

# Beartown

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Beartown (original title in Swedish: Björnstad) is a novel by Swedish writer Fredrik Backman. The novel, noted as "hockey literature", centers on a declining youth hockey team in a small town. The story follows the events leading up to a violent incident involving two teenagers and the consequences that they face, the hockey players, their families, friends, and the community which has a long-standing reputation as a hockey town. It is the first book in the Beartown series, followed by *Us Against You* and *The Winners*.

Beartown (TV series)

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Beartown (Swedish: Björnstad) is a five-episode 2020 Swedish drama series directed by Peter Grönlund. Based on Fredrik Backman's 2016 novel of the same name, the series follows ex-NHL star Peter Andersson (Ulf Stenberg), who moves with his family back to his hockey-obsessed hometown in Northern Sweden after a personal tragedy. In the town, hockey is not just a sport but a way of life, and the team's success is crucial to their future economic prospects. Under pressure to get results, Peter begins coaching the youth hockey team, which relies on the talent and star power of Kevin Erdahl (Oliver Dufåker). As Peter works to develop the team around each member's individual strengths, his daughter Maya (Miriam Ingrid) develops a mutual attraction with Kevin. The hockey team secures an important victory, giving them a shot at a national title. At the team party, Kevin rapes Maya after she rejects him. When the violent act comes to light, everyone — players, coaches, parents, and bystanders — must decide where they stand, weighing their own moral codes against their own internalized beliefs and fears about the community's future.

Filmlance International, best known for co-producing *The Bridge* (2011–2018), secured the rights to the novel in 2017. Two years later, HBO Europe announced that they had given it the green light. The series was written by Anders Weidemann, Antonia Pyk, and Linn Gottfridsson. The first two episodes of *Beartown* premiered October 18, 2020 on HBO Nordic, with the last three being released weekly until November 8, 2020. The series also had a North American release via Max on February 22, 2021.

*Beartown* received generally positive reviews from both Swedish and international critics. Praise was given to the adaptation of Backman's novel, Grönlund's direction, and the performances of the cast. Stenberg and Ingrid were nominated for Best Lead Actor and Actress, respectively, at Kristallen 2021. The series' original score was also recognized; Johan Testad earned a nomination for HARPA Nordic Film Composer Award.

Fredrik Backman

*Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry (2013), Britt-Marie Was Here (2014), Beartown (2017), Us Against You (2018), Anxious People (2020), The Winners (2022)*

Fredrik Backman (born 2 June 1981) is a Swedish author, blogger, and columnist. He wrote *A Man Called Ove* (2012), *Things My Son Needs to Know about the World* (2012), *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* (2013), *Britt-Marie Was Here* (2014), *Beartown* (2017), *Us Against You* (2018), *Anxious People* (2020), *The Winners* (2022), and *My Friends* (2025). The books were number one bestsellers in his home country of Sweden. Backman's books have been published in more than twenty-five languages.

## Beartown State Forest

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## Beartown Mountain

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Beartown Mountain is in the 25,477-acre (103.10 km<sup>2</sup>) Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area. The ridgelines south and northeast of the summit are the approximate boundary for the Wildlife Management Area.

## Balsam Beartown Mountain

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## Ulf Stenberg

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## Beartown, West Virginia

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