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Nebeker, Helen E. "'The Lottery': Symbolic Tour de Force." American Literature 46 (1974): 100-07. Rpt. in Short Story Criticism. Ed. Jenny Cromie.. Vol. 39. Detroit: Gale, 2000. 187-90.

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