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**Award-Winning Novel Portrays Coming-of-Age of a Southern Boy  
in the 1950s-Early 1970s Who Proves Himself Worthy on All Fronts**

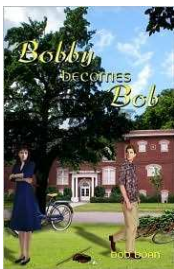
*“Bob [Boan] captures the essence of living in a small southern town. He portrays the characters with great fidelity. His story is simple, yet believable; his heroes are not too large.” ~ R. M. “Reds” Helmey, author of *The Lemon Dance*, and the only person ever acquitted of highjacking a plane in the United States*

Bob Boan’s award-winning novel *Bobby becomes Bob* tells the coming-of-age tale of young Bobby Padgett. This period piece set in a rural North Carolina community received third place in the 2009 Reader’s Poll Award contest for its depiction of small-town life at its most poignant as well as its extraordinarily moving surprise ending. Notes the author, “This is a story of sharing. It is a story of great happiness. It is also a story of unfortunate events.”

Early on, Bobby develops a deep and lasting friendship with the love of his life, Sam, and the pair is soon inseparable. Known to those around them as “Samby,” the author explains that “They could have been closer only if they had been born as Siamese twins who hadn’t been separated at birth.” Years later, college beckons and Samby temporarily go their separate ways, but their bond remains strong. Bobby is drafted and excused twice in these turbulent years, but the third time his card is pulled, he finds himself in the Army, heading for Vietnam.

Missing in action and then imprisoned and tortured by the Viet Cong for three-plus years, Bobby’s community, including Sam, presumes him dead. Upon his rescue, Bobby is transferred to Walter Reed, where he has to learn to walk again. As he does so, he dreams of putting to the test the fantasy that kept him alive throughout his ordeal – his homecoming walk down Main Street toward Sam that ends with a passionate kiss. Yet he wonders has Sam moved on? Can their bond possibly still exist?

Shooting marbles in the schoolyard, scrounging up the parts to make his own bike, weekly church services, playing baseball, and above all learning what it means to be a man bring to life small town values at their finest in a bygone era of innocence and yearning in which character, more than anything else, counts.



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