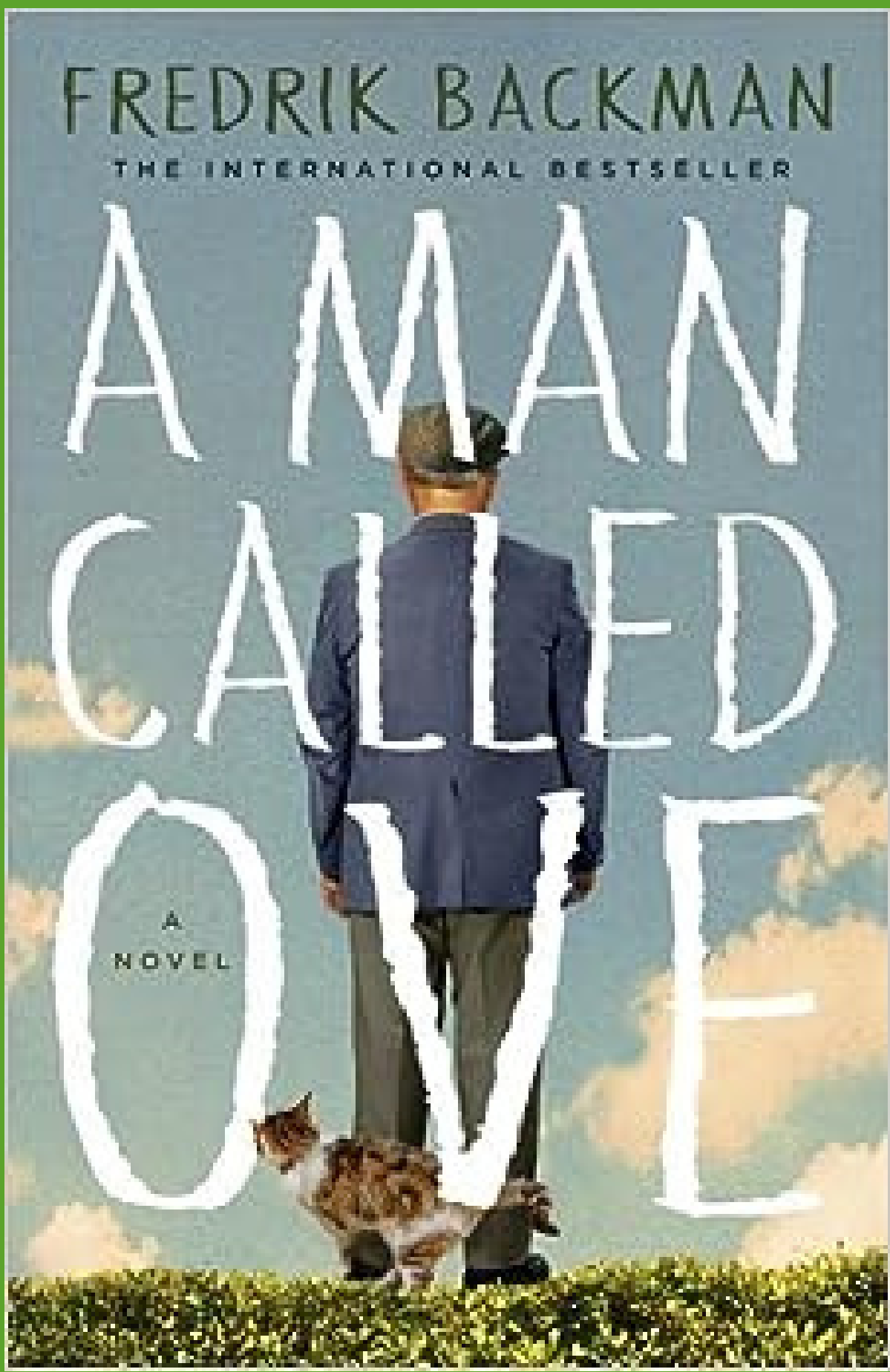


FREDRIK BACKMAN

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

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BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

1. Ove is often described as grumpy and irritable, yet he demonstrates moments of kindness and compassion. How does the author use humor and Ove's interactions with others to reveal his true character?
2. The novel alternates between present-day events and flashbacks from Ove's past. How do these flashbacks contribute to your understanding of Ove's motivations and personality?
3. Ove's relationship with his wife, Sonja, is central to the story. How does their love story impact Ove's present-day interactions and choices?
4. Ove has a strong sense of justice and principles. How does his commitment to these values influence his actions and relationships with neighbors and strangers?
5. The supporting characters in the story, such as Parvaneh, Rune, and Jimmy, play significant roles in Ove's life. How do these characters contribute to Ove's personal growth and transformation?
6. The novel addresses themes of grief, loss, and loneliness. How does Ove cope with these emotions, and how do they shape his interactions with the world around him?
7. The presence of the "White Shirt" community and its rules often clash with Ove's independent and straightforward nature. How does Ove navigate these conflicts?
8. Ove is an expert at fixing things, both in terms of physical objects and relationships. How do his repair skills symbolize his approach to life and the people he cares about?
9. Ove's interactions with children, particularly Parvaneh's daughters, reveal a softer side of him. How does his relationship with children contrast with his interactions with adults?
10. The ending of the novel suggests a sense of hope and renewal. How does Ove's journey throughout the story lead to this conclusion, and what message does it convey about the power of community and human connections?