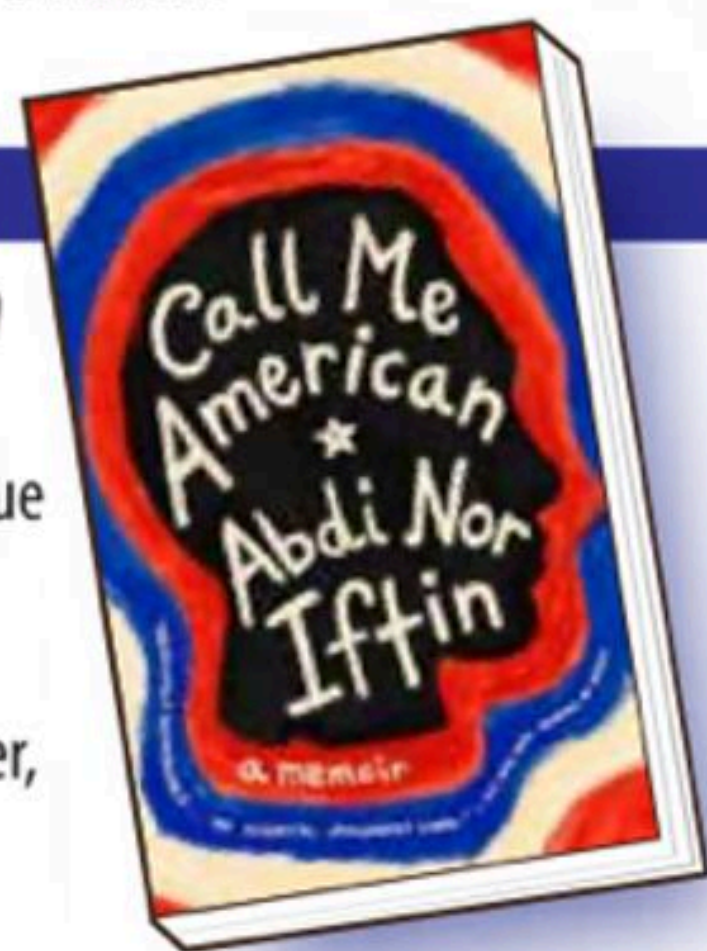


What's an All-City Read?

Tosa's All-City Read is like a giant book club for the whole city of Wauwatosa. Our goal is to have everybody in our community read the same book and come together in February to discuss it in small neighborhood book clubs, public meetings and at special events all over town. This year, almost all events are virtual. Be sure to check our website, www.TosasAllCityRead.com, for additional events, updates and registration information.



Our Book

Call Me American By Abdi Nor Iftin

Call Me American is the incredible true story of a boy living in war-torn Somalia who escapes to America-- first by way of the movies; years later, through a miraculous green card.

For Younger Readers

Kids of all ages are invited to read these books with similar themes to *Call Me American*:

For middle readers (ages 8-14)

- **Call Me American (Adapted for Young Adults)** ages 12+ by Abdi Nor Iftin
- **On These Magic Shores** by Camille Saied Méndez
- **Dear America: Young Readers' Edition** by Jose Antonio Vargas
- **When Stars are Scattered** by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed, illustrated by Iran Geddy
- **Other Words for Home** by Jasmine Warga
- **It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime (Adapted for Young Readers)** by Trevor Noah
- **Home of the Brave** by Katherine Applegate
- **A Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park
- **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, Young Readers Edition**, by William Kamkwamba, Bryan Mealer, et al
- **Amina's Voice** by Hena Khan
- **Out of Nowhere** by Maria Padian

For preschool to grade 3 (ages 4-8)

- **Where Are You From?** by Yamile Saied Méndez
- **The Boy Who Dreamed of Infinity: A Tale of the Genius Ramanujan** by Amy Alznauer, illustrated by Daniel Miyares



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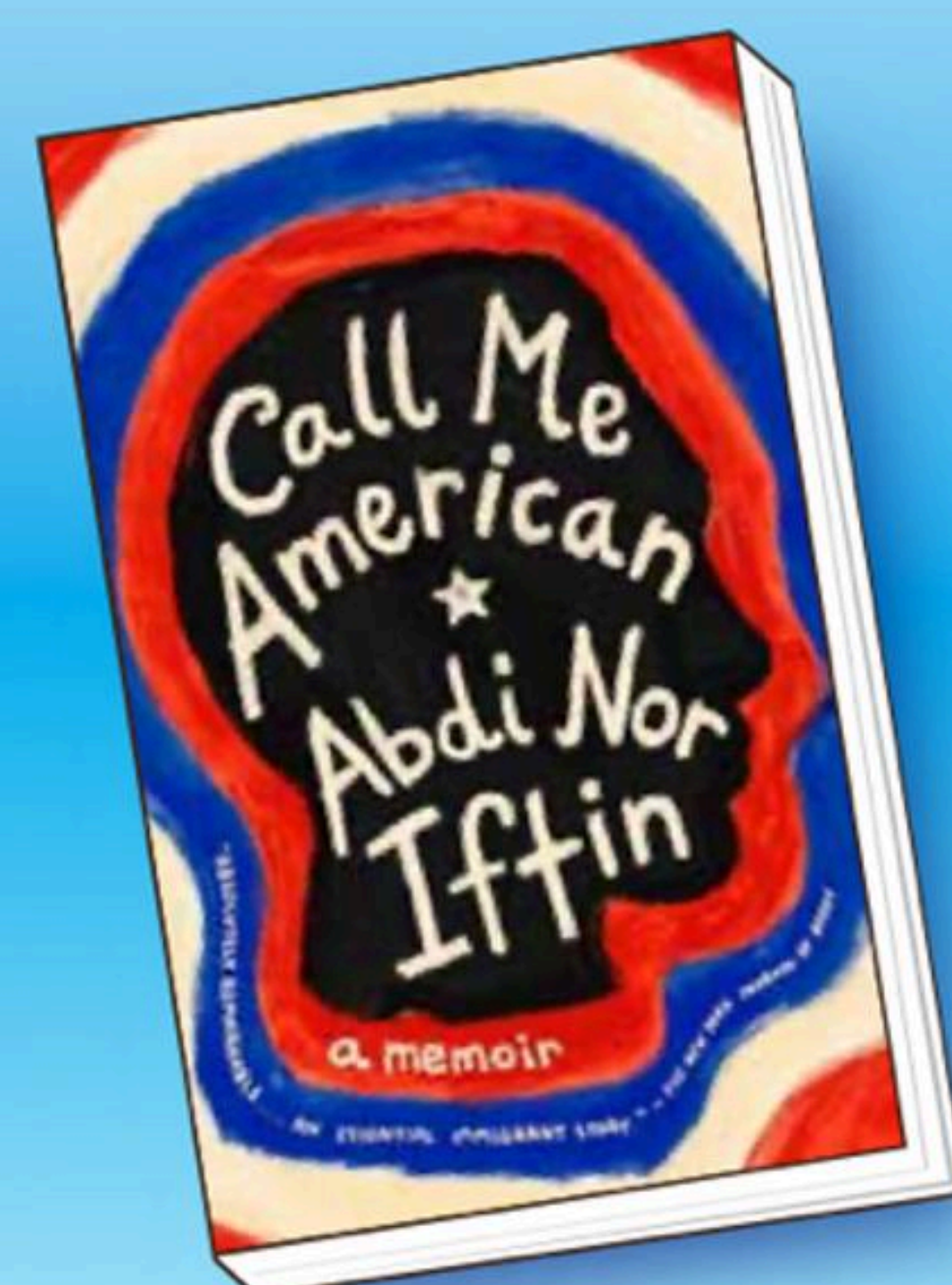
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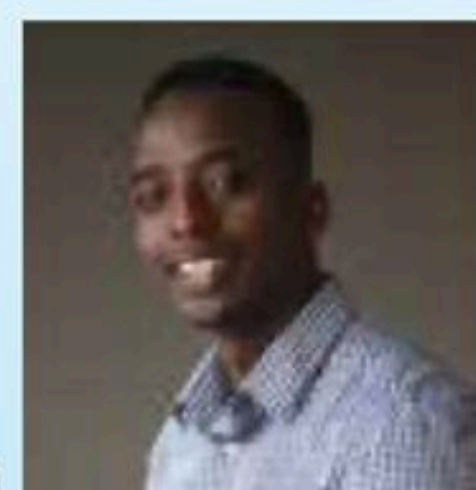
Join us online for Tosa's All-City Read events!

All events are free, thanks to our generous sponsors. Please reserve your spot at least 24 hours in advance of each event.

A Conversation with Abdi Nor Iftin

Tuesday, February 2, 7-8:30 p.m.
Online

Join us for a relaxed conversation with *Call Me American* author Abdi Nor Iftin. He'll tell his incredible tale of survival in war-torn Somalia and dramatic immigration path to the U.S. Abdi will also answer your questions about both his memoir and what has happened in his life since it was published.



To register and receive the meeting link, go to www.tosasallcityread.com/events

The Immigrant Experience: A Panel Discussion

Thursday, February 4, 7-8 p.m.
Online

Join the audience as a panel of immigrants living in Milwaukee talk about what made them come to America, how that journey transpired, and what they found when they arrived. They'll touch on topics such as expectations vs. reality, assimilation, prejudice and acceptance.

To register and receive the meeting link, go to www.tosasallcityread.com/events

Somalis in Wisconsin

Monday, February 8, 7-8 p.m.
Online

Like many American cities, Milwaukee has a vibrant Somali community. Find out how Milwaukee has welcomed them and how they keep their culture alive as they strive to make Wisconsin their new home.

To register and receive the meeting link, go to www.tosasallcityread.com/events



Immigration Today

Wednesday, February 10, 7-8:30 p.m.
Online

Immigration law is not only complex, it's also constantly evolving. Marquette University Law School Associate Professor Ed Fallone will talk about the nuts and bolts of immigration law and answer your questions about what changed under the last administration and what might be happening next. Fallone has helped form three nonprofits serving the legal needs of immigrants in Milwaukee.

To register and receive the meeting link, go to www.tosasallcityread.com/events

An Open Discussion about Islam, Muslims and Contemporary Issues

Thursday, February 18, 7-9 p.m.
Online

Othman Atta, Director of the Islamic Society of Milwaukee, presents a frank discussion about Islam, Muslims in the U.S. and abroad, and issues such as fundamentalism and women's roles in Islam. There will be plenty of time to ask questions.

To register and receive the meeting link, go to www.tosasallcityread.com/events

Henna 101

Tuesday, February 23, 7-8 p.m.
Online

Before Somali weddings and holidays, it's customary for a woman to get her hands or feet decorated with intricate patterns in henna. Learn about this tradition, then get step-by-step instructions on how to create a henna pattern on yourself or a brave friend or family member. Each participant will get a tube of henna in advance. (Space is limited.)

To register and receive the meeting link, go to www.tosasallcityread.com/events

Somali Food

Somali cuisine embraces influences from Arab, Persian, Indian and Italian cooking, as well as other flavors from the Horn and East of Africa. Milwaukee has one Somali restaurant, Blue Star Cafe at 1619 N. Farwell Ave. You'll find their menu on Door Dash, but give them a call at 414-273-9744 and place a takeout order. They'll be happy to put together a sampler plate if you ask. Tell them you're with Tosa's All-City Read.

Book Discussions

If you'd like to talk about *Call Me American* with your fellow Tosans, join us online at any of these discussions, free and open to the public. For online events, please reserve your place at www.TosasAllCityRead.com/events. We will email you the Zoom meeting link the day before the discussion.

- **Sunday, February 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday, February 11, 10-11 a.m.**
- **Monday, February 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**
- **Monday, February 22, 7-8:30 p.m.**
Socially distanced at
Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,
12012 W. North Ave., and online
- **Thursday, February 25, 1-2 p.m.**

Writing Contest

Enter Tosa's All-City Read's 2021 writing contest for the chance to win a cash prize!

Themes/Prompts:

For Younger Students: How have your community and your interests shaped you as a person? (Community can be your neighborhood, school, city, church, etc.)

For High School Students & Adults: In *Call Me American*, author Abdi Nor Iftin tells the story of how he adapted and survived in war-torn Somalia and acclimated to a new culture in the U.S. Describe a time when you had to adjust to a new culture or environment. What were the challenges you faced and how did you adapt?

Length

There is no minimum length requirement, but essays may be no longer than 800 words.

Categories, Prizes and Entry Information

Grades 3-5 First prize \$30, Second prize \$20
Grades 6-8 First prize: \$50, Second prize \$30
Grades 9-12 First prize \$75, Second prize \$40
Adult (19+) First prize \$100, Second prize \$60

You must be a resident of Wauwatosa or attend a Wauwatosa public or private school to be eligible to compete in the writing contest.

Entries are due February 5, 2021.

For a complete list of rules and the entry forms, go to www.TosasAllCityRead.com/contests