

James Bowen- The Biography

James Bowen, a British author, is well known for writing a variety of books about his past life living on the streets. Back before he started writing books, James was a poor homeless man who was struggling for money until his world-renowned books hit off. In 2010, he began writing autobiographies about his difficult life and how he made an unusual bond with a ginger Tom cat whom he named Bob. Read on to find out more about this inspiring man and his purrrfect best friend.



Childhood

James Bowen was born in Surrey, March, 1979, as an only child in a wealthy family. Unfortunately, when Bowen was three, his mother and father split up and he moved to Australia with his mom. Early life was extremely hard and James often didn't want to go to school due to his English accent which caused him to be bullied. In his teenage years, his mother traveled continuously due to her job and James got stressed so began sniffing glue and taking drugs such as heroin. As he was young and had such a complicated life with moving, James was very difficult to handle and was falsely diagnosed with "ADHD, Schizophrenia and Manic depression". Eventually, James decided to move back to England and from that point, started living on the streets.

Early Adulthood

In 2002, when James was an addict, he was in a local club and met a young woman named Bella. Like James, Bella, was addicted to drugs and was also living under shelters on the streets. However, the love connection fell apart after a short period of time and they decided not to be girlfriend and boyfriend but instead just be friends. After they decided not to go out, James and Bella became best of friends and James wrote that his and Bella's connection was like a house on fire. A couple of years later, James gave up drugs but still had to be on medications so he didn't become ill.

Meeting Bob

In Spring 2007, Bowen was busking in Covent Garden and living in a supported flat in Tottenham, London. One evening he returned home to find a ginger cat in the hallway of his building, assuming it belonged to someone in the flat outside where he was lying. However, after being rooted to the same spot for 3 days with scratches and bruises all over his body, James decided to do something about this urgent situation: he went to the vets, and got Bob some antibiotics, got him neutered, due his energetic behavior, and also got him chipped. Another thing he did, was name him Bob. Thinking that Bob would rather live on the streets again, James tried letting him back on the streets but Bob refused so since then they've lived together and never left each others side.

Books

James released his first book (*A Street Cat Named Bob*) in 2010, leading to a massive success- awarding him with the *New York's Best Seller* coming at NO.7. His second book, *The World According To Bob*, was released in July 2013, also being given an award; *Sunday Times Best Seller*. *Bob: No Ordinary Cat* (February 2013) was specifically aimed to young children as a version of *A Street Cat Named Bob* and, in October 2013, Bowen released a picture book where you have to find Bob in many different sceneries. In April 2014, *My Name Is Bob*, is a picture book again aimed to young children. Next coming in October 2014, is *A Gift From Bob* which explains James' and Bob's last Christmas homeless. *Bob To The r Rescue* is a third children's books James wrote which was released in September 2015. All of James' books have lead to a massive success.

Legacy.

If it wasn't for Bob, James never would have written any of his amazing books. Bob gave James hope and inspiration and deserves to be the world-famous pussy he is! James' much-loved books are touching to the heart and would teach anyone a lesson in a variety of ways. Good old Bob!