

# READ GLOBAL BOOK GROUP

## *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson

### Questions

(Adapted from several reading group guides)

1. What did you think of Allan's character and circumstances before Jonasson starts using flashbacks to describe his early life?
2. Why is there an elephant in this book? Is it just to add to the generally quirky atmosphere of Allan's newfound circle or is there a reason for Sonya?
3. Ageing is an important concept in this novel. What are society's expectations of how the elderly should act? Talk about the ways—obvious and not-so-obvious—in which Allan defies the usual stereotypes.
4. History and politics sit lightly within the framework of this novel. When it comes to international relations, what worldview would you say the author seem to hold?
5. Herbert Einstein and Amanda/Ni Wayan Laksmi are portrayed as cartoonishly stupid. Does this stupidity and ignorance make them innocent?
6. What do you consider justice for Allan Karlsson?
7. One of the book blurbs says, "This playful book will remind you to live life to the fullest." Would you describe the book as playful?
8. Which episodes of the novel did you enjoy most, or find funniest?
9. There's a sequel to this book. If you haven't read it, what do you think a 101-year-old man can or will do for the length of another novel?

### Read

*An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good* by Helene Tursten [MYS TUR]

*Forest Gump* by Winston Groom [FIC GRO]

*A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman [FIC BAC]

*Sweden: The Essential Guide to Customs and Culture* by Elizabeth Åsbrink [940.5318 A]

### Watch (on Kanopy)

*Anthony Bourdain: A Cook's Tour*, Season 1, E. 14 "So Much Vodka, So Little Time" Dir. Christopher Collins & Lydia Tenaglia (2002)

*In My Lifetime* Dir. Robert E. Frye (2011)

*Wild Strawberries* Dir. Ingmar Bergman (1957)

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