on building your very own unicorn trap.) *Tomboy Survival Guide* warmly recounts Ivan's adventures and mishaps as a diffident yet free-spirited tomboy, and maps their journey through treacherous gender landscapes and a maze of labels that don't quite stick, to a place of self-acceptance and an authentic and personal strength. These heartfelt, funny, and moving stories are about the culture of difference—a guide to being true to one's self.

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Speaking for those who have had 'difference squeezed or pounded or prayed' out of them and of

being 'trapped in a world that makes very little space for bodies like mine,' Coyote is by turn eloquent, provocative, and persuasive. —Vancouver SunCoyote is poetic in their phrasing and plain spoken with their truths. —EDGE Media NetworkAn emotionally powerful memoir by a great storyteller about normal life. —The Globe and MailA wryly confessional memoir ... by turns raw, bittersweet, and funny. —Publishers Weekly

Ivan Coyote: Ivan Coyote is the award-winning author of eleven books, and the creator of four short films as well as three CDs that combine storytelling with music. Ivan is a seasoned stage performer and long-time road dog, and over the last eighteen years has become an audience favorite at storytelling, literary, film, and folk music festivals from Anchorage to Amsterdam.

A humanizing story of someone from a small town who opens up and their struggles with the things they encounter. Growing up, identity, death, family, safety...A few quirky moments in the middle that you may or may not connect with, but they certainly don't detract from the message and power of the book.

I absolutely love this book! I have learned so much from Ivan. They know how to draw you in, and make you feel like you have known each other forever. I loved reading this, but somehow listening to Ivan read it makes it even better. I highly recommend this book.

I love these stories! Each one is its own small gem. This collection is very personal, even more so than past works I think. I have savored this collection, carrying it in my bag for months and reading one here or there to enjoy each, individual story for its own flavor and beauty.

As a conventional straight woman I enjoyed Ivan's honesty, revelations & storytelling. Thank you & looking forward to reading your other books & sharing with others.

The only thing better than reading this book is seeing Ivan perform in person, which I recently did in Canada. Ivan is an outstanding story teller!

A very moving book that everyone, trans or not, can relate to in some way. Ivan is an amazing writer and storyteller.

Everything about this was a revelation. I realised so much about myself, about my flaws and my own stories. It is a real book from a real place and I loved it.

Warm stories about family and queerness.

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