

Short Stories to Share

A read-out-loud program of short stories

Course #	21FSHS
Format:	Seminar
Moderator:	Chuck Aulino
Date and Time:	Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 PM 10 weeks, starting 9/28/2021
Format:	Online
Maximum number of participants:	20
Auditors accepted:	Yes, up to 2

Purpose: This seminar will gather a group for story-telling, and participants will have the opportunity to read one or two of their favorite short stories.

Description: The inspiration for this seminar is "Selected Shorts," an NPR program produced by Symphony Space. You can learn more about that program and listen to some of the selected shorts at this website: <https://www.wnyc.org/shows/shorts>

Here is a list of a few popular short story writers, but participants are welcome to selected works by any other author: Mark Twain, O. Henry, Edgar Allan Poe, Herman Melville, Ambrose Bierce, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Kate Chopin, Guy de Maupassant, Anton Chekhov, Katherine Mansfield, Isaac Babel, Mavis Gallant, John Cheever, Deborah Eisenberg, Roberto Bolaño, Italo Calvino.

Role of participants: Each participant will select short stories to read during a seminar meeting. After each reading, there will be an opportunity for discussion. Participants are asked to "rehearse" reading the stories and to time the length of the reading to assure that the story or stories can be completed within the allotted time, about 30 minutes per participant.

Resources: Many of the classic short stories are freely available on line. Those still under copyright may have to be obtained by borrowing or purchasing an anthology.

About the Moderator: Chuck has previously moderated one seminar and co-moderated for others. He is particularly interested in history and literature.