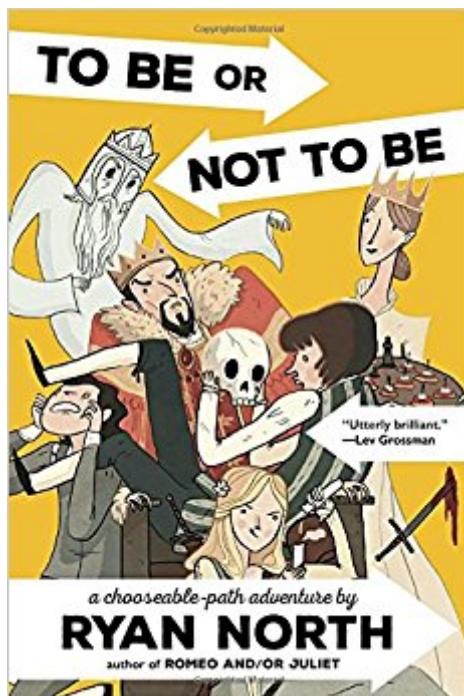


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Ryan North is a New York Times-bestselling author and cartoonist. His other chooseable-path Shakespeare book is called *Romeo and/or Juliet*, and you should check that one out too. North is known for his online strip *Dinosaur Comics*, his critically acclaimed work on Marvel's *Unbeatable Squirrel Girl*, as well as his Eisner-award winning writing for the *Adventure Time* comic. He lives in Toronto with his wife Jenn and their dog Noam Chompsky, who is a good boy. Yes he is.

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