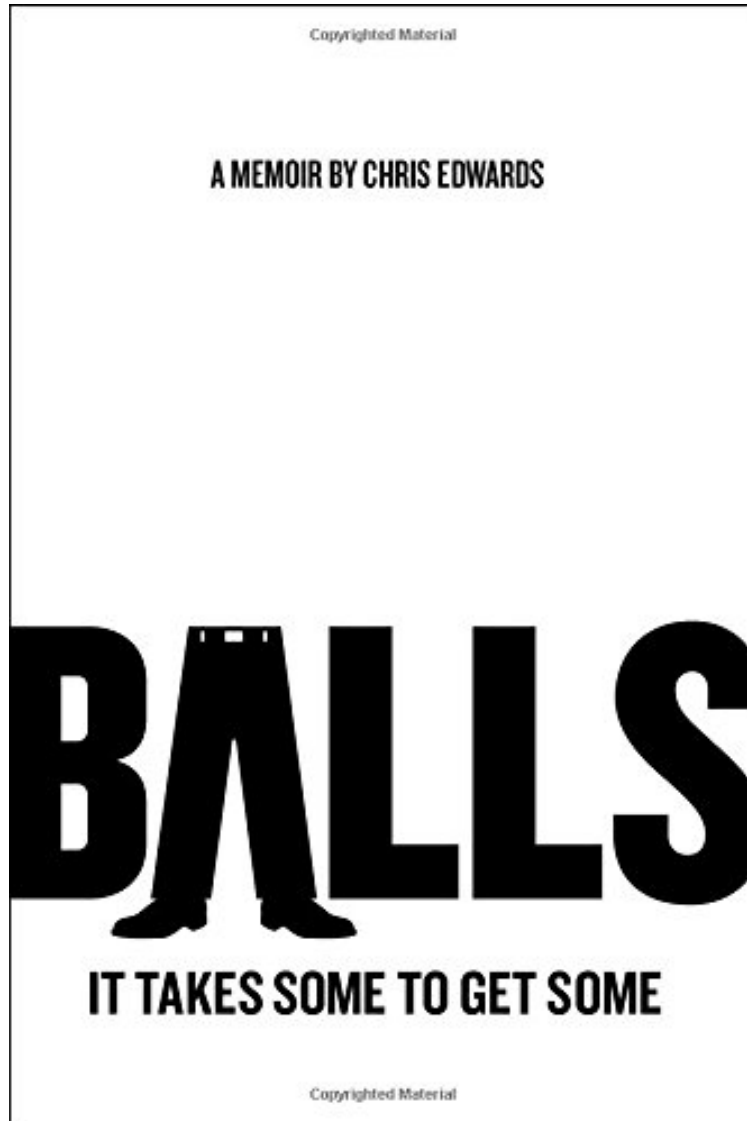


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**Chris Edwards : BALLS: It Takes Some to Get Some** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised BALLS: It Takes Some to Get Some:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Balls nailed it!By maggieNot only does Balls take us along on Chris's arduous journey to becoming the person he always knew he was suppose to be, it takes us on a trip back to the 70's,80's and 90's. I laughed at the many memories he so humorously details such as his grandmother's bathing cap with the colorful flowers and the "alligator" shirts we had to have. No calling them Izod back then! As a mother of a

transgender daughter every word hit home. His description of his family's, friend's and colleague's reactions were spot on! I have read a few books on the subject of transgender that were very informative. Balls is that and very, very, funny! I have already recommended it to several family and friends. Whether you know a person who is transgender or not this story is one of strength and triumph. Thank you Chris for sharing your journey. I know it will provide comfort to many who are struggling to accept or to be accepted. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. BALLS - Enlightening, Entertaining and Endearing By Customer I don't think I have enjoyed a book this much for a long, long time. "Balls" should be on the NY Times Best Seller List. Memoirs are not easy to write and sometimes even more difficult to read with enthusiasm, but Chris Edwards' story is so engaging, so riveting, so moving, so funny and most importantly, so eye opening, that it's truly a life-changing read. Chris bares all. All the details you've always wondered about. All the emotion and courage and stress that transgender people must endure. It's just an amazing, book, and his warmth, wit and humor really address the mystery, the fear and the misconceptions about transgender issues. I feel like I learned so much after reading his book. It will stay with me forever and has made me want to spread the word about just how great this book is. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Chris Edwards has balls! By SassyPants I read this book for a few reasons. It was recommended on a podcast as a touching memoir by a writer with a good sense of humor. I also read it in order to improve my understanding of transgendered people and gender confirmation surgery. I also enjoy a good memoir, especially one that broadens my knowledge and perspective. Home run on all counts. That's my lame attempt at a ball joke! Chris was born an anatomical female, but that never felt right to him. His family just assumed that he was tomboyish or possibly a mannish lesbian. He came out to his family after college. They were supportive, but they certainly made some missteps along the way as they struggled to understand. The memoir focuses mostly on Chris' adulthood and his very difficult journey through hormone replacement and gender confirmation surgery. He did all of this while trying to keep his job in his father's advertising company and while trying to keep friends and date women. His initial impulse was to relocate and start fresh with people who only knew him as Chris. He took the more difficult path of allowing friends and family to accompany and support him during years of changes. He did all of this with grace and good humor. One criticism of this book is that it presents an unrealistic picture of transgender acceptance. True, Chris comes from a wealthy family who were willing to help with expensive surgeries that are not covered by insurance. He also lived in a liberal community and worked in typically liberal creative field. He also had a predominately positive experience with friends and with his medical team. He acknowledges this and knows that others are not as fortunate. However, I think that he deserves a lot of credit for the level of acceptance that he received. He was honest and direct with people, asked for help, and was funny. In other words, he was himself and people accepted him. The sections about the surgeries are extremely interesting and detailed. Frankly, I had not thought about the amount of time and work that goes into this. It is more than just hormones and reshaping flaps of skin. Chris wanted to go "all the way" with gender confirmation surgery. He had a mastectomy, hysterectomy, and surgeries to construct testicles and a functioning penis. Anyone who thinks that being transgendered is a fad or a choice should read the sections about surgery. No one would put themselves through something like that for fun or attention. You do that to save your life and to feel right in your body. Sadly, Chris' experience of loving friends and family will not be the same as most. However, I think this book offers hope. It also provides a lot of information and some good tips on how to be respectful to transgendered people. Additionally, it puts a very human face on this nice family and their son. Unfortunately, the people who really need to read this book will never pick it up. Maybe word-of-mouth marketing will work here too.

2016 SHELF AWARENESS BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR IN NONFICTION 2016 FOREWORD INDIES GOLD WINNER FOR LGBT AMAZON BEST SELLER IN LGBT, TRANSGENDER, AND HUMOR Changing your gender from female to male takes balls. And if you're going to do it in front of 500 coworkers at one of the top ad agencies in the country, you better have a pretty big set! At a time when the term "transgender" didn't really exist, and with support from family, friends, and a great therapist, Chris Edwards endured 28 surgeries to become the man he always knew he was meant to be. He used what he learned working in advertising along with his ever-present sense of humor to rebrand himself and orchestrate what was quite possibly the most widely accepted and embraced gender transition of its kind. He's a pioneer who changed the perception of an entire community, and his memoir, BALLS, will touch readers' hearts and open their minds. Edwards is funny, brazen, and endearing, and BALLS is the hilarious and moving story about family, friends, and the courage to be your true self. It boldly and fearlessly goes where other trans memoirs haven't. If you've ever felt uncomfortable in your own skin, for whatever reason, you will be inspired and empowered by this book.

About the Author Chris Edwards grew up in the Boston suburbs and was voted Most Likely to Get an Ulcer by his high school classmates. He went on to attend Colgate University, where he majored in psychology and minored in keg stands. After building an award-winning advertising career spanning nearly 20 years, Chris left his post as EVP, Group Creative Director at Arnold Worldwide to write his memoir, BALLS. Since then he's become a sought-after speaker, inspiring audiences with his courageous story and compelling message that we actually have the power to control how

others define us. He has yet to develop an ulcer.