

**Listening & Reading**

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The science fiction writer, Frederic Brown, is credited to write the shortest story in the ~~world~~<sup>world</sup> 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 that could be anything from a horror story to a comedic one.

Such stories caught the attention of Steve Moss, an editor of the <sup>American</sup> "New Times" magazine, who set up a competition "55 Fiction" in 1987. Participants had to compose a story in a certain ~~setting~~<sup>setting</sup> with at least one character and a conflict resolution, all that in just 55 words or less. The competition is still running every year in the magazine. In 1999 Steve Moss published a selection of ~~the best~~<sup>the best</sup> stories, entitled "The World's Shortest Stories of Love and Death".

The book consists of many stories of different genres. There is, for instance, "In the Garden" by Hope A. Torres, a comedic story with a funny plot-twist. "The Search", another comedic one, written by R. Tompkins is laugh-worthy due to its symbolism. In contrast to these, the book features ~~descriptive~~<sup>detailed</sup> and philosophical stories such as "Gratitude" by Andrew E. Hunt, which is touching and ~~can make~~<sup>can make</sup> you cry, it is much deeper in comparison to ~~the other stories~~<sup>the other stories</sup>. "In the Garden" or "The Search". "Higher Education" by Ron Bast can even be considered a comedic horror.

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I find the book to be a real page-turner. I got enchanted ~~the~~ moment I opened "The World's Shortest Stories of Love and Death". ~~I like this book very much.~~ ~~I have read it countless times and every time I notice something new about the stories.~~ ~~was noticed~~ ~~appeared~~. This book is a treasure trove of amazing short stories. I would recommend the readers to read extremely carefully and revisit the book no less than twice.

To conclude, the genre of very short stories is an impressive one. It ~~opened~~ gave new opportunities to both experienced and amateur authors. "The World's Shortest Stories of Love and Death" ~~clearly~~ ~~shows~~ shows that. It is a ~~so~~ wonderful book and I would recommend everyone to read it.

307 words

#### Task 2

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

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