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From Publishers Weekly

Swift's collection of tales about lovers at odds with each other exhibits strong characterizations but lacks the revelatory moments we expect from short fiction. Swift's new novel *Ever After*, forthcoming from Knopf in March, was reviewed in *Fiction Forecasts* (Jan. 20).

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