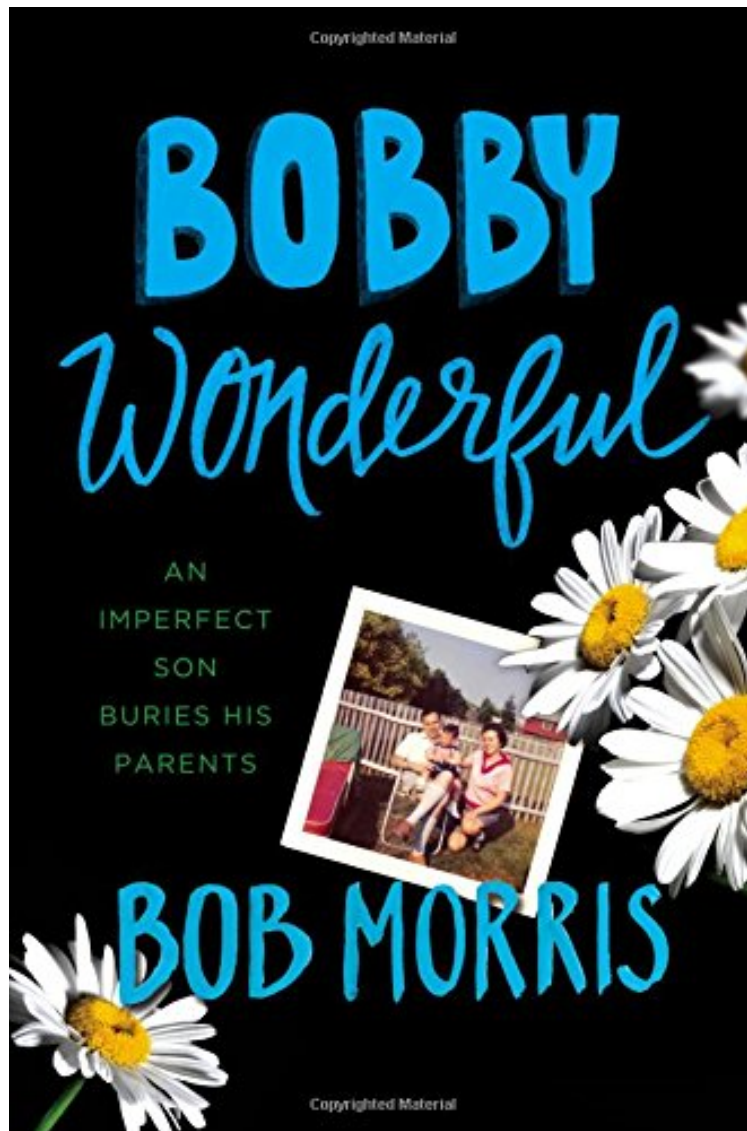


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Bob Morris : Bobby Wonderful: An Imperfect Son Buries His Parents before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bobby Wonderful: An Imperfect Son Buries His Parents:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Imperfection Yields Lessons Learned and Warm MemoriesBy YerduaI liked this book because I relate to the author's mixed feelings in caring for his elderly parents. I was an imperfect daughter in caring for my parents, but I did the best I could. One thing, when I think back on the times with my parents, I remember the imperfect times more frequently and those times always bring a smile to my face because

we were interacting as real human beings. I hope that if and when my time rolls around, that my son will be less imperfect than I was, and if not, I hope I will be able to understand. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good book for a very sad time! By pnash This book was just what I needed to read. My Mother has dementia! There, I said it! Didn't want to believe it or accept it, but she does. She's currently living in a nursing care residence, has lost her ability to communicate, for the most part and has been showing signs of aggression, depression, and giving up. It has been such a difficult process watching her go from being able to say what she wants and thinks, and care for herself to being totally dependent on her CNAs for everything. This is such a terrible part of life for her. I can see it every day I am in there with her. Bob Morris helped me see that it's ok to get frustrated with not my Mother, but the situation. It's ok to cry for her when she cries. The best thing to do is to just be there with her to hold her hand, and tell her I love her and he does this in a way that makes you know it's the right thing to do and best way to handle it. I just cannot say enough about this book. This will be a long and sad time to get through; even feeling very alone in it, at times. I am so glad I bought and read his ok. I think I'll read it again just in case I missed something the first time. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not That Wonderful By RNJ Morris appeared with George Hodgman on C-SPAN's Book-TV to give a reading about how they helped to care for an ailing parent.

[...]searchtype=Allquery=george+hodgman> I don't think it is as good as Hodgman's book. It is fine in its own right, but it hasn't the flair, the utter wit that Hodgman's book has. Early on Morris turns to factual information: "Caring for parents has become the new normal for boomers. It is estimated that 65 million people in this country are caregivers, with seven out of ten of them looking after someone over the age of fifty. Many of these caregivers report depression and some a decline in health. Most aren't the perfect and selfless children who want to move their parents in with them and have their ashes scattered at a ballet. And they don't have the vision to see what only the selfless and enlightened can know when in the middle of it, and what I only know now that the experience is behind me, making it easy to say: Caring for your parents is an opportunity" (6). I had the same experience over ten years ago when my father came to town to live near me. Overseeing the last four years of his life may have been the biggest challenge of my life—including twenty-seven years as a public school teacher. When I finally did accept the experience as an opportunity and not a burden I was able to understand things about my father that had always puzzled or angered me, but it wasn't easy. And I believe this fact may be what leaves me cold about Morris's book. He brings little new to the table, either by way of experience or how he reports it. He, too, like Hodgman (like me) is gay, caring for an elderly parent with whom you have unresolved issues, but somehow he writes about it as if it, too, is just another assignment from his editor.

His mother's last word was his name. His father's was "Wonderful." Together they inspired the title for this true story of love and redemption. Bob Morris was always the entertainer in his family, but not always a perfect son. When he finds his parents approaching the end of their lives, he begins to see his relationship to them in a whole new light and it changes his way of thinking. How does an adult child with flaws and limitations figure out how to do his best for his ailing parents while still carrying on and enjoying his own life? And when their final days on earth come, how can he give them the best possible end? In the tradition of bestselling memoirs by Christopher Buckley, Joan Didion, and with a dash of David Sedaris, **BOBBY WONDERFUL** recounts two poignant deaths and one family's struggle to find the silver lining in them. As accessible as he is insightful, Bob Morris infuses each moment of his profound emotional journey with dark comedy, spiritual inquiry and brutally honest self-examination. This is a little book. But it captures a big and universal experience.

"This might seem like tough reading; surprisingly, it's not. Morris manages to convey the poignancy of coping with a dying parent while infusing the text with sly humor...the book will move anyone who has had to say goodbye to a loved one--especially those who felt themselves unequal to the task."?New York Times Book "Packing in more substance and smiles than are usually found in this genre, Morris has written a profound and timely chronicle."?Publishers Weekly"Both a domestic comedy and a heartfelt homage, Morris's emotional memoir of his parents' passing--a tribute to loved ones and how we say goodbye--makes tender light of the mundane and finds dark humor in the morose."?O Magazine"Just as books can help us make sense out of the milestone of becoming parents, Morris's account will prove valuable to those who are losing theirs...Morris writes about his father with rare sweetness...his honest and love will resonate with anyone worrying about their aging parents."?Boston Globe"With humor and unflinching honesty, Bob Morris confronts the deterioration and death of his parents. His anger, impatience, tenderness, and love light each page. He is right about so much, including how wrong we get it. This is our common experience. We fumble and stumble to express our love (without going mad), doing the best we can."?Maira Kalman, author of *The Principles of Uncertainty* and *And the Pursuit of Happiness*"A poignant, charming reflection on the next step in life."?Booklist"Searingly candid...sensitively told, deeply moving and highly relevant in a world where more and more people face situations like his. **BOBBY WONDERFUL** is a gift of a book: an often funny but also perfectly serious contemplation of living and dying well."?Shelf Awareness"A love letter wrapped inside a very beautiful, moving story. Morris's cherished memories of his parents' good times seem to buffer the pain of loss, and

that he shares those vivid personal recollections is a delight."?Naples News"How could a book about a Boomer dealing with the death of his parents be so fulfilling and delicious? Bob Morris does just that...My god I loved this book. I was riveted, weeping and laughing through it in one full day's read...For all his stark honesty of unconscionable thoughts and warts exposed, I came away endeared by Bob and his family...a deeply personal book filled with profound moments at every turn of a page."?Seven Ponds"Candid...powerful...memorable."?Next Avenue"Funny and touching... I recommend it to anyone who--like me--feels they could have or should have done more, or done better, in dealing with the decline and fall of the colossus known as Mom or Dad. The truth of the matter? Nobody gets it right."?Pocono Record"Heartfelt and deeply moving."?Dayton Daily News

About the Author Bob Morris is the author of *Crispin the Terrible* and *Assisted Loving*, which received honors from the American Library Association, Lambda Literary Awards and was a New York Times editor's choice. A frequent contributor to the Times, he has also been a commentator on NPR's *All Things Considered* and has written for the *The Southampton*, *Elle*, the *New Yorker*, *Town and Country* and other publications. His comic plays have been produced off Broadway and he collaborated with actress Diahann Carroll on her award-winning memoir, *The Legs Are the Last to Go*. He is a graduate of Brown University and has a masters in creative writing from Stony Brook Southampton. He lives with his husband, Ira and their dog Zoloft in Manhattan and Bellport, NY.