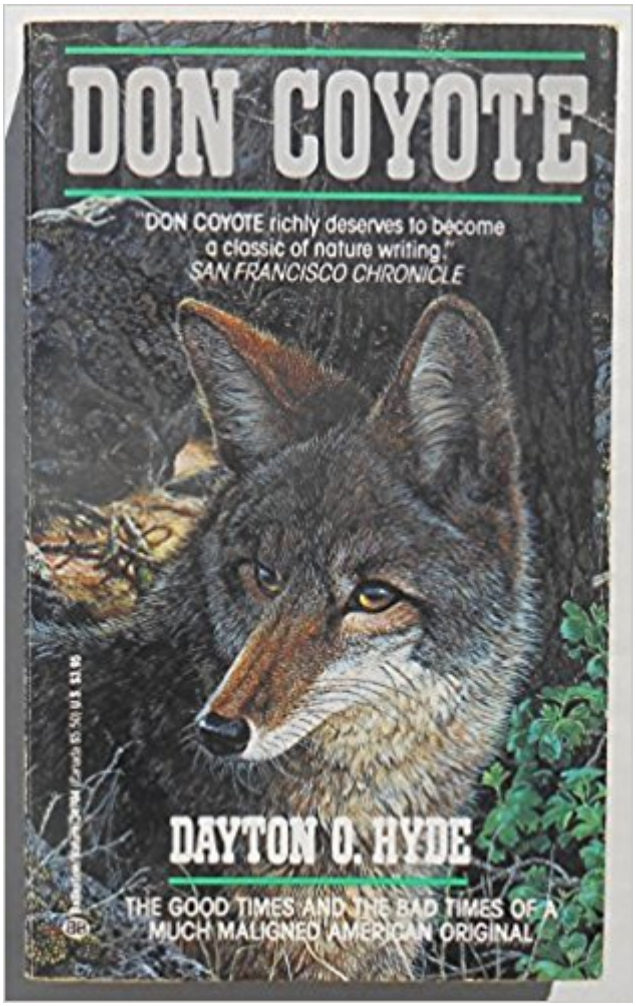
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Synopsis

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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Though he discusses observing wild coyotes and hand-raising coyote pups, Hyde’s primary and most compelling theme in his latest book is the harmonious interdependence of species in any successful ecosystem. Surrounded by ranchers bent on wiping out coyotes and other pests with guns, poison, and other sophisticated weapons, Hyde instead actively encouraged the presence of predator and prey on his Oregon cattle ranch. He even built a dam to re-create an ancient lake. The result was a banner year: solar heat trapped by lake water moderated frosts, causing grasses and

marsh plants to flourish. Because coyotes stayed well fed by small prey the new meadows supported, Hyde lost no calves to them. His beef fattened well on the natural forage, while insects were checked by birds the lake attracted. Readers will enjoy Hyde’s graceful writing, good humor, and cogent arguments for working with, not against, nature. Laurie Tynan, Huntingdon Cty. Lib., Pa.Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is an autobiographical collection of essays about the author’s relationship with the wildlife on his ranch, especially the coyotes. He has a keen eye for observing human as well as canine behavior, and writes with a wry, humorous touch about how his love for these animals puts him at odds with his neighbors.Don’t hurry through this book in one or two sittings. Savor it, like a good wine or a box of fine chocolates. It’s a respite from a day filled with bills, politics, techno issues, and family drama. I can’t believe I hadn’t heard of this wonderful author before.

I read this book the year it was first published (1986). I first heard excerpts from a public radio station. I went to the local book store, I was looked at with pity, "Do you mean Don Quixote,you dear stupid child?" NO I DO NOT! It was as difficult to find this book then as it is now. This book is a classic! I read it twice the first year I bought it, then I wanted to share it. I never got it back. I just recently found this book book again, used. I bought 2 copies. I can’t help but share this book again.

This was an erudite, beautifully written, (even poetic), story that took me on a journey the ran the gamut of emotions. While I may not fully agree with the authors stance on all matters contained within, I can empathize with his perspective, but also learn from, and respect that perspective. His life story contained within the unfolding of his words gave me a ground-floor look not only into his life, and coyotes, but also the life of the people who lived, (and live) as ranchers and farmers. I related to his growing love of Don Coyote, and his angst at having to maintain essential boundaries for both their sakes. I was also left with much admiration towards the author for his respect for the incredibly important, delicate, natural balance of nature, and I can only hope that this respect, hard-won lesson, thoughts, and feelings, are highly contagious.

This book is a winner. For anyone who didn’t get the best impression of the author from his much later book "Pastures of Beyond" (2011), I recommend giving him another try by reading "Don Coyote" (1986)--and by learning about his work with the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary.

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. Ine 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

Dayton O Hyde is an incredible wildlife lover as well as a cattle rancher who chooses NOT to mass kill coyotes who are just doing what they're made to do. What a wonderful advocate for living in harmony with our wildlife! Although we no longer consider wildlife ever a good pet idea, Dayton's love is admirable.

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!

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