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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Benioff is on a roll. His first novel, the crime drama *The 25th Hour*, was made into a critically acclaimed film directed by Spike Lee. He also wrote the screenplay for the summer blockbuster *Troy*. In his latest project, an octet of thoughtful short stories, he takes it down a notch from those high-profile projects, but he definitely doesn't rest on his laurels. The book begins with the title story, about a jaded hipster record executive who is trying to steal a talented and sexy young singer away from a small label. It's a tautly told tale with a wonderfully evil edge. Hip is hard to do, but Benioff can pull it off, as when the reader follows the protagonist into a series of increasingly restricted VIP rooms: "Tabachnik had been places with four progressively-more-exclusive areas, where the herds were thinned at each door by goons with clipboards, turning away the lame." Like a lot of great short stories, it leaves you wanting to continue on with the characters to see where they end up. The other seven stories in the collection are a varied lot, ranging from the tale of a young soldier grappling with the moral complications of having to execute an elderly woman to a drama about a lovesick young man's decision to secretly scatter his girlfriend's father's ashes. The stories are offbeat, but not overly obtuse, and each one is driven by fully formed characters. This is a superb collection, and it proves that Benioff can handle the long and the short of the fiction game.

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Agony. Betrayal. Camaraderie. Desire. In this eclectic short-story collection, Benioff explores the alphabetic range of experiences that characterize modern adult life. From the droll (an aspiring actress-slash-waitress hired to sling "hash browns and one-liners" in a sitcom about a greasy spoon) to the disturbing (an inexperienced Russian soldier captivated by a clever old woman he's been commanded to kill), the author delivers on the promise of his pungent 2001 debut, *The 25th Hour*. In the title story, the eccentric drummer of a punk rock band gathers friends to mark a milestone for his beloved Ford Galaxie 500. The smitten narrator of "Neversink" is burned by the manufactured tales of a mercurial ex-lover. In "The Barefoot Girl in Clover," an aging, former football star seeks out a free-spirited beauty he encountered in his youth. A deft stylist who's a notch or two tamer than Chuck Palahniuk and T. C. Boyle, Benioff finds levity amidst the gravity in a world where the simplest of moments can change the course of our lives. *Allison Block*

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