

Listening & Reading

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TASK 1

The science fiction writer, Frederic Brown, is credited to write the shortest story in the world in 1948, which he called "Knock". The story was this: "The last man on Earth sat alone in a room. There was a knock on the door." The story paved the way to a new fashion of writing very short stories, which are still as impressive as much longer ones.

In ~~fact~~ fact, this fashion has been thriving since then. Many a talented author have been taking part in 55 FICTION, a competition held by the American NEW TIMES magazine, for 32 years already. In 1999 Steve Moss, the competition founder, published a series of the best stories in the book called THE WORLD'S SHORTEST STORIES OF LOVE AND DEATH.

All the stories collected are completely different. They all have their own characters, a setting, a conflict and its resolution within just 55 or less words. The only thing they have in common is the wit, humour and sheer ingenuity, with which they are permeated. The stories vary widely from one to another. In comparison, while some of them, for example, "Gratitude" by Andrew E. Hunt, definitely provide some food for thought, others such as Hope A. Torres' "In the Garden" are bound to

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cheer a reader up. Moreover, each story is written in a unique manner since they all have different authors.

To make your reading experience even better, there are several recommendations. Firstly, you can read one story a day so that the book will not be finished in a matter of hours. Secondly, it is always great to find a person to read together and discuss each story. Finally, you might even try yourself in 55 FICTION as the competition has never stopped running and is held annually up to now. All in all, I hope you will love this ~~book~~ as much as I do. brilliant book as much as I do. If you are looking for a new favourite book, look no further — here it is.

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TASK 2

A HORROR STORY SHORTER BY ONE LETTER THAN THE SHORTEST
STORY EVER TOLD

The last man on Earth sat alone in a room.
There was a lock on the door.

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