

Ivan Coyote



One In Every Crowd

Stories to foster safety and social justice for everyone in our schools

Author and storyteller Ivan Coyote was born and raised in a large Irish Catholic family in Whitehorse, Yukon, and learned the craft of storytelling while gathered around her grandmother's kitchen table on long northern winter nights. She's the award-winning author of five collections of short stories, one novel, three screenplays, two CDs, and is also a renowned live performer. Her work tackles the difficult subjects of family, class, gender identity, and social justice, always with the silver tongue of a master storyteller, an eye for the beauty in what makes us all human, and an ear for the hilarity of life.

Ivan's first love is telling stories to live audiences and, over the last sixteen years, has become an audience favourite at writers', storytelling, poetry, spoken word, and music festivals from Anchorage to Amsterdam. Because much of her material grapples with her life between genders boxes, she is also often asked to speak to labour activists, social justice advocates, university and high school students, health care providers and teachers.

"How often does an adult reach a sceptical audience like teenagers with such force and success? Not very often, that's for sure. The humour in each story caught the students' attention and the underlying message got through to them. After the presentation, I had a chance to talk with a lot of them, and they were full of praise for Ivan. They wanted to read her stories, they were talking about how awesome she was, how terrible the fate of young people affected by bullying. Her talent in storytelling, the poignancy of some of the underlying issues really provoked some further thinking on the part of many many students. Please come back again Ivan!"

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