BOOK TALK CARD SAMPLE

Front (MLA and Summary)

Backman, Frederik. A Man Called Ove. New York: Washington Square Press,

2015, print.

This heartfelt and hilarious book is about an odd, rule-following old man who doesn’t seem to have any friends. He spends his time checking to see that everyone is following all the rules of their community, and gives people grief when they break a rule. The neighborhood is filled with an odd assortment of characters who all end up having an impact on Ove, much to his dismay. As the story unfolds, the reader learns about the tragedy in Ove’s life and why he came to be so isolated. This journey begins with the neighbors who move in next door, a pregnant woman and her husband, along with two children, who seem determined to bring Ove out of his routine and back into the land of the living.

Evaluative Review (back)

Readers cannot help but fall in love with the characters in this book! They are so well-written, with both positive and negative traits, that they seem real to life. One moment I was laughing out loud at their interactions with Ove, but the next I was moved to tears as I discovered more about the inner feelings and conflicts these people faced. The author uses very descriptive words to help readers “see” the setting and imagine the characters. The book has a great lesson that people are not always who they appear to be.