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# More than Scribble

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## Just another short story blogger?

**Just another Short Story Blog**

'Cause nobody's ever gonna read this but me...

I'd wanted to start a short fiction blog in 2008, so I [Googled](#) various forms of the phrase, "[short story blog](#)" to get a feel for how it's done.

I found many successful websites that showcase creative writing, like [TimBookTu](#), which I used to stay up reading late into the night, and sites many others may know about but that just last year were new to *me* like [Helium](#) and [Faith Writers](#).

I struggled to find a successful *blog* of short stories. For me, "successful" means that people left relevant comments and that sometimes other bloggers linked, not only to the site, but to an actual short story post. (Really, I'm funny that way. To use one of my Tennessee grandmother's favorite words, I'm a bit *persnickety* sometimes about things like this.)

Anyway, I found that there are lots of short story blogs with posts that seem to exist only to entertain the blogger--not that there's anything wrong with that, if that's all the writer wants.

The most well-received short story blog I found so far on my search is [Thomma Lyn's Shorts](#). I imagine one of the reasons her shorts blog is blessed with comments, is that she does such a good job of connecting with her readers on her regular blog, [Tennessee Text](#)

### About Me



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to glorify God.

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[Wrestling](#). (I've only lurked. I've never commented. I don't know if I have a future comment. I just know good writing when I read it, even if I'm still learning to write myself.)

I'm still learning, and I'm still trying to figure out if I want to make a place for myself online (even as I blog this very sentence.)

As I mentioned before, I want to be a creative writing teacher by the middle of the next decade. I'm mulling over an experiment. Of course it involves blogging fiction or at least fiction samples. I enjoyed being a creative writing student and I'm tempted to redo some of the writing exercises I've been assigned, but online. A simple experiment, not a popularity contest. There has to be a way to post fiction samples before becoming a big name novelist, without becoming just another short story blogger.

Lord willing and the creek don't rise (I just got back from Nashville, so I don't mind my native twang)---Anywho, Lord willing and the creek don't rise, I'll begin the experiment in July and I'll post any progress in the sidebar.

After a few months of occasional searching, I don't know all the secrets to writing a successful short story blog. I don't even know if I'd be undervaluing myself by trying to do such a thing, but I think it will be worth experimenting with the idea for a little while.

I have a million questions. I don't know all the answers. I'd appreciate your opinion. Please join me as I begin a journey to learn the answers to these three questions:

- 1) What do you think a writer needs to do to have a successful blog of short stories?
- 2) How can a blogger avoid being just another short story blogger?
- 3) I mistakenly shunned the thought of SEO in the past. How would a person blog a short story or a fiction excerpt without making the story sound repetitive and...without making it sound like it's being done with search engine optimization in mind, even if it is?

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