

# Interview Questions for Bob Olson About *The Magic Mala*

Bob Olson is a former private investigator who used his skills to investigate the afterlife for over 18 years. In his earlier nonfiction book, *Answers About The Afterlife*, Bob explained what he learned about life after death during that investigation. In his current book of fiction, *The Magic Mala* (pronounced mah-lah), Bob explains what he learned about LIFE during that investigation.

*The Magic Mala* is a fictional story of Robby Robertson, a down-on-his-luck writer who realizes that he doesn't know as much about life as he once believed. His desperate financial circumstances lead him to open his mind to new ways of living. After finding some mala beads, Robby is taken on a magical journey that teaches him the secrets to personal manifestation and happiness.

An inspiring novel that transforms the lives of its readers, this book will leave you fascinated and educated about the universal laws that govern our lives. It's a story you'll want to read often to remind yourself of its wisdom—primarily, the magic of living a conscious life. More importantly, *The Magic Mala* will help you recognize the power you've always had but didn't know was there: your inner ability to create the life of your dreams.

## SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

1. What is the synopsis of the story being told in *The Magic Mala*?
2. Please explain to us what a “mala” is and why you decided to write about it.
3. I know this is a book of fiction, but is it loosely based on your own story?
4. This is truly a story that teaches a lot of wisdom. What is it that you're teaching in this novel?
5. What does it mean to live a “conscious” life?
6. What is “the power every human being has” that the main character, Robby, is learning about in this story?

7. Robby is a skeptic at heart, but he opens his mind to new ideas when his life is in turmoil. Talk about this idea of stress and desperation being a catalyst to personal growth.

8. I think most readers are going to identify with your main character, Robby. But sometimes readers will identify with other characters, too. Explain why we tend to have different parts of our personality show up on any given day.

9. Your last book—a nonfiction book—was about life after death. You're a private investigator who investigated the afterlife for 18 years. Tell us about that.

10. You write that *The Magic Mala* teaches everything you learned about LIFE while investigating the afterlife. How does that happen?

11. I understand that you never intended on writing a novel. So what happened to led you to write *The Magic Mala*?

12. What kind of response are you getting from readers? Is it truly a book that changes lives?