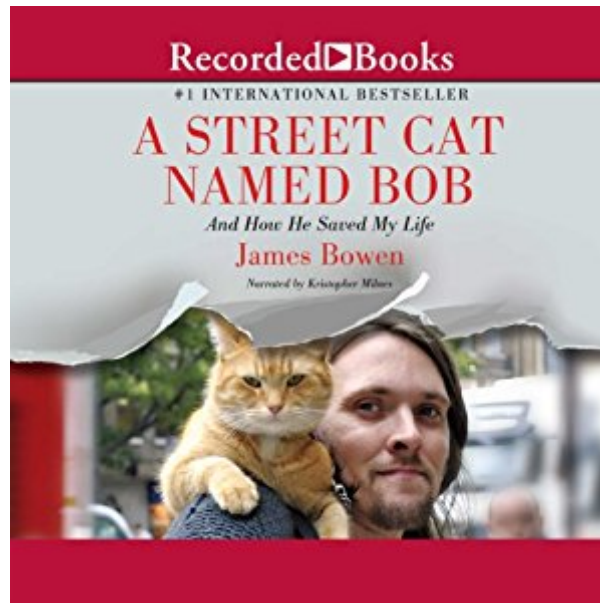




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A Street Cat Named Bob: And How He Saved My Life



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

I had read some reviews of this book and the other two by James Bowen, and I was fortunate to receive a copy of this for Christmas. I can't say enough good about it. I've been telling everyone about it, and I ordered this copy as a gift for someone else. It really is about how a cat comes into recovering drug-addict and street musician James Bowen's life and they ultimately save each other. I don't think that anyone need be a cat-lover to enjoy this book, although it does help. I loved

watching the video of the first book signing for the book; Over 300 people showed up. And I have seen several YouTube videos of James and Bob. I'm so happy to know that with the success of this book, two additional ones, and versions for children, Bowen and Bob are no longer living a perilous, uncertain life on the streets.

What a wonderful book! Beautiful, heartwarming story that animal lovers will adore. This book had me smiling and crying at the same time--the wonderful descriptions of life with Bob, their shared experiences and his love for Bob resonated with me. I had my cat Hobbes for 17 years and now I have two tuxedo cats Louis and Elsa. They are my children with paws! The author perfectly communicated the bond he formed with Bob; a bond formed with an animal is like no other. Unfortunately, cats are often misunderstood to be aloof loners that don't need love or attention. James has proven this to be false! It was amazing to read how the authors life on the street changed when Bob was with him and especially interesting to read how people treated him before and after Bob was in his life. This book is a good study on how animals can bring people together. I plan to read the next two books by this author that continue his story of life with Bob!!

I read book two first, it was present, so I had to read book 1, right? I actually like book 2 better but read them in order. In paperback this book is actually not that expensive and worth every penny. Often the reader has more clues about what is really going on than James did at the time but the writer does a decent job putting himself back where he was at that time without rewriting history. The current edition does change the subtitle but the story remain the same. Bob is clearly a clever cat and many cats can be taught to do his high 5 trick but some of the best tricks Bob does are never taught. Bob just figures them out himself. Bob knows a lot of things before James does but eventually he teaches James more and more of what Bob knows throughout their time together as chronicled in his 2 3/4 books.

A Street Cat Named Bob was a very sweet story about two homeless creatures, James Bowen and a ginger cat, finding each other and providing each other with unconditional love. More than that, it gave insight into James' backstory - how he lost his way, became a heroin addict, and found his way back. Without the "cuteness" of Street Cat Bob, he may never have made a living as a street performer or magazine seller - women were attracted to Bob and wanted to stroke his fur and hear his story and make contributions to his welfare. And James may never have received the help to totally get off addictive drugs and fight for a real life for himself. So yes, Bob did save James

Bowen's life. He found transformation in his life and health thanks to Bob. He wrote, "It was as if someone had drawn back the curtains and shed some sunlight into my life." Sure I like cats, but I found James' backstory much more important. I liked the insights given into why James became a heroin addict - pure and simple loneliness was his explanation. He was alone without family or support, and heroin was his friend, allowed him to anesthetize himself to his isolation. He felt invisible to all those walking past him on the streets of London, until there was a pretty ginger cat on his shoulder. As James sat playing his guitar on the street for money in Covent Garden, or then sold magazines outside the Islington Tube Station, James found that Bob stopped the rushing commuters, lightened their day, and also their pocketbooks. Bob has been a goldmine for James. And James has taken care of Bob in return. Nice, cute story. Now, how can we help all those homeless or helpless people in our society that we rush past, as there's nothing soothing and purring there to look at? This book made me more aware of strays - whether animal or human - and I found it more valuable in that way than as an entertaining read. Namaste! Becca Chopra, author of Chakra Secrets

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