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Dayton Hyde is a rancher, photographer, essayist and author of 17 books, including *“Sandy”, “Don Coyote”, and “Yamsi”*. Dayton has been called a rancher’s rancher and a naturalist’s naturalist. He is a man whose wonderful observations bring home the powerful fact that a human being is responsible to the land and is not its master. All his life his curiosity has compelled him to learn all he could about every creature inhabiting the land he nurtures. As a result, he has become an exceptional self-trained naturalist whose experiences enrich us all. Yamsi, a 6,000 acre working cattle ranch in Oregon’s Klamath Basin, is the setting for Dayton’s lively meditation on what it means to be a rancher in the West in the late twentieth century. Hard work and hardships at Yamsi coexist with dedication to principles of conservation and sound ecology. His exuberant, hard-fisted, often humorous portrait of a rancher’s life is told the way it ought to be told. He now runs The Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary, a 12,000-acre ranch in Western South Dakota where he protects wild horses.

TELEVISION /RADIO APPEARANCES

1980’s Dick Cavett

1980’s Sunday Today

1980’s Good Morning America

1986 National Wildlife Federation: Conserving America; “Champions of Wildlife”

1990 20/20 “IRAM: Preserving A National Treasure”

1991 People Magazine 20th Anniversary Amazing Americans

1996 ABC “New Passages”

1996 Discovery Channel: “Wild Things with Margaux Hemmingway”

1997 Newton’s Apple

1999 PBS “Wild Horses: An American Romance”

2001 Johnnie Walker: Personal Journey’s Discovery”

2001 National Geographic Today

2003 Saving Endangered Species

2005 Outdoor Channel, “COWBOYS, Wild Mustangs”

2006 Discovery Channel, “Badlands-Get Out There”

2006 KARE TV 11 Saturday Show, Belinda Jensen, Erick Perkins

2006 WCCO Radio Eleanor Mondale Show

2006 WCCO Radio Charlie Boone Show

2007 PBS “One Man’s Vision” Adrienne Kitchens documentary

2008 Travel Channel “Into the West” with Jeff Corwin

2009 IRAM “Free to Run, an afternoon at the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary” documentary

2010 IRAM “Imagine A Place, Sponsorship Horses” documentary

2011 IRAM “We Are The Land, Uranium mining in the Black Hills” documentary

2011 SDPB “Nature Adventures with Terri and Todd, A Day at the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary”

2012 Just Media “American Mustang” in 3D feature film

2012 CineFocus Productions “From Nowhere to Everywhere Through the Eyes of the Horse”

2012 SDPB “Nature Adventures with Terri and Todd, Revisited”

LITERARY and CONSERVATION AWARDS

- 1989 Honor Award from Whooping Crane Conservation Association
Oregon Governor's Conservationist of the Year
Issac Walton League Golden Beaver Award
Environmentalist of the Year: From National Cattlemen's Association Region 7
Dutton Literary Award
Distinguished Northwest Writer of the Year: Willamette Writers
Conservation Award: International Wild Waterfowl Association, Inc.
Northwest Booksellers Award
American Library Association Ten Best Books of the Decade "Don Coyote"
- 1989 First Hero of the Earth, Eddie Bauer Inc.
- 1994 A.S.C.P.A. Founder's Award
- 1997 Reader's Digest The American Dream Today & Tomorrow, Heroes of the Land, Born To Run Free
- 1999 Oregon State University, College of Agricultural Science Diamond Pioneer Agricultural Achievement Award
- 2001 Highlights for Children, Author of the Month and Author of the Year, July Issue "Medicine Hattie".
- 2002 International Reading Association, Paul Witty Award for "Medicine Hattie".
- 2002 Cate School Outstanding Alumni of the Year
- 2002 American Association of Equine Practitioners, "Lavin Cup Award" Equine Welfare
- 2009 Black Hills, Badlands & Lakes Association "Special Achievement Award"
- 2012 19th Annual Black Hills Stock Show "Pioneer Award"

PUBLISHED BOOKS

- "Sandy", Dial Press 1968, reprinted 2000 by Oregon State University Press (soft cover)
- "The Brand of a Boy", WPBCO Press 1969
- "Yamsi", Dial Press 1971, reprinted 1996 by Oregon State University Press (soft cover)
- "Last Free Man", Dial Press 1971
- "Cranes in My Corral", Dial Press 1972
- "Strange Companions", Dutton 1973
- "Raising Waterfowl in Captivity", Dutton 1975
- "Island of the Loons", Macmillan 1983, reprinted 2002 Boyds Mills Press
- "Thunder Down the Track", Macmillan 1984
- "Wilderness Ranch", Macmillan 1985
- "One Summer in Montana", Macmillan 1985
- "The Major, The Poacher, and the Wonderful One Trout River", Macmillan 1986, reprinted in 1986 Boyds Mills Press
- "Don Coyote", Arbor House 1986. On the American Library Association List Ten Best Books of the Decade 1987
- "The Bells of Lake Superior", Boyds Mills Press 1995
- "Life in the Saddle", essay Tehabi Books 1995
- "Thunder of the Mustangs", essay Tehabi Books, Sierra Club Books, 1997
- "Mr. Beans", Boyds Mills Press 2000
- "Don Coyote" Reprinted Johnson Books 2004
- "Pastures of Beyond, an Old Cowboy Looks Back at the Old West, Arcade Publishing 2005
- "All the Wild Horses" Voyageur Press 2006
- "Alone in the Forest" Volume1: Poet on the Prairie Collection, IRAM 2012