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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Short stories chronicle the "like lives" (as opposed to love lives) of misfits whose romantic endeavors have gone awry. "Wondrously witty," said PW. "With gallows humor and unfailing understanding, Moore evokes her characters' quiet desperation and valiant searches for significance."

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From Library Journal

Sharply rendered, the slightly wistful tone of these eight stories reflects their color: gray, yet less autumnal than springlike, with an attendant edge of hope coloring the best of them. "The Jewish Hunter" stands out as a portrait of possibilities: of love, of relationship, of selfhood. In fact, Moore dances around the edges of broken relationships with a delicacy that expresses both despair, acceptance, and a fledgling resilience to try again. The title story and "Vissi d'Arte" are excellent examples of Moore's subtle insight. These are stories that bear rereading. Recommended.

- Linda L. Rome, *Mentor, Ohio*

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Review

"Although the stories in *Like Life* are as funny archly observant as those in Ms. Moore's earlier collection, they are also softer, wiser, more minor-key. ... The results are richer, more ambitious stories ... moving examinations of lives in transition." -- *The New York Times*

"INSIGHTFUL AND MOVING ... A REWARDING, EVEN EXHILARATING BOOK." -- *The New York Times Book Review*

"Moore's comic sensibility is [close] to Dorothy Parker ... Like Parker, she shows the wounds that wisecracks are meant to cauterize, and the desperate loneliness that gives rise to humor. ... Her brilliant and ever-expanding body of work suggests there are few enduring pleasures left to us-not least of which are laughing, weeping, and marveling at the countless ways we stumble through." -- *Village Voice*

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"While *Like Life* boasts the verbal acrobatics and gallows humor of *Self-Help*, it contains a moving emotionality that was previously banned ... filled with lovely, almost surreal descriptions." -- *Boston Globe*

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