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## A Streetcat Named Bob *Lifesaver*

Hodder & Stoughton and James Bowen are saddened to announce the death of Bob the cat on 15 June at the age of at least 14 years.

James Bowen says “Bob saved my life. It’s as simple as that. He gave me so much more than companionship. With him at my side, I found a direction and purpose that I’d been missing. The success we achieved together through our books and films was miraculous. He’s met thousands of people, touched millions of lives. There’s never been a cat like him. And never will again. I feel like the light has gone out in my life. I will never forget him.”

James, a recovering addict, first met Bob in 2007 when he found him abandoned and injured. James took care of Bob who in turn gave him a reason to get up each morning. They quickly became inseparable, busking and selling The Big Issue on the streets of London.

In 2012 Hodder & Stoughton published James’ first book, A Street Cat Named Bob, telling his and Bob’s extraordinary story. The book was a publishing sensation, selling - along with its sequels The World According to Bob, A Gift from Bob and The Little Book of Bob - more than eight million books in more than forty languages, and was made into the film in 2016 starring Luke Treadaway as James. Bob appeared in the film as himself and will appear in a sequel, A Gift from Bob, later this year

As James and Bob continued to find fans all over the world, Bob led an incredible life meeting well-wishers at book signings, travelling the world and coping with feline fame. He was an extraordinary cat who will be greatly missed. [www.thebookseller.com](http://www.thebookseller.com)



## This week in history

*Do you recall.....*

**1633** The Holy Office in Rome forces Galileo Galilei to recant his view that the Sun, not the Earth, is the center of the Universe. Galileo spent the rest of his life under house arrest.

**1963** Little Stevie Wonder aged 13 releases his first single Fingertips.

**1968** #1 Hit: Herb Alpert - This Guy's in Love with You

**1986** Diego Maradona coins the phrase “Hand of God”. The Argentinian football star scored a goal with his hand during the FIFA World Cup quarter final against England.

**1990** Checkpoint Charlie is dismantled between East and West Berlin.

### BIRTHDAY

June Carter Cash  
Singer, Songwriter  
Born June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1929  
DIED 2003, Aged 73



### ADULT:

**A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.**

# June Carter Cash

## *Singer, Songwriter*

June Carter Cash (born Valerie June Carter) was a Grammy-winning country singer and the second wife of Johnny Cash.



Born into a musical family, she and her sisters performed as the Carter Sisters, with June singing, playing autoharp and rhythm guitar and keeping audiences entertained with her comedic wit.

June toured for a time with Elvis Presley. In the early 1960s, she wrote the song Ring of Fire (1963), which later went on to be a hit for her future husband, Johnny Cash. June and Johnny had a number of hits, including It Ain't Me Babe (1964), Jackson (1967) and If I Were a Carpenter (1970). They married in 1968.

June was married 3 times and had 3 children, one with each husband.



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James Bowen and Bob the Streetcat

## Just for laughs

Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others, whenever they go!  
- Oscar Wilde.  
To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target - Winston Churchill.  
The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits  
- Albert Einstein.