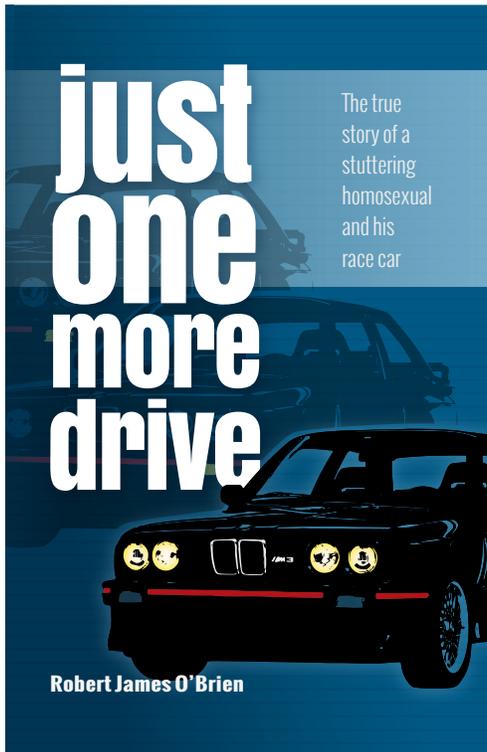




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I love my M3, I really do, but today our twenty-year relationship is being tested, and the Beast is letting me down. The engine has been running for more than five minutes and I'm still not dead.

This honest, uplifting and painfully funny memoir is about love, soapboxes and why you should never lie on national TV. It's the story of how the Beast, a BMW E30 M3 Sport Evolution, almost killed Robert but ended up saving his life.

From his father, Robert developed a passion for all things automotive as he grew up in Dublin, a painfully shy, lonely stutterer. Cars were his friends and his refuge, but the M3 was a tormenting reminder of the man Robert thought he could never be: confident, successful, loved. He goes to school, university, takes courses to conquer his stammer, and drives. Then he decides to act on his dreams and moves from Ireland to Vancouver, in search of sci-fi stardom and himself.

In *Just One More Drive*, we follow Robert as he struggles to overcome his disability, find his way in the world and discover what love really means. It is more than a story about stuttering, or coming out, or living in the shadow of suicide—it is a universal journey of self-discovery and learning to embracing one's true self.

Robert James O'Brien is an Irish immigrant living in Vancouver, British Columbia. He is a teacher, a trained television presenter and actor, and a geek who loves Stargates and every box Sony, Microsoft and Nintendo put on the shelves.

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