

Listening & Reading

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26	A	(B)	C	D	E
27	A	B	C	(D)	E
28	(A)	B	C	D	E
29	A	B	C	D	(E)
30	A	B	(C)	D	E
31	A	(B)	C	D	
32	(A)	B	C	D	
33	(A)	B	C	D	
34	A	B	C	(D)	
35	A	(B)	C	D	
36	long-term				
37	excessive				
38	maintaining				
39	addressing				
40	allowance				

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1	ESTABLISHED	21	UNFLATTERING
2	APPOINTED	22	PERCEPTION
3	DEMAND	23	UNREPAIRABLE
4	RESPONSE RESPONSE	24	JUSTIFY
5	APPRECIATE	25	OVERREACTED
6	INTENDED	26	UNBLEMISHED
7	MEMBERSHIP	27	RELATIVELY
8	OFFSET	28	ARGUABLE
9	REFRESHMENTS	29	MISCONDUCT
10	AVAILABLE	30	DISCLOSE

11	Quiet
12	TIDY
13	BREAK
14	SNOW
15	OPEN
16	MILES
17	TAKE
18	surely
19	COURSE
20	OUTS

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
33	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
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49	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
50	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L

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320 words

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. This style of writing was further popularized by Steve Moss, who started a competition called 55 Fiction in 1987. It still runs annually in the American magazine New Times. Anyone can send in a story but it has to meet certain criteria to be considered as a valid ~~submission~~ submission. The story has to be no longer than fifty-five words, have a ~~at~~ setting, at least one character, set up some sort of conflict and then resolve it.

In 1999 a book was published by Moss in which there was a collection of the best short stories which were ~~the~~ submitted to the magazine over the years. I am now going to review and compare a few literary works from the publication. The stories themselves are going to be provided on the next page of this magazine. 143

All of these stories ~~at~~ touch

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upon important philosophical or social problems. How we put ~~materialistic~~ ~~wealth~~ materialistic wealth before our own happiness, how we simply do not question whatever we consider to be the truth. While the first and the third story both delve into the topic of what makes us happy they do differ on a certain point. "Gratitude" tells us about how a person does not require much to be happy. "In the Garden" on the other hand reminds us that we should not value our personal possessions more than other people. The other two stories say that truth is often quite subjective. Having a diploma does not make you a surgeon and you should not believe lies even from something you thought was truthful. 268

I personally find this book quite fascinating in many ways. The writing style and the way authors challenge conventional truths is what makes this not a simple literary work, but a must-read masterpiece.

As a conclusion I would like to recommend you to keep an open mind while reading this book.

Task: The last man on Earth sat alone in a

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room. There was ~~a~~ a lock on the door.

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