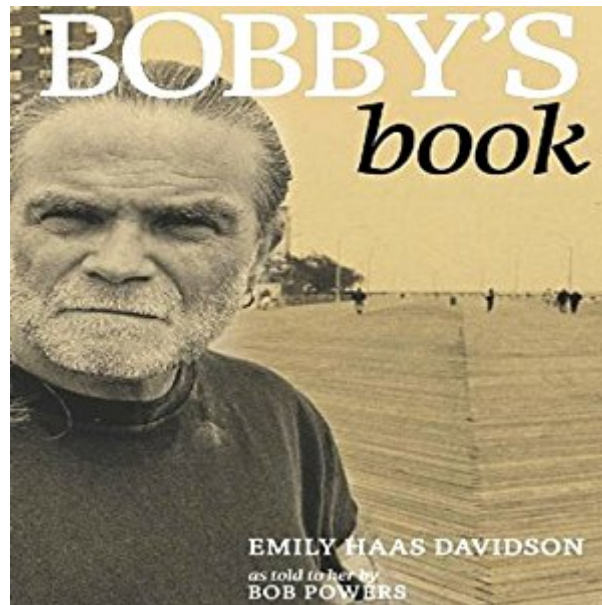


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# Bobby's Book



## Synopsis

In 1998, at the very moment that a publisher had approached Bruce Davidson about a book of his 1959 Brooklyn Gang photographs, former gang leader Bobby Powers unexpectedly telephoned the Davidsons. Over the next decade, Emily Davidson maintained an ongoing conversation with Powers in order to bring to light his struggle to overcome his drug-ridden and violent past and to inspire others with his example. Through the words and reflections of the former drug addict and petty criminal, this book relates the long, agonizing journey from youthful urban violence and despair to the life of a committed and generous professional. Beginning in a working-class Brooklyn neighborhood in the mid-1950s where alcohol abuse and poverty were rampant, Bobby Powers went from being an illiterate gang leader and notorious drug dealer to a destroyed individual who had lost everything, including family members, close friends, and himself, all presented in his own words and in grim detail in this book. At a critical turning point in his life, recognizing the threat of his behaviors to survival, he entered detox and embarked on the arduous path to recovery and self-understanding. This process involved not only acknowledging and coming to terms with the injuries he had inflicted on his children and others, but also asking for their forgiveness. Having achieved a new way of life as a responsible and caring adult, Bobby Powers is today, at 69, a nationally respected drug addiction counselor who has aided a wide spectrum of people, including former gang members. His story represents a brutal and inspiring lesson in human frailty, degradation, and transformation.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Bruce Davidson's photographs appear in the Time Life Book Series "This Fabulous Century." I knew that there were more photographs than Life published and so when the International Center of Photography put on its exhibition of Brooklyn Gang I drove down from Connecticut and saw it. The reviews of the exhibition suggested that there was more information than any source published--a good deal of it is here. I never-before understood how bad living conditions were in the post-war; and I did not fully understand how much the drug epidemic changed New York culture. This book tells an interesting story--it would have been illuminating to see what happened to more of the "Jokers" from the photographs--perhaps that is the next book.

I found this book to be very inspiring...I recommend it to those who have or had a drug addiction or know someone who has one...It gives you hope, that if this guy could get clean after all he went through, then so can you/they! The photos were amazing! Great book! Thanks for writing Emily, and thanks for sharing Bobby!

This is a beautifully paced biography of an addict, who in spite of horrible beginnings, managed to survive through sheer will power.Emily Davidsons' "Bobby's Book" has a poetic force that compels one to keep reading until the last page!RenÃ©e E.Rubin

This is a worthwhile book and instructive. Young people should read this today. The author spent years interviewing the protagonist.

I could not put it down...Bobby happens to be a friend of my husband...I did not know all this about his life...great read

Great story of redemption, very moving. Wish they had reprinted more of the pictures, though.

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