

## Remembering Bob Silvers

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Robert - Bob Silvers, the Editor of the New York Review of Books died recently after a short illness. Tributes have been pouring in to his passing by his writers and friends. It's a huge loss to the world of letters and journalism. This is my short tribute to him after working with him for 17 years - Ahmed.

"If there was a single quality to highlight any communication with Bob—telephone or letter—it was his joyfulness and delight, every hour, every day with the hundreds of people he must be writing to, speaking to in order to get an issue out. He was constantly joyful. How he did it issue after issue is beyond my understanding, but perhaps the only way he could get through the daily slog was his determination to love what he was doing and share that joy with those around him and above all with the writer.

He believed in the writer so much. Nobody I have ever worked for gave me such an inspiration and thrill to be writing, researching, putting words to paper, as Bob did. He was a factory of thoughts and inspiration even to the most novice writer. And he never failed to convey to the writer his conviction that this article would be the best ever. "