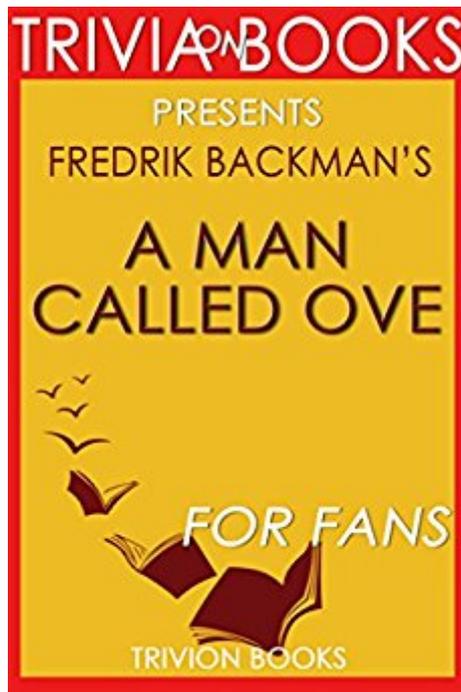


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Customer Reviews

I understand it is very difficult to make a purchasing decision based on only 7 reviews, even if all of them are 5 star. So I will add one more 5 star review. This book is delivered in very simple and straightforward manner to the reader. After a short while (when his wife Sonja brings her perspective into the tale) we see the humor in Ove's behavior, and realize that there is much more to Ove's character than meets the eye. The author does a wonderful job in drawing comparisons that are often laugh out loud funny. Most reviewers call the book "sweet", and that is probably the best word for it; but don't think it is sweet in a cloying way - it is sweet in the way that some people do what they do for what they think are all the right reasons, and in the end you understand and appreciate how such a man as Ove has come to be who he is, and you finding yourself liking him very much - in spite of (and because of) who he is. Maybe it is because we think this is the way a man "ought to be", warts and all. This novel is not "great literature"; but then, I don't think it is supposed to be.

A marvelous book! An "old Swede" who in this day and age isn't really that old, holds his values as a measure to which all others can be thought of as a grumpy, ornery man--with as it turns out a very big heart. The feral cat who turns out to be Ove's "guardian angel" is delightful. This book is good reading for whomever picks it up to read!

Many lessons to be learned from this book. It is a love story on a number of levels. Ove is a "simple" man of strong character and it holds him in good stead through some tough times. The author treats the difficult subject of suicide with just the right amount of humor so that it melds into the story without detracting from it. If nothing else it is a good lesson on why one should not prejudge anyone.

This was just a wonderful story. Once I started reading about Ove I did not want to turn my Kindle off.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book about a very contrary man, referred to as a mean curmudgeon, etc. Inside, he basically was a sweet and compassionate man. I loved how his relationships with others grew and maintained.

This is an exceptional book and much better than I expected. The characters are handled sensitively and realistically. They are well developed. You will feel like you know these people. The book was so good, it made me cry. Well done, thank you to the author.

The setting for this novel is a community in Sweden. Ove leads a narrow and routine existence. He sees the world from a "glass half-empty" perspective. Ove is angry with his neighbors, his government and modern society in general. In fact, he is so mad about so many things that he decides to commit suicide. He carefully plans to end it all, but the lives of others keep interfering to make Ove delay and live for yet another day. I categorize this novel as a fable despite the lack of talking animals and a clearly stated motto at the end. For the most part, Backman's prose is terse. There are, however, occasional longer passages about love, friendship, loyalty and loss that cannot but catch the reader's attention. Are these intended mottoes? It is up to each reader to decide. For myself I chose: The purpose of life is to live a life of purpose.

It's the story of a grumpy old sod who just happens to have a well-hidden heart of gold. I first got caught up in Ove's grumpiness and thought, "I don't need to read about a grumpy old man." Then Sonja, his cheerful wife, came into his life and lit it up. Then came a mangy cat who followed Ove around as if attached to him. And Parvaneh, the neighbor who sees the heart of gold. I got sucked into Ove's life. You will, too.

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