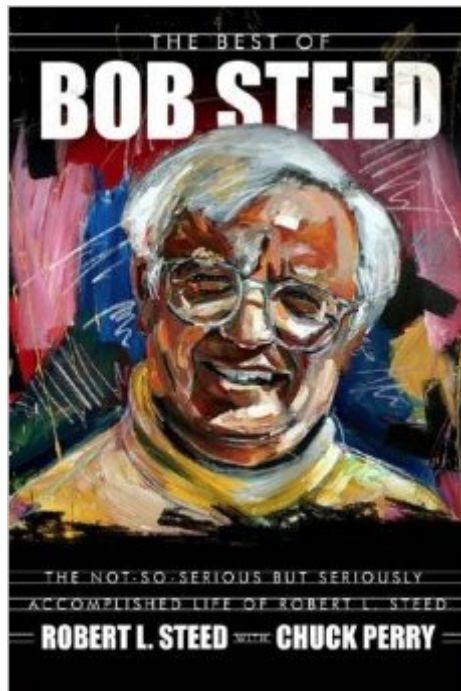


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# The Best Of Bob Steed: The Not-So-Serious But Seriously Accomplished Life Of Robert L. Steed



## Synopsis

Former United States Attorney General Griffin Bell, a partner with Robert L. Steed in the prestigious Atlanta law firm of King & Spalding, once described Steed as "half lawyer, half wit. His law partners insist he's a writer, and his writer friends insist he's a lawyer." In fact, Steed built an enviable career in both fields. A graduate of Mercer Law School, Steed became one of the nation's leading bond attorneys during an era of rapid economic development. All the while he wrote humorous essays that were published in the Atlanta Constitution and collected into books; his barbs were targeted at the vainglorious in politics, entertainment, and society, always imploring them, "Don't take yourself so damn serious." That attitude also served Steed well as a member of the Mercer University Board of Trustees from 1974 till the present. His insight, humor, and love of Mercer helped him to guide the university, as chairman of the Board, through some tempestuous times. Long-time Mercer President Dr. Kirby Godsey said, "I can honestly say that Mercer never had a more loyal alumnus than Bob Steed." Greatness often sprouts from modest roots, and such was the case with Steed. Shared here for the first time is the story behind the persona--the family, wife, wit, and commitment that coalesced to form an extraordinary scholar, writer, and philanthropist.

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I spent over 26 years in the Atlanta area, subscribing to the local paper. Every morning I turned immediately to the op-ed page to see what Robert L. Steed had to say. I typically had to wait a few weeks between his installments, but it was worth it. Steed has a unique perspective on nearly

everything, and a monumental vocabulary allowing him to choose just the right words for maximum comic effect. I already had all of his previous tomes but wanted this one, not just for his best-of-the-best columns, but for the wonderful biography of the man. Steed is a keeper in all respects. If you're looking for trenchant observations on a variety of subjects, you probably can't do better than *The Best of Bob Steed*. I recommend it without reservation.

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