

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, and Steve Moss, an editor of the "New Times", came up with the idea to start a competition called "55 Fiction" in 1987.

What is "55 Fiction"? In a nutshell, it's a challenge for writers to create a story that meets certain requirements. To be more precise, there are five ~~main~~ objectives: the author has to write ~~not~~ ^{no} more than 55 words, a setting is needed, at least one character has to be featured, some conflict in the story is required and, of course, there needs to be a resolution.

After 12 years had gone by, there were enough stories composed for Steve Moss to publish a collection of the best ones. He called it "The World's Shortest Stories of Love and Death". I have to say that the collection features ~~drastically different~~ ^{some unique creative} writings. And that is amazing because you never want to ~~see~~ ^{come across} ~~certain concepts among writers of stories~~ ^{a dull story}. For example, in a story called "Gratitude" by Andrew E. Hunt, the author uses sarcasm to mesmerize the readers, "The wool blanket from the Salvation Army was comfortable around his shoulders and the pair of shoes he'd found in the dumpster today fit perfectly." God, he thought, isn't life grand." So does Ron Bass in "Higher

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So does Ron Bast in "Higher Education", "College was a breeze. With all those budget cuts, they couldn't teach much. They just gave us our grades and sent us on our way."

Personally, I think it is was a great idea to start such a fascinating competition. Not only did it challenge writers, ~~it also~~ but also showed the world who the best at ~~st~~ composing ^{short} stories really ^{was} is. To me, there isn't one particular ^{writing} story in the book that stands out, which makes it even better to read.

Speaking of reading this wonderful masterpiece, I advise you to do it in a comfortable environment. A person reading this book needs to concentrate because the stories are not as simple as they may seem at first sight.

Task 2

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

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