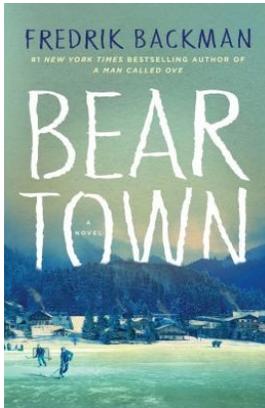


Lillie M. Evans Library District Book Club

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Biography:



Carl Fredrik Backman is a Swedish author, journalist and blogger who grew up in Helsingborg. He studied comparative religion but dropped out. He began writing columns for newspapers and magazines in 2006. A year-and-a-half later he began freelancing, and in 2012 he became a writer for the *Metro*. Backman married in 2009 and became a father the following year. He blogged about preparations for his wedding in "The Wedding Blog" and about becoming a father on "Someone's Dad" blog. During the 2010 Winter Olympics, he wrote the Olympic blog for the Magazine Cafe website and has continued as a permanent blogger for the site. He debuted in 2012 with the novel *A Man Called Ove*. Since then he has written the novels *My grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry*, *Britt-Marie was Here* and *Beartown*. He lives in Stockholm, Sweden, with his wife and two children.

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Discussion Questions:

1. What does hockey mean to the people of Beartown? What does winning the semifinal mean for the town's future?
2. What does Kira's role as a working mother, and her job as a lawyer, mean to her? How does her job affect the way others treat her?
3. Peter loves hockey because it demands his all, his everything. What does hockey demand from each of the characters in the book? What does it take from them?
4. Which parents do you think are the most successful at preparing their children for the real world? Why?
5. How do the townspeople of Beartown ultimately measure up? What kind of community have they built?
6. Several characters must find the courage to go against the grain of the Beartown community. What is at stake and is it worth it for them in the end?
7. Discuss the difference between male and female roles in the small village of Beartown. Which characters break these expectations, and what are the consequences?
8. At the end of the novel, do you think the tradition of the Beartown Hockey Club continues? Has its fundamental character changed? (*Questions from publisher*)