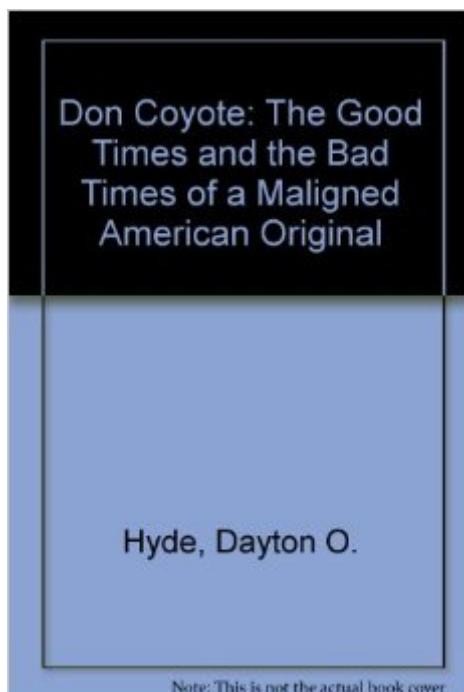


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Don Coyote: The Good Times And The Bad Times Of A Much Maligned America



Synopsis

Rancher Dayton Hyde was rattling along on his ancient Allis Chalmers tractor, wondering whether it would see its last mechanical gasp that morning, when he first spotted the coyote. At first they were strangers,f though the coyote was always there, always some forty feet behind. Hyde couldn't kill him, even though his rancher neighbors believed the old myth that coyotes live only to kill sheep-and should be shot on sight. But as hyde befriends the Don, as he calls him, and all the other coyotes that live on his Oregon land, he finds a different truth... Here's a tale of nature in its purest form, a story of heartwarming friendship between an extraordinary coyote heartwarming friendship between an extraordinary coyote and a man whose wonderful observations bring home the powerful fact that a human being is responsible to the land-and not its master. "So joyously ornery, so damned funny, so compelling that it's tempting to try for a marathon start-to-finish read." Los Angeles Times Book Review

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Customer Reviews

My Mom had read this wonderful book long ago. She is 85, and couldn't remember the name of it. I searched for it as she could only remember something about Coyotes on a Ranch/Farm near her birth place, and keeping coyotes alive. Of course I found it on ! She was absolutely thrilled! I cannot tell you how happy this book has made her. She plans on getting copies for others to enjoy and learn from.

If you've never read a "pet" book, thinking they're too sissy, read this one. But be prepared to choke up a bit. Coyotes are not your typical house pets and we're in their land, not the other way around. They fill a critical niche in the landscape. Don Hyde ran a coyote-friendly ranch and prospered for it. Its a great story and you will come away from it recognizing that we can indeed coexist with other predators. Warning: about half way through, you'll be tempted to cry and toss it. Don't!

A wonderful book. Hyde made friends with a coyote on his ranch, studied it, and enjoyed it. He got inspired to raise a litter of coyote pups. His intention was NOT to domesticate them as pets, but to study their natural behavior. The only thing unnatural about their behavior was that they were not afraid of the Hyde family. One of the puppies/cubs did love to be with Hyde, almost like a pet. But when mating time came, she left him. But most of the litter hung around his 6,000 acre cattle ranch. He found that they kept down the vermin and insect pests which seriously affected neighboring ranches."Don Coyote" is a delight to read, both for its style (often humorous) and its content. The book is a well-supported argument for man not to ruin the environment in the quest for maximum income: such farmers and ranchers end up shooting themselves (or their bank accounts) in the foot. After reading this, we got "Sandy", also by Dayton Hyde. It's another winner

Very interesting insight on the positive role that coyotes can play in raising livestock and keeping nature in balance.

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