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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Cleo Threadgood, 86, shares a lifetime of memories of Whistle Stop, Ala. where the social scene centered on its one cafe with Evelyn Couch, a younger woman who is looking for meaning in her life. PW described this as "lively reading the kind that eventually nourishes Evelyn and the reader as well."

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