



A MAN CALLED OVE

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Producers Annica Bellander, Nicklas Wikström Nicastro **Cinematographer** Göran Hallberg **Editor** Fredrik Morheden
Cast Rolf Lassgård, Bahar Pars, Zozan Akgün **Print Source** Music Box Films

In Swedish and Persian with English subtitles The man called Ove is a grouch of the highest order, tyrant of the housing development, and hater of Volvos and dogs who pee on the paving stones. He is also at the end of his rope. At 59, the widower is ready to stride off this mortal coil—shuffling is for the lazy good-for-nothings he spends his days scolding. Enter pregnant Parvaneh (Bahar Pars), an Iranian émigré who moves in across the way with her inept Swedish husband and children. Determined and friendly, she coaxes Ove into an unlikely friendship and, little by little, helps him to love, not loathe, his neighbors, an adorable stray cat, and himself. Rolf Lassgård is unforgettable as Ove, whose painful past is revealed in crystalline flashbacks. But any hint of schmaltz (yes, you'll need a tissue or three) is tempered by the (often literal) gallows humor of the Swedes in this crowd-pleasing adaptation of Fredrik Backman's popular novel.

—Lucy Laird

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