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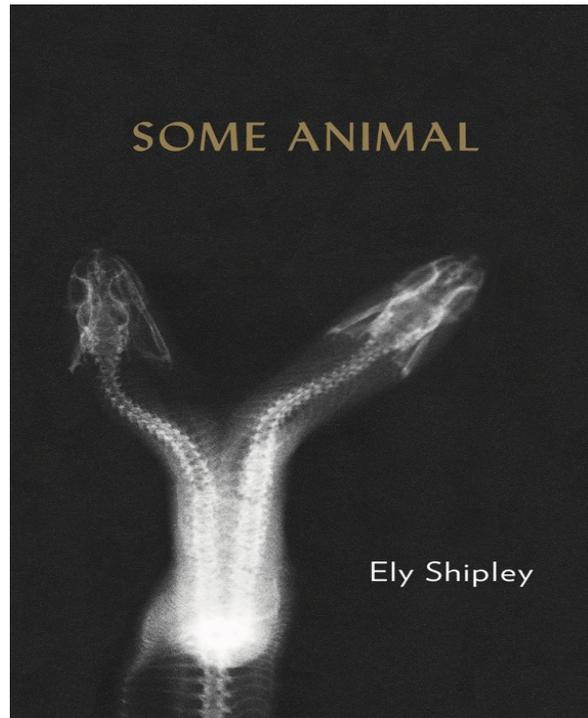
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A new cross-genre collection that engages historical and personal explorations of gender and self

Aligned with queer theories of temporality, fragments of memoir rub against the language of psychiatric and medical regimes at the site of a body that does not conform to a gender binary. *Some Animal* draws out dream-like and supernatural resonances between the literature of pathology and experiences of gender dysphoria.

This remarkable, brilliant and brave poetry by Ely Shipley is an emblem for our time when US-lawmakers are making LGBTQ bodies outlaw in many states, their Christian extremism telling an entire generation they are subhuman. Float out of body with these poems then come hurtling down to land on our feet together and demand safety, equity, and a place at the table for all people. I love this book!—**CA CONRAD**

Not only a tremendous gift to those of us who are trans-masculine (and my god, what an ‘enormous relief comes with the realization / that others recognize one’s experience’) but for anyone who has ever felt ‘all alone inside / a riddle.’ Yes, YES may all of our animals find one another in the tender sear of this writing—disobeying borders in order to live in the love between—**TC TOLBERT**

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