

Prayers for Bobby:

A Mother's Coming to Terms with the Suicide of Her Gay Son

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Bobby Griffith was an all-American boy ...and he was gay. Faced with an irresolvable conflict-for both his family and his religion taught him that being gay was "wrong"- Bobby chose to take his own life.

"Prayers for Bobby," nominated for a 1996 Lambda Literary Award, is the story of the emotional journey that led Bobby to this tragic conclusion. But it is also the story of Bobby's mother, a fearful churchgoer who first prayed that her son would be "healed," then anguished over his suicide, and ultimately transformed herself into a national crusader for gay and lesbian youth.

As told through Bobby's poignant journal entries and his mother's reminiscences, "Prayers for Bobby" is at once a moving personal story, a true profile in courage, and a call to arms to parents everywhere.