

Writers' FORUM

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Can you play chess? I never could – there was just too much to learn. Then a friend gave my children No Stress Chess. It's like a normal chess set but the board shows the opening positions, and you play using cards. These are dealt randomly and dictate which pieces you can move each turn, so it becomes a game of luck rather than skill. It really does take all the stress out of it. And you soon learn how the pieces move, and start wishing you'd got a better card so that you could have done *that* rather than *this*, and, without thinking about it, you've started playing chess properly.

That's why you should try the exercises and prompts in this magazine, such as the Fiction Square and Flash Comp. Rather than limiting your creativity, they set you free to concentrate on learning how to write. It's your move...

Write soon, Carl



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