

Listening & Reading

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33	(A)	B	C	(D)	
34	A	(B)	C	(D)	
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36	EXCESSIVE				
37	LONGING				
38	MAINTAINING				
39	ADDRESSING				
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1	ESTABLISHED		
2	APPOINTED	21	UN UNFLATTERING
3	DEMAND	22	PERCEPTION
4	RESPONSE	23	IRREPAIRABLY
5	APPRECIATE	24	JUSTIFY
6	INTENDED	25	OVERREACTED
7	MEMBERSHIP	26	UNBLEMISHED
8	COVER	27	RELATIVELY
9	REFRESHMENTS	28	ARGUMENTATED
10	AVAILABLE	29	MISCONDUCT
		30	DISCLOSE

11	QUIET
12	TIDY EGAN TIDY
13	BREAK
14	HALE
15	HANGING
16	BOUNDS
17	TAKE
18	STEADILY
19	SOH MATTER
20	РІБЦЬ

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 has since become a genre of its own. It is no wonder then that books that are solely compilations of such stories came to be. The World's Shortest Stories of Love and Death by Steve Moss is a primary example.

Twelve years before the release of the book in 1999 Steve Moss, then working as an editor of the New Times, launched a competition for the magazine. Entries had to meet a few requirements, a word limit of 55 and some conflict resolution in particular. Moss published the most memorable stories in the book.

Although most stories presented in the book follow a general pattern and have some similarities between them, like a thought-provoking title alluding to the theme, some differences can be pointed out. While some employ reminiscent images and touching references to make an impact on the reader, ~~for example~~ ~~the~~ ~~story~~ ~~of~~ ~~Gratitude~~ ~~being~~ ~~an~~ ~~example~~, others use sudden plot twists and cliffhangers to capture reader's attention, much like Higher Education by R. Bost or In the Garden by Torres.

One thing is certain, however, the World's Shortest Stories of Love and Death is sure to be one of the most peculiar yet impressive books you will ever encounter. The mere thought of the creative challenge of ~~creating~~ ^{writing} a meaningful story in just under 55 words is enough to appreciate this book.

The genre of short story has become so popular that many of the stories in the book can be found

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elsewhere on the Internet. It is advised, though, that readers see the book as a more preferable option as it ~~also~~ gives credit to the authors. Readers should also take the messages of the stories with a grain of salt because the issues ~~in~~ the stories are often exaggerated for dramatic effect.

All in all, the book would be a great read, exciting and thought-provoking.

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Task 2

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

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