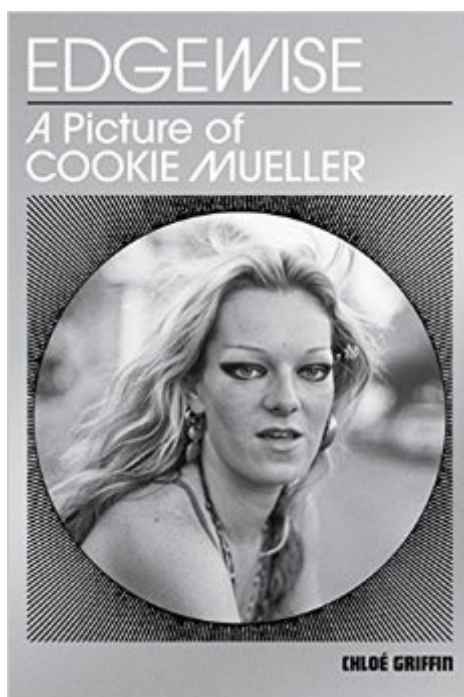


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# Edgewise: A Picture Of Cookie Mueller



## Synopsis

Cookie Mueller (1949-1989) was a firecracker, a cult figure, a wild child, a writer, a go-go dancer, a mother and a queer icon. A child of suburban 1950s Maryland, she made her name first as an actress in the films of John Waters, and then as an art critic and columnist, a writer of hilarious stories and a maven of New York's downtown art world. *Edgewise*, by Berlin-based actress and writer Chloë Griffin, tells the story of Cookie's life through an oral history composed of more than 80 interviews with the people who knew her, including John Waters, Mink Stole, Gary Indiana, Sharon Niesp, Max Mueller, Linda Yablonsky, Richard Hell, Amos Poe and Raymond Foye. The contributors take us from the late-1960s artist communes of Baltimore to 1970s Provincetown and New York, through 1980s Berlin and Positano. Along with the text, *Edgewise* includes artwork, unpublished photographs and archival material and photography by Philip-Lorca diCorcia, David Armstrong, Robert Mapplethorpe, Peter Hujar and others.

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This book is an amazing accomplishment. Cookie was totally unique, multi-faceted, difficult to describe, but Chloë Griffin has captured her through the compiled voices of those who knew Cookie, and then artfully arranging those voices into a compelling narrative. Cookie, twenty-five years after her death at the age of 40, has a large cult of admirers; if you're not one of us, read this book and you'll probably join us.

Wonderful book. Since it's mostly transcribed interviews with the people who lived it, you get see the unromantisized lives of these people who epitomized the crazy times they lived. They were the most of the most! And the book is put together beautifully. Each page is a work of art. Lots of photos and collages. A fabulous chronicle of a fascinating time.

Oh, this is a great unique and inimitable Cookie! Her flamboyant style is unique has never been anything similar. It created itself. The person who has made himself. She acted in films and has each time was able to create unusual, at times defiant and at the same time gentle image. Her versatile talent has allowed her to remain always at the height. And I am glad that this wonderful book is dedicated to her difficult, but very interesting life. I thank heartily the authors for their hard work and I advise you to read this book to anyone who remembers and loves Cookie, as well as those who have never met her. Believe me, you will love this actress for her sincerity and individuality. Thank you!

An excellent read. If you loved Cookie when you were watching all those old John Waters films then you will love this, too. My one complaint: the first printing was too small. I wanted one for a friend for her birthday and finding a copy at a decent price was harder than it should be at only three months after its release date!

If you lived in Provincetown in the seventies and eighties this is a poignant, interesting book to read, or if you want to learn more about the scene around John Water's and his films. The way these peoples lives intersect with the drug and culture scene and AIDS crisis in downtown New York in the eighties is told beautifully and describes the sadness and confusion of the situation with a powerful simplicity. This is a good book.

Amazing book. Cookie's life story told through interviews with the people who knew her and loved her. A book to be savored for years and years. I've waited for a Cookie biography like this and Chloë Griffin has delivered ten fold. A dream of a book.

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