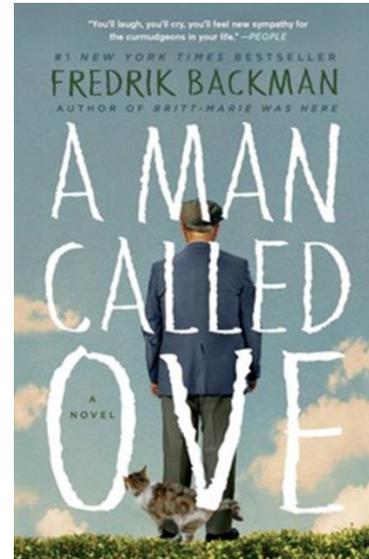


A Man Called Ove Essay Contest

Why an Essay Contest?

The Siskiyou Reads program wants to get everyone in Siskiyou County talking about one book, *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman. The COS Library wants to encourage you to participate in this fun community-wide reading event!

Ove enjoys routines and discipline, and has strong convictions about his values. He has also experienced tremendous loss and just wants to die in peace... if only his new meddling neighbors and a persistent cat would let him. *A Man Called Ove* is a story of unlikely friendships and learning that first impressions are not everything.



Join the conversation and the fun!

- Check out the book or audiobook from the COS Library (ask at the service desk)
- OR
- Check out or download the book or audiobook from your public library branch

A Chance to Win \$75!

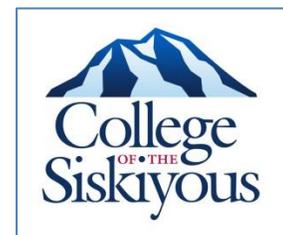
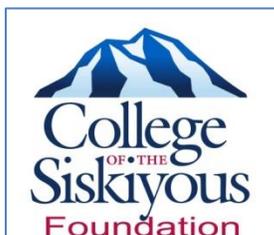
Once you've read the book, you'll be ready to enter the COS Library's Essay Contest. The essay contest winner will receive a \$75 gift certificate to the COS Bookstore. Entering the contest is easy:

1. Read the book
2. Choose the question you want to write about (see the list on reverse)
3. Write a 300-500 word essay (approximately one page) expressing your thoughts
4. Submit it to the Library by Thursday, October 26, 2017 (11:59 p.m.)
5. The winner will be announced on November 6, 2017

Please read the complete details on other side of this flyer.

Thanks

Many thanks to the COS Foundation who has generously donated this year's prize and to Siskiyou Reads. We also want to acknowledge Simon & Schuster and the All Good Books Blog for inspiring our essay questions.



Contest Details

Step 1: Read *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman

Step 2: Choose **one** of the questions below and write a 300-500 word essay (approximately one page) sharing your thoughts.

1. As readers, we get to know Ove slowly, with his past only being revealed piece by piece. What surprised you about Ove's past? Why do you think the author revealed Ove's past the way he did?
2. The truism "it takes a village to raise a child" has some resonance in *A Man Called Ove*. How does the eclectic cast of characters each help Ove in their own way?
3. Do you agree with Ove that "Men are what they are because of what they do. Not what they say." (p.78)? Use at least one example from the book to illustrate your opinion.
4. For many, Ove and Sonja's love story is one of the most affecting, tender parts of the book. What is the key to their romance? Why do they fit so well together?

Step 3: Submit your essay by Thursday, October 26, 2017 (11:59 p.m.)

- Include only your student number (S00...) on your essay; do not include your name on your essay (it will be on the cover sheet)
- Create a cover sheet that includes your name, student number, email address, and phone number so that we can contact you if you are the winner
- Double-space your essay and use a 12-point standard font such as Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial
- Your essay must be a Word (.doc or .docx) or PDF file
- If you quote the book, include the page number in parentheses after the quote; no formal citation is required
- Submit your essay by emailing it to library@siskiyous.edu ; include "essay contest" in the subject line
- All essays will be submitted to Turnitin for a plagiarism check; essays receiving a similarity score of over 10% will be evaluated and may be disqualified
- You must be enrolled at COS in Fall 2017 to enter; only one essay per person
- If you want help with your essay, you can make an appointment for writing support at the Academic Success Center front desk, (530) 538-5830.
- **Submission Deadline: Thursday, October 26, 2017 (11:59 p.m.)**

The winner will be announced on Monday, November 6, 2017. The winning essay will be chosen based on:

- How well all parts of the question are answered
- Originality and insight
- Writing basics such as spelling, punctuation, and grammar

Have questions? Contact library staff for more details:

in person: MW 8am-7pm, TR 8am-5pm, F 8am-4pm | email: library@siskiyous.edu | phone: (530) 938-5331