

# A Man Called Ove

**Fredrik Backman**

This is a heart warming, funny, moving and uplifting debut novel which tells the story of love and community that will leave you with a spring in your step.

There is something about Ove. At first sight, he is almost certainly the grumpiest man you will ever meet. He thinks himself surrounded by idiots - neighbours who can't reverse a trailer properly, joggers, shop assistants who talk in code, and the perpetrators of the vicious coup d'etat that ousted him as Chairman of the Residents Association. He will persist in making his daily inspection rounds of the local streets.

But isn't it rare, these days, to find such old-fashioned clarity of belief and deed? Such unswerving conviction about what the world should be, and a lifelong dedication to making it just so? In the end, you will see, there is something about Ove that is quite irresistible...

The one million-copy bestseller.

## Author Information

Frederik Backman is a Swedish blogger, columnist and author. His debut novel *The Man Called Ove* has been a number one bestseller across Scandinavia where it has sold over half a million copies.

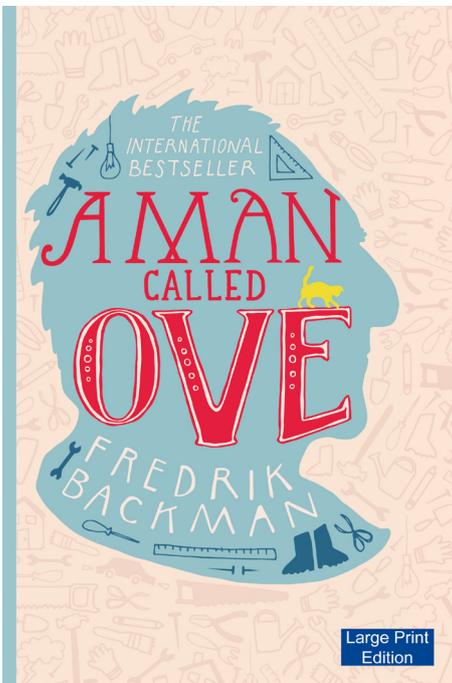
Frederik's second novel, *My grandmother sends her regards and apologies* also went straight to number one in Sweden on publication in 2014.

## Quotes and Reviews

'Delightful... There's a bit of Ove in all of us - which makes it the perfect holiday read.' *Evening Standard*

'A warm and tender story about love, loss and second chances, peppered with memorable characters, wonderful set pieces and some beautifully black humour. Ove is a joy from start to finish.' Gavin Extence, author of *The Universe versus Alex Woods*

'A Man Called Ove finally rescued all those men who constantly mean to read novels but never get round to it. Crotchety old git Ove argues with neighbours, reluctantly inherits a cat, punches a clown and, by the end of the book, has you wanting to hug him.' *Spectator*



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'Each short chapter of A Man Called Ove stands alone as a beautifully crafted short story. Bring them together and you have an uplifting, life-affirming and often comic tale of how kindness, love and happiness can be found in the most unlikely places. *Sunday Express*

'A Man Called Ove is a wonderful novel that will stay with you... Ove's story has an underlying sadness which the author tackles with great warmth and humour... It's a bittersweet, heartwarming tale which will leave listeners with a restored faith in the power of friendship and perhaps even a love for cats.' *Psychologies Magazine*

'It's warm, funny, with the laughs based on a solid grasp of character; and ultimately almost unbearably moving.' *Daily Mail*

'This charming debut novel by Backman should find a ready audience with English-language readers... Hysterically funny... wry descriptions, excellent pacing... In the contest of Most Winning Combination, it would be hard to beat grumpy Ove and his hidden, generous heart.' *Kirkus*

'A funny crowd-pleaser that serves up laughs to accompany a thoughtful reflection on loss and love... The author writes with winning charm.' *Publishers Weekly*

'A charming debut... You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll feel new sympathy for the curmudgeons in your life.' *People*

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