A Street Cat Named Bob: And How He Saved My Life
Synopsis

When street musician James Bowen found an injured cat curled up in the hallway of his apartment building, he had no idea how much his life was about to change. James was living hand to mouth on the streets of London, barely making enough money to feed himself - the last thing he needed was a pet. Yet, James couldn't resist helping the strikingly intelligent, but very sick animal, whom he named Bob. He slowly nursed Bob back to health and then sent the cat on his way, never imagining that he would see him again. But Bob had other ideas.

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Customer Reviews

Don't recall where I saw the book cover early this morning, but I fell in love with Bob's picture and bought the Kindle edition. Downloaded it, got sucked in reading the first few pages and didn't put it down until I'd finished reading it a few hours later. I laughed out loud and had tears running down my cheeks as I read their very touching and heart-warming story ... and I hated that the book had to end. Thanks for sharing your stories with us, James and Bob! All the best. halTwoBigCats

This is the best read I have had in a long time. First heard about it on TV, where they interviewed the author. It is based on a true story and I would love to see it as a movie. I had a ginger tom who died at the age of 13. He was so sweet a companion but he never did the amazing stuff this cat did. It is as though this cat was sent by God or an angel, to help this man find a sense of guidance and purpose, thus changing his life. It reveals so much about others and how they perceive the
homeless and down-on-their-luck. It does much to reinforce my belief that animals are put here to make us better people, so we should be their guardians and protectors in return. Awesome book.

Praise to James Bowen and Bob! I think Mr. Bowen and his editor did a fabulous job with the narrative of this book and in conveying the journey he and Bob have made together from drug addiction and living rough on the streets to a more stable and responsible existence. This book is a fine example of the healing powers of animals in giving someone without much hope something to live and strive for; to be a better person. As the quote goes, "My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog (in this case, cat) already thinks I am", so does Mr. Bowen try to become that person and succeeds very nicely. The prose is very down to earth and straight-forward and Mr. Bowen does not allow himself to be a victim and takes full responsibility for the actions which landed him on the streets. I love the theme of second chances in this book and that you've got to be able to recognize and act upon them. And obviously Bob is one uncommon cat as I've found ginger tabbies so often are, and very attached to his person, James. I hope this book changes both their lives for the better and may they have nothing but health and prosperity from this point forward.

I purchased this book after seeing a short about Bob on Icanhazcheesburger. Whilst not a hard read, the book grabbed you and I couldn't put it down. The honesty and emotion in this book was really refreshing, I enjoyed every minute of it. Best of luck to James and Bob! I hopefully I will see you in my travels.

Having 3 adopted cats at the present time and 2 others in the past, I enjoyed the book extremely. It was a fast read and brought back some memories of my other cats. Cats are perfect companions for someone going through difficult times and bring wonder to their owner(s). Loved it. My Three Cats and I are living to the max here in Kentucky. Got a note from my neighbor about "Bob" and I immediately previewed it on and read it on my Kindle.

I just finished reading the very last paragraph of the book and I am sitting here crying like a baby! What a wonderful story of hope, friendship, life and love. I would recommend this book to anyone. Cat lover or not. It will move you and make you think.

I just absolutely love this story and become a fan of Bob. I'm so emotionally touched by the way they bond together, the love they have for each other, and the faith they take in... It's just brilliantly
amazing!!

one of the best books ive read in years and its all true as well i live in london england never seen bob and james wished i had i saw them on t.v. one day just after the book came out went stright out and bought myself a copy hardback read it in four days if any book should be made into a FILM this is the one i hope someone from hollywood is reading this or one of the other reviews p.s look up bob and james on youtube lots of info and great videos this is my first review on .com U.S.A ALL THE OTHERS ARE ON .CO.UK JUST HAD TO TELL THE U.S.A WHAT A GREAT BOOK THIS IS BUY IT AND RECCOMEND IT TO EVERYONE i have now meet james and his lovely cat BOB (24.04.2012) while i was shopping in NEAL STREET LONDON got my book signed by both so nice is james to talk too HE WAS BUSKING WITH HIS GUITAR

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