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From Publishers Weekly

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Review

"The clarity and concreteness of [Malamud's] style, the warm humanity over his people, the tender wit that keeps them first and compassionate, will delight many.... Mr. Malamud's people are memorable and real as rock." ?*William Goyen, The New York Times*

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"There is a binding theme throughout the book, a search for fundamental truths through the study of ordinary people, their everyday ups and downs, their mundane pleasures and pains ... Malamud's vision, style and world are distinctively original." -- *San Francisco Chronicle*

From the Publisher

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