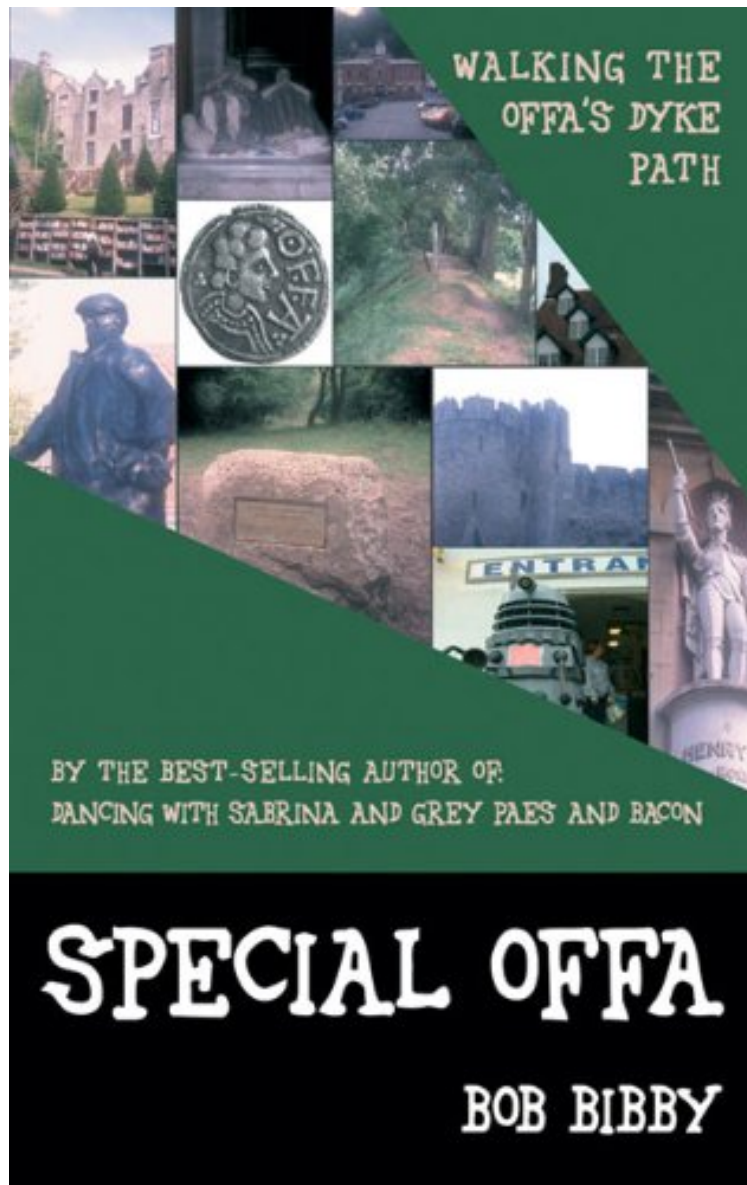


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**Bob Bibby : Special Offa** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Special Offa:

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good service! By Lisa Eastin Book was as expected. Good service! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Don't Leave Home Without It By D. Humphrey Prior to embarking on Offa's Dyke National Trail, I spent a lot of time winnowing down the contents of my backpack to the bare essentials.

"Special Offa" survived the first cut because I wanted to read about each section of the trail the night before hiking it. In Monmouth, my backpack underwent a second purge at the post office. I chose to shoulder the weight of "Special Offa" over that of extra socks and raingear; it had become evident to me that Bob Bibby was not merely an entertaining and informative trail guide, but a lifeline at cliff's edge. The knowledge of shared experience somehow made the pain and panic more surmountable (misery loves company?) The historical record of points along Offa's Dyke would fill enough volumes that it would take all the walkers in Wales to pack them from Chepstow to Prestatyn, so thankfully Bob Bibby gives us just the kind of pleasant, non burdensome read that can follow a meal and a pint at the pub and precede sinking under the covers and sleeping like the dead until the next day's 19 miles. Bob never steered me wrong in Places to Eat and Drink, Places to Stay. I met some wonderful people thanks to following Bob's suggestions. So, if you're headed out on this 177 mile commitment, don't leave home without "Special Offa."

Bob Bibby is on his travels again, this time following the line of that mighty earthwork that stretches 177 miles "from sea to sea" along the old border between England and Wales—Offa's Dyke, built by the very first self-styled King of the Angles, the fearsome 8th century King Offa. Join Bob on an extended pub crawl as he walks the long-distance path between Chepstow and Prestatyn, stopping off at local hostelrys to sample the wares in the interests of research. Walk with him along the glorious Hatterall Ridge, on the 80 miles of still-extant Dyke itself, across the Froncysyllte Aqueduct and finally over the Clwydian hills to his final destination. Meet some of the fascinating historical and modern-day characters he stumbles upon—"Ozzie" Osbern of Chepstow Castle, the original Hound of the Baskervilles in Kington, King Richard of Hay-on-Wye, Kilvert the Pervert of Clyro, the "Herbies" of Montgomery, William Spooner (or Spilliam Wooner) of Oswestry, the Daleks of Llangollen, Coch Bach of Ruthin and many, many more. Discover the truth about Placido Domingo's vocal exercises, Carol Vorderman's 28 day Detox Diet, two lovely African pygmy frogs named Eleanor and Sarah, the site of Arthur's last battle, the Order of Wandering Peace Poets, why Near Earth Objects are rather worrying, what the Welshwomen did to the dead bodies after the Battle of Pilleth, what Horatio Nelson was up to in Monmouth, and the origins of the V-sign. Special Offa is a wonderful companion for those planning to walk the Offa's Dyke Path, whether on foot or in the comfort of their armchairs.

About the Author Bob Bibby is the author of *Be A Falling Leaf*, *Bird on the Wing*, and *The Liquidator*.