

NOTEBOOK

(BOOK)

DITTO'S MEMOIR

GOSSIP FRONTWOMAN BETH DITTO HAS JUST RELEASED HER FIRST BOOK, *COAL TO DIAMONDS*. THOUGH HER BAND'S RECENTLY RELEASED ALBUM, *A JOYFUL NOISE*, DEBUTED IN BILLBOARD'S TOP 100 IN THE U.S. AND MANAGED TO REACH THE TOP FIVE IN FOUR EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, LIFE WASN'T ALWAYS SO GREAT FOR THE SINGER. SHE RECOUNTS SOME OF THE TOUGHER MOMENTS IN HER MEMOIR WITH HELP FROM WRITER MICHELLE TEA.

DITTO TALKS ABOUT HER EARLY LIFE IN JUDSONIA, ARKANSAS — A PLACE WHERE INDOOR PLUMBING WAS A LUXURY, SQUIRREL WAS A MEAL, AND SEX ED WAS TAUGHT DURING SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL (LONG AFTER MANY GIRLS HAD GOTTEN PREGNANT AND DROPPED OUT) AND HER MOVE TO OLYMPIA AND PORTLAND, INCLUDING THE LIFE, LOVES AND SUCCESSES SHE FOUND THERE.

SHE ALSO OPENS UP ABOUT HER BATTLE WITH SARCOIDOSIS, A RARE IMMUNE-SYSTEM DISORDER THAT ATTACKS THE INTERNAL ORGANS (AND KILLED COMEDIAN BERNIE MAC IN 2008), AND HER HELP FROM PORTLAND AND OTHER COMMUNITIES AT A TIME WHEN SHE HAD NO HEALTH INSURANCE AND WAS NOT YET A CELEBRITY.

WITH HER USUAL BLUNT AND UNAPOLOGETIC STORYTELLING, *COAL* IS STILL A POETIC JOURNEY OF A TALENTED WOMAN COMING INTO HER OWN.



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LOGAN LYNN

Portland indie-popster, Q Center PR Manager, and *Just Out* Columnist Logan Lynn has just released his seventh studio album, *Tramp Stamps and Birthmarks*. His danceable beats are often upbeat tunes with serious subject matter — good gay club anthems that have landed him praise such as “the new Golden boy of electro-pop.” The first single from the album, “Turn Me Out,” released in early fall, is a naughty on-the-floor track in more ways than one, and features a video about both the desire to be loved and the darker side of sexuality.

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(HOME)

RAPID HIV TESTING

OraSure has just introduced its OraQuick In-Home HIV Test nationwide making it the first rapid infectious disease test ever to be made available directly to consumers for in-home use. The test detects antibodies to both HIV-1 and HIV-2 with an oral swab, providing a confidential in-home testing option with results in as little as 20 minutes. The in-home test is an over-the-counter version of OraQuick ADVANCE(R), the oral swab rapid test that has sold more than 25 million units in the professional market, to doctors, hospitals, clinics and other trained professionals. OraSure is also making available specialized resources including live support and comprehensive referral services through a toll-free support center 866-436-6527 and consumer website. orasure.com

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