

Listening & Reading

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36	LONGITUDINAL				
37	EXCESSIVE				
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1	ESTABLISHED	21	UNFLATTERING
2	APPOINTED	22	PERCEPTION
3	DEMAND	23	IRREPARABLY
4	RESPONSE	24	JUSTIFY
5	APPRECIATE	25	OVERREACTION
6		26	UNBLEMISHED
7	APPEARANCE	27	RELATIVELY
8	COVER	28	ARGUABLE
9	REFRESHMENTS	29	MISCONDUCT
10	AVAILABLE	30	DISCLOSE

11	QUIET
12	TIDY
13	BREAK
14	SHINE
15	DRY
16	BOUNDS
17	TAKE
18	SURELY
19	PARCEL
20	ENDS

31	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
32	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
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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 is becoming more and more popular nowadays.

Apparently, deeply inspired by this notion of short narrations, the New Times editor, Steve Moss, decided to commence a competition named "55 Fiction". Practically, any story under 55 words, with fifty-five words, with at least one character, and containing a setting, arising problem and the solution of it, could be featured included in the contest. Nonetheless, only the best of stories were featured noticed by Steve Moss and featured in his book "The World's Shortest Stories of Love and Death".

Having read the book, it is safe to say that it is highly original. Each of the stories ~~is~~ thoroughly thought and each conveys a certain message. To compare, there is a philosophical story "Gratitude" that shows how one can be grateful for and happy with what one has, enjoying all the little things. But also ~~there are~~ ~~satirical~~ stories, like "Higher Education", "In the Garden" and "The

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But then, there is a sort of mystical story "The Search", which literally unveils the Truth. Also, there are many satires in the book, each revealing their own morals to the readers. They are all quite poignant, yet very different from each other. For instance, there is a satire on love, "In the Garden", which contrasts with a satire on the education system and its nonsense, "Higher Education".

From my personal perspective, this book is definitely not to be missed. The author got off the beaten track with his idea and managed to make his new work extremely gripping. It is highly recommended to read this book, especially for those in the throes searching for inspiration, because creativity is instrumental in this book.

Also, if you have a curious idea for a new story, it is very advisable to give it a shot and partake in the competition while it still runs! Then, who knows, maybe after the addition of your story the book will hit #1 of best-sellers.

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Task 2.

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

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