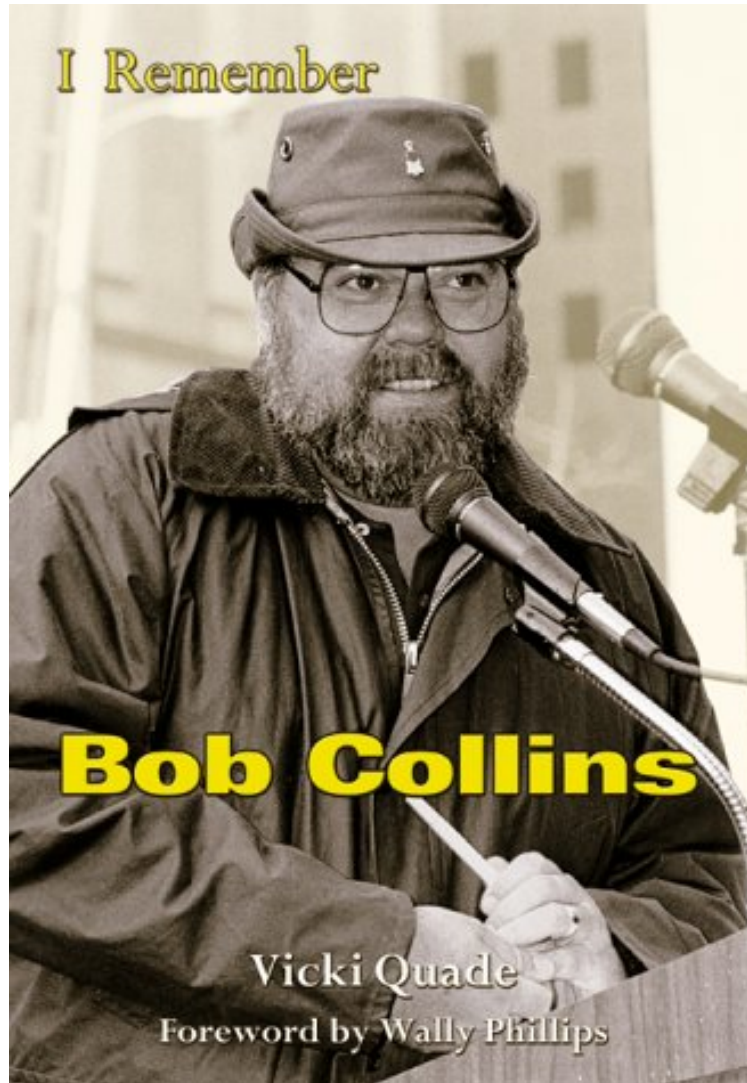


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Vicki Quade : I Remember Bob Collins before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised I Remember Bob Collins:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Bob Collins Through Many Eyes By Jeff Lowenthal There are many ways to write a biography, but I think the most interesting format is to let those who knew the subject tell their stories unencumbered. If that seems to be a simple technique, trust me, it actually requires a very skilled interviewer to pose the kind of questions which elicit coherent answers. Author Quade knows exactly how to do that, judging by the stories in this book. She has wisely left their words intact, sparing them from the editorial Cusinart which often destroys interviews by "cleaning them up." These stories are collected from real people, and they sound like it. The

contributors range from old friends to business associates, politicians, other radio personalities and "ordinary" listeners who felt a special closeness to a man most had never met. What emerges from these stories is a man seemingly untouched by the fame (and power) which attach themselves to people in his position. He seems to have remained his real self, a "smart-alecky guy with a penchant for rock and roll ..", "a hillbilly from Florida who was articulate and funny." And his listeners responded to this persona by expressing in their various ways how they knew he was "just one of the guys." Meaning, "like us." They rewarded him (and WGN) with, according to Quade, a 10.4 audience share, "unheard of in the highly competitive [Chicago] market." In fact, I believe DJ Dick Biondi had equally powerful numbers, but that was many years ago, long before radio audiences became fragmented into so many demographic slivers. So to equal or better his ratings in today's radio universe is indeed proof of just how well he connected with his audience. The point here, demonstrated by Quade's interviews, is that Collins was seen by an extremely broad-based listenership as the man they wanted to listen to, four hours a day. While one would not expect to read negative comments in such a book, it is remarkable how many people really liked him, and the personal way they reacted to his untimely death. They lost a good friend, and "I Remember Bob Collins" demonstrates why they felt that way. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A perfect tribute By Tina Crawley I heard about this book in a radio interview with the author. She told anecdotes from the book and talked about Bob Collins and his radio legacy. After reading the book, I was impressed by how many people contributed to it. Bob always phoned his parents on the show and both Candi and Jack Packett comment on him saying, "I'm going to miss his calls. His hearty laugh and all. He was always concerned about what we were doing, what the kids were up to. I'll miss that." My favorite story is from a fan, Judith Perkinson. She speaks about her father who is blind and lives alone. After his wife died, her dad had a hard time adjusting to life. He knew it was morning when he heard Bob's voice and started each day with him. Bob Collins became his radio friend. The story was really touching. There are so many ways you can influence other people's lives without even knowing it. Her dad never contacted Bob but this book highlights that he was not alone in calling Bob his friend. The book reminded me just how much "Uncle Bobby" will be missed. The stories are all unique and reinforce what a great guy he really was, not just on the radio. It is hard to get to know someone, especially a celebrity, but reading the stories gave me more insight into the Bob I have listened to for years. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A respectful salute to radio's "Uncle Bobby" By Robert Feder When Bob Collins died in a plane crash last February, he was at the peak of his power and popularity as Chicago's top-rated morning radio personality on WGN-AM. An outpouring of tributes at the time focused on his extraordinary talents as a broadcaster and his well-deserved reputation as a kind and thoughtful friend. Now free-lance writer Vicki Quade has compiled what Paul Harvey would call "the rest of the story" in the form of this marvelous new book. More of an oral history than a strict biography, the book features the warm and touching recollections of more than 100 close friends, colleagues, old flames and admirers. Collins' morning predecessor at WGN, Wally Phillips, wrote the foreword. Though at all times respectful and sympathetic, Quade's book provides a fascinating glimpse at the formative years and private life of a self-styled "Southern good ol' boy" who made it very big in the big city. While most fans may remember him as the great big bearded teddy bear he was in middle age, the book includes an incredible photo of Collins as a svelte and rakish young man, reflecting his carefree days as an itinerant rock 'n' roll disc jockey.

For over a decade, Chicagoans woke up to Bob "Uncle Bobby" Collins on their radio. The WGN-AM 720 morning radio host's death brought an outpouring of emotion and tears as Chicagoans sought to share their grief. Noted for his folksy radio personality, Collins was as genuine as he seemed and a friend with many. His charitable works, especially with the Salvation Army and WGN's Neediest Kids Fund, were unmatched. Every morning, Uncle Bobby is missed in Chicago. I Remember Bob Collins is a collection of anecdotes about the legendary broadcaster from his friends, fans, fellow broadcasters, and the media. Some notable figures include Wally Phillips, former governor Jim Edgar, Chicago mayor Richard Daley, Tom Collins, as well as many others who share their memories of Bob Collins.

"...marvelous...respectful and sympathetic...provides a fascinating glimpse..." --Chicago Sun-Times About the Author Vicki Quade is an award-winning journalist whose work has appeared in numerous publications, including Newsweek, the Chicago Reader, the Chicago Sun-Times, and the Chicago Tribune. She is also one of the playwrights and the producer in Chicago of the long-running comedy hit "Late Night Catechism." Vicki's play has been produced in numerous cities throughout the country, and earlier this year was honored with an LA Drama Critics' Award for best performance by a lead actor.