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As an openly gay comic, Bob Smith broke barriers with an appearance on "The Tonight Show." Now Smith offers up his own original, whine-free perspective on being grown up and gay. In OPENLY BOB, the acclaimed comedian candidly, and humorously, tackles issues facing grown-up gays as they make their place in an overwhelmingly straight society. From bringing your boyfriend home to your father's funeral, to being the only gay couple at a family wedding, to surviving couples counseling, Smith's decidedly wry spin on the events of our lives resonates with keen observation and hilarious truth. "So Mom says to me on the phone, 'Just because you're coming home for your father's funeral doesn't mean we can't have fun!'" Sex education, meteor showers, lesbian ventriloquist dummies, fleamarket shopping, body piercing, pot-smoking drag queens, environmental correctness, Judgment Day, Samuel Beckett, Newt Gingrich, Coco Chanel, Sigmund Freud--nothing and no one escapes Smith's incisive eye in this very human collection of comic essays.

## **Openly Bob Details**

Date : Published February 1st 1999 by Harper Paperbacks (first published 1997)

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Author : Bob Smith

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## From Reader Review Openly Bob for online ebook

### **Cory Van Horn says**

I got this book at a thrift store for a dollar. It was a cute read but not something to scream from rooftops about. You can tell this was a first attempt at writing a book for Bob Smith. His second book was much more interesting.

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### **Todd Smith says**

This was a fun read. There was a chapter or two that seemed dated now, but over all I found it humorous and fun. I liked how he shared details about his life catering and then spending time at the bar looking for "Mister Right." I remembered life in the 90's doing the same thing at I could really relate. It is sad that he decided recently and he loss the ability to showcase his talents. He was an aspiring voice for gay activism in the 1990s as the first openly gay comic. He did this all by being honest about who he was upfront. This was shown in the book and this added enjoyment to reading it.

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### **Sam Bennardo says**

Very funny and fun to read.

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### **Robert says**

First read in 1999.

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### **Stephen says**

Hilarious moments, surrounded by lots a dead space and blah

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### **Jennifer Kronk says**

Hysterically funny and a great series of short stories.

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### **Nate Chamberlain says**

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### **Sean Kennedy says**

(3.5/5) A mixed bag of humorous essays, some which are funnier than others (for example, the time in Provincetown really dragged). What Smith is more successful at is in exploring relationships with his partner and his family - the scenes at the end of the book where they all come together for his father's funeral are hilarious and touching. You'll probably see your own family in the sketches.

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As a side note, given there was a lot of focus on his partner Tom throughout the book, I was quite saddened to hear (in looking up some of Smith's performances on YouTube) that they now have separated. It just gives another poignant layer to the book, really.

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### **Daniel says**

I saw the book at the bookstore and decided to pick it up. Not only was it quite funny, but also moving. I saw a lot of myself in his writing and could relate to many of the stories. It is written in essay format and very easy to read. You will laugh, and possibly cry (or cry from laughing). The stories within the book jump around a bit, but it always takes you to an interesting place.

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### **Zweegas says**

I remember that this book was fun to read, but nothing actually about this book was very memorable. Way To Go Smith is less fun to read yet more memorable because there is a connecting theme in that book. The only thing I remember about Openly Bob is that part of it takes place in Provincetown.

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### **Stacie says**

This was a book about a gay man's life and I was a bit apprehensive about the book when my friend Mike suggested I read it. I mean, how could I relate to his life? I am a heterosexual woman. But, it was well written and I could see into his life and the things he went through and was able to get a glimpse of understanding. His writing technique was good and not over the top. All in all, I enjoyed this book.

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