Oregon SAIGE Sunday Evening Book Club

Leaving Isn't the Hardest Thing

By Lauren Hough

At once razor-sharp, profoundly brave, and often very, very funny, the essays in Leaving Isn't the Hardest Thing interrogate our notions of ecstasy, queerness, and what it means to live freely. Each piece is a reckoning: of survival, identity, and how to reclaim one's past when carving out a future.

2 Sissy

By Jacob Tobiah

As a young child in North Carolina,
Jacob Tobia wasn't the wrong gender,
they just had too much of the stuff.
Barbies? Yes. Playing with bugs?
Absolutely. Getting muddy? Please.
Princess dresses? You betcha. Jacob
wanted it all, but because they were "a
boy," they were told they could only
have the masculine half. Acting
feminine labelled them "a sissy" and
brought social isolation.

3 Group Selection

What should we read next? Let's all submit ideas and put it to a vote.