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ONE BOOK, ONE BEAVERTON EVENTS AT BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY

BEAVERTON, Ore. – Events are in full swing for One Book, One Beaverton—the city’s second annual community-wide reading event. Gatherings are happening at the library all month long in celebration of *Call Me American: A Memoir* by Abdi Nor Iftin.

SUN JAN 26 | 1-4 PM | Human Library: Unjudge Someone

Instead of print books, a Human Library is a library where people from your very own community become “open books,” sharing their stories with readers who “check them out” for a short time to listen and dialogue. This event offers participants the opportunity to sit down with a real person to ask curious questions and have honest conversations. The Human Library uses the power of these conversations to forge connections, dispel stereotypes and better understand each other to help create more inclusive and cohesive communities.

MON JAN 27 | 6 PM | Film Screening: A Stray

Trying to outrun his bad luck, Adan, a young Somali refugee in Minneapolis, seems like he just might make it, until he crosses paths with a stray dog. In spite of Adan’s belief that the Quran forbids interacting with dogs, the pair’s bond proves strong, and they stick together as they wander through various circles of the urban dispossessed seeking acceptance.

WED JAN 29 | 6-7:30 PM | Meet Your Somali Neighbors

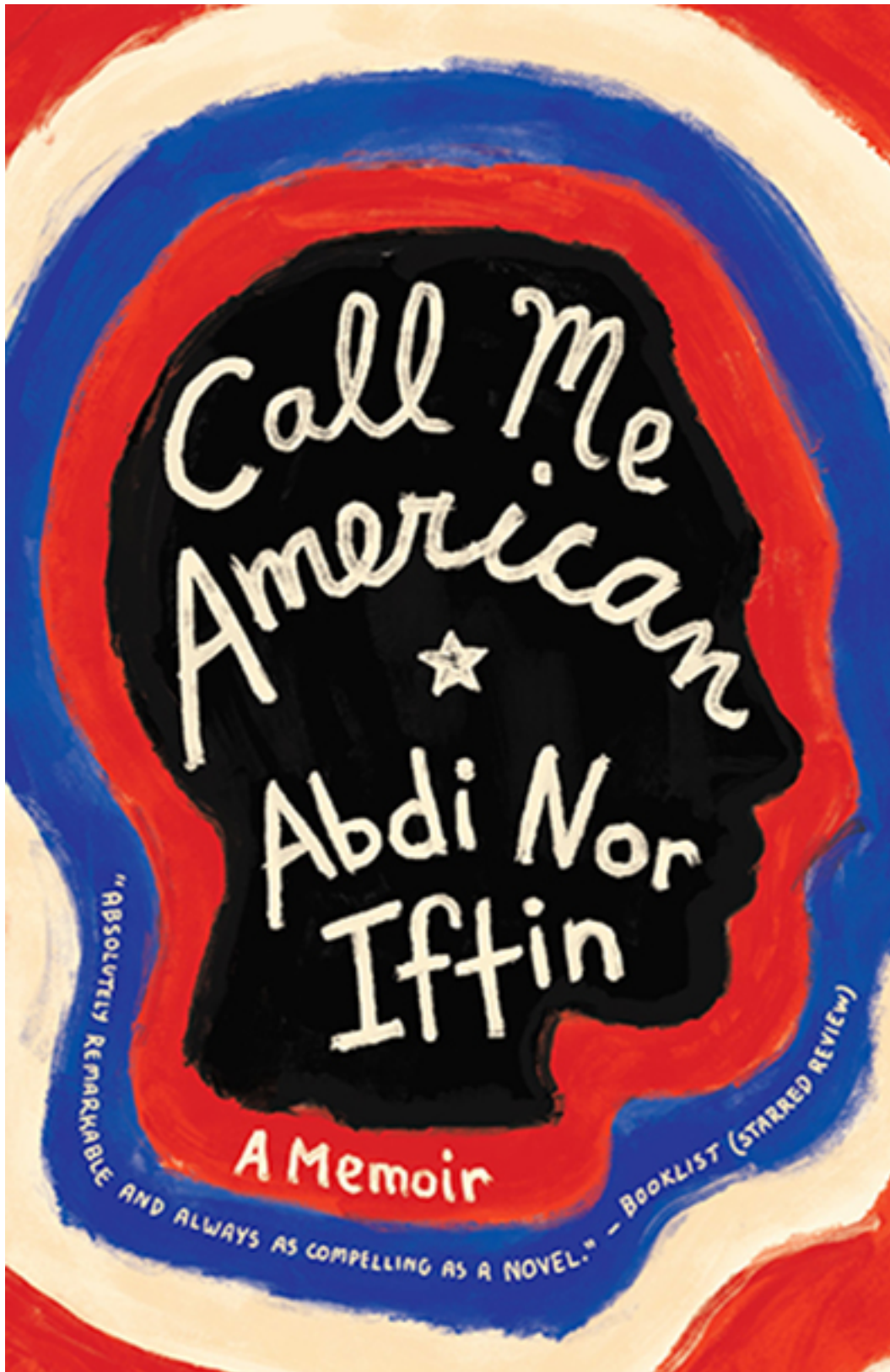
Join us for a panel discussion with members of Beaverton’s Somali community. We’ll talk about experiences of immigration, culture and what it means to be American. Enjoy Somali food provided by Beaverton’s own Hayat Restaurant.

SAT FEB 1 | 7 PM | An Evening with Author Abdi Nor Iftin

Join us for the culminating event with author Abdi Nor Iftin. Stay after the talk to get your book signed by the author and enjoy light refreshments.

For additional information regarding Beaverton City Library, visit www.BeavertonLibrary.org or call 503-644-2197. Beaverton City Library is one of fifteen member libraries in Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS), which works to provide responsive and efficient library service countywide through centralized catalog, courier and other services.

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Caption: Don't miss an evening with author of *Call Me American: A Memoir* Abdi Nor Iftin on Saturday, February 1 at 7 p.m.