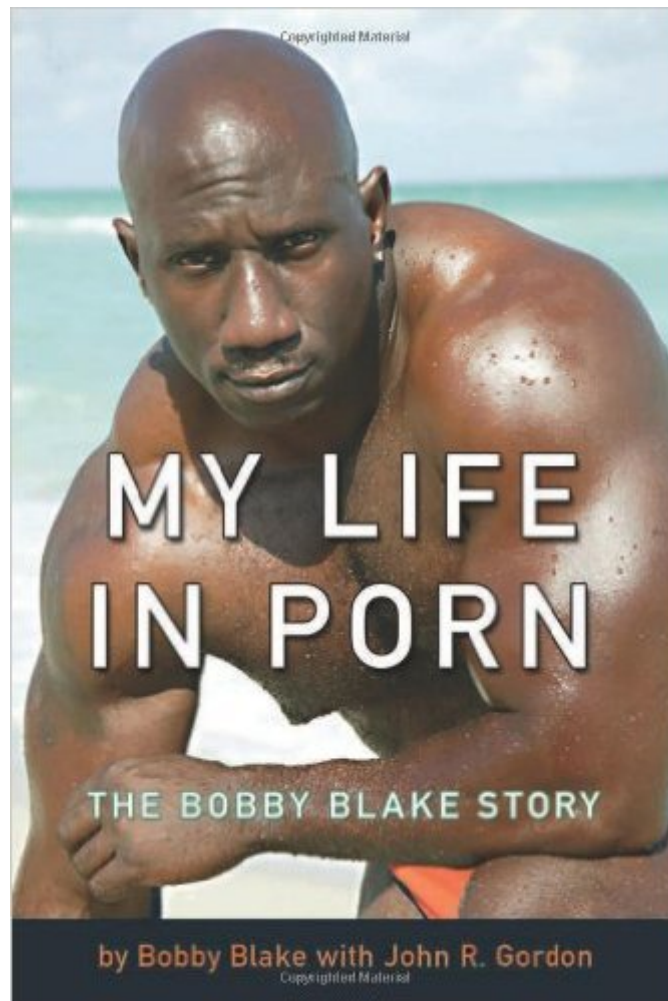


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# My Life In Porn: The Bobby Blake Story



## Synopsis

The most successful African American in gay adult film, Bobby Blake has appeared in over one hundred movies. In *My Life in Porn*, Blake for the first time goes behind the scenes of the sex industry to reveal intimate stories that are sexy, fascinating, and sometimes disturbing. Blake also shares his private spiritual struggle and the quest for love.

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## Customer Reviews

Well, I read the book in a day and was left feeling that I had discovered very little about the porn industry, and even less about Bobby's life. Sure there were plenty of facts, but rarely any emotional backup whatsoever. The writing was abysmal. There were certain facts and episodes of Bobby's life throughout the book that were so repetitive it fast became insulting to an adult reader - not unlike a children's book reminding you what happened two chapters previous. I really had to strain through the egocentric text to get any sort of insight into what his subject matter truly involved. Of the story itself I felt that Bobby Blake leads the reader to believe that his many relationship failures were wholly due to his partner's inadequacies, taking very little ownership himself of the problems at hand. If he did in fact play a role in the breakdown of those relationships he did not come across as man enough to admit them. His faith, which he vehemently protects, seems as carefree as his violent episodes and hedonistic lifestyle. As a gay man myself I certainly am familiar with the latter, however in Bobby's life it seems as one turns off the other turns on. I completely respect his faith and was very impressed with the devotion to his church and to his god, however I was left scratching my head at the man who later in his story seems to take some sort of enjoyment of

seriously abusing the 'white guys' on the set of a porn movie who had hurled racist abuse at himself and the 'black guys' which the director of the movie had perpetrated. Bobby Blake also continuously mentions how he didn't drink or do drugs, yet one has to wonder if his size isn't in some partiality due to steroids. There are many of these gaps which appear to be a bit too sensationalistic to be truthful.

*My Life In Porn: The Bobby Blake Story* is an entertaining and insightful tale of Bobby Blake, birth name is not revealed in autobiography, arguably one of the most popular African Americans in Gay Pornography. The book chronicles Blake childhood. He was raised mostly by foster parents because his biological mother had nervous break downs during his youth. His biological father was basically just a sperm donor. Bobby Blake also spent almost two years in Tennessee Preparatory School a state run school for displaced youth. Bobby Blake says that he is bisexual but by his own admittance "all the serious relationships of my adult life would turn out to be with men". Blake admits to being in love with a girl during his youth but some of his comments about women, later in the book, sounds misogynistic. Also, later in the book, he defines himself as gay which leads one to think at fifty Bobby Blake is still unsure of his sexual orientation. Beginning as a male dancer at mostly gay clubs, he moves to Los Angeles and begins starring in gay and, on occasion, bisexual pornography. On camera, Bobby Blake is aggressive, sometimes violent, top. Privately, Blake says he is "more broader". Bobby Blake is dark skinned, tall with a body builders physique and a simmering sexuality. Deep voice with a southern accent; there is a Mandingo quality about Blake thus he becomes a star. Blake's description of the gay porn entertainment business is informative and titillating. His services as an "Escort" were requested by married closeted movie stars, down low professional athletes and the powerful and wealthy from all over the world. He made lots of money as an "Escort".

I enjoyed reading this book a lot. I did find myself re-reading many paragraphs to get the meaning correct--not that it was a confusing read, but instead I wanted to make sure I understood where the author was coming from. Mr. Blake took a big risk exposing himself like this, letting his feelings and vulnerabilities out for all to see. Regarding the first few chapters, I really enjoyed reading about the many forces that came together to shape him. Everyone has a story to tell about how they came to be who they are. I personally always enjoy learning about what makes a person, any person, tick, but I found Mr. Blake's story much different from what I expected. Throughout the book there were many sad moments, and while I didn't mind reading about them, I had to stop reading a few times

because things like remembering different friends/family dropping like flies in the 80s, the pains of breakups, let-downs by friends, etc. His thoughts on church and religion were particularly well written. It made me think: Can you imagine what would happen to so many of these churches if every gay and lesbian, bi and transgendered person just got up and left???? I have been for a good church over the years because of this, and am still looking for a good fit for me in NYC that is inclusive without me having to part of an exclusively gay congregation. I found the porn industry chapters fascinating. These are the parts of the book I had to read twice, particularly the rivalry chapters (Bam, Tiger Tyson, etc.). At first I thought, "is this guy for real? he seems a bit full of himself" but after re-reading it, its not that at all. In business, regardless of the industry, you have to be smart, sometimes ruthless, and cunning.

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