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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, a trend that was further supported by Steve Moss, who had started a competition called 55 Fiction in 1987. A set of requirements had to be met for a story to be considered 55 Fiction, the most important and obvious of which is that the literary work had to contain ~~at~~ fifty-five or fewer words. The best stories were later published in the book *The World's Shortest Stories of Love and Death*, which is the subject of this review.

Since the book is a collection of stories from different authors, it contains works exploring a wide ~~variety~~^{range} of topics and themes. There are complex stories that can make the reader question their worldview, funny interactions that can make one chuckle and even heavy stories that bring up universal problems of society as a whole. An example of the latter is *Higher Education*, a story by Roh Bast that describes an incompetent doctor in a position of high responsibility – a product of a terrible educational system. In contrast to this story, *In the Garden* is a much lighter piece of ~~novel~~ literature and features a story that can be viewed as either comical or tragic,

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depending on the reader's attitude.

In this writer's opinion, *The World's Shortest Stories of Love and Death* is a wonderful collection of stories, good for those who prefer light reading and perfect for people ~~looking for a book~~ who wish to introduce themselves to new authors. I suggest everyone to read this book, as lovers of all genres will find something that suits their taste in this collection of stories. Additionally, those who have already read the book and enjoyed it should see the works ^{which are} ~~which~~ part ~~of~~ the 55 Fiction competition that is still run annually in *New Times*.

Task 2

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

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