

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, a collection of which was published in a book called "The World's Shortest Stories of Love and Death" by Steve Moss.

The author of this book works for an American magazine, New Times. He established a literary competition, which he called "55 Fiction". The submissions were eligible as long as they contained all the main elements of a story (a setting, characters, a conflict and a resolution) and were eloquently written in no more than 55 words, hence the name of the competition. It is held to this day, and every year the best short stories are chosen by the New Times.

The stories included in this book cover a wide variety of topics. For example, "In the Garden" by Hope A. Torres is a love story with an ironic twist. On the other hand, "Higher Education" by Ron Bast has a totally different vibe. It starts off light-hearted, but turns out to be a thought-provoking social commentary regarding, as the title suggests, modern higher education. Other stories, such as "Gratitude" by Andrew E. Hunt and "The Search" by Robert Tompkins explore deep philosophical problems, such as one's eternal pursuit of truth and happiness.

Personally, I was fascinated by the way that the authors, whose works are included in this book, have

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managed to create such gripping, multi-dimensional stories despite the constraints they were given. Not only is this book a great pastime, but it also provides the reader with some serious food for thought, which I appreciate. Therefore, I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for something new and out-of-the-box, but maybe isn't ready to invest in reading a long novel. The length of these stories, combined with their carefully thought out content, is exactly what makes reading this book such a pleasant experience.

Task 2

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

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