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Editorial Review

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At 75 years old, former New York City mayor Ed Koch is as busy as ever. "I currently have nine jobs," he exults in *I'm Not Done Yet!* "I've had more, and one day, no doubt, I'll have fewer. But I believe the turns in my professional life reveal an important point: Your career is what *you* make of it, not what *it* makes of *you*." Since leaving city hall, Koch has worked as (among other things) a radio talk-show host, a newspaper columnist, a college instructor, a SlimFast spokesman, and an arbitrator for TV's *People's Court*. To this day, the city's leaders turn to him for counsel. "I am still relevant," Koch notes. "My opinions count. Even my political adversaries seek my advice, and appear to consider it carefully, and this is enormously gratifying to me--with each passing year, even more so." But the most important thing, in his mind, is that he's kept active doing things he loves to do--an opportunity that he insists is available to everyone as they grow older.

It hasn't been all roses, though: Koch writes with perfect candor about the health problems that have plagued him in his later years, including an enlarged prostate (which leads to some potentially embarrassing revelations that Koch turns into humorous anecdotes) and a heart attack. He also talks about the potential costs in the future of his lifelong bachelorhood--no children and no life partner to comfort him in his final years (and no desire to seek a partner out: "I don't believe it was meant to be, and I'm not seeking for it to happen"). Even that bit of gloom, though, can't stop *I'm Not Done Yet!* from being one of the most cheerful accounts of "life after politics" a public figure has to offer.

From Publishers Weekly

Ostensibly a "primer on remaining relevant into so-called retirement" and addressing issues of work, health, finances and attitude about one's own aging, the latest from New York City's former chief executive, who will turn 75 in January, is a reflection on the experiences of his post-mayoral life that he believes holds lessons for his readers. As you might expect, these experiences are so idiosyncratic (as Koch himself acknowledges, not many aging people have agents calling with inquiries about starring on *The People's Court* or will be offered partnerships in a law firm just so clients can meet them), there is little chance they could actually bear direct relevance for anyone else. Still, the message of staying active, upbeat and involved is very positive; Koch eloquently insists that knowing your peak years are in the past does not mean there are no longer hills to climb. But his personal refrain--that he has remained "relevant"--seems to reflect continuous efforts to feed his own ego as much as to find new opportunities to contribute to society. In working "assiduously" to stay "out in front" on important issues, the bottom line for Koch is that he is able to focus the attention of influential people "on a matter I deem important." Uninhibited commentary keeps the volume interesting, especially for those who aren't fans of the current mayor of New York ("Rudy [Giuliani] is as corrupt in the use of power as they come") or are concerned about the trials and tribulations of an enlarged prostate. Those who liked Koch's style as mayor will find this to be an entertaining read; others should prepare to be irritated. (Jan.)

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From Library Journal

On his 75th birthday: proof that former New York mayor Koch has yet to retire.

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