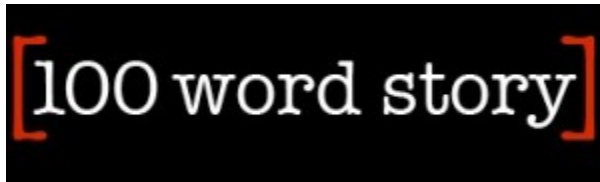


- [About](#)
- [Submit](#)
- [Photo Prompt](#)
- [Store](#)
- [Staff](#)
- [Contact](#)



- [Stories](#)
- [Essays](#)
- [Interviews](#)
- [Photo Stories](#)
- [Book Reviews](#)

[Photo Story: Winter Birds](#)



Every winter, thinner ice on the lake, rotting and fragile. Soon the birds will go farther north, chasing the last crystal cold. Today, you and I watch as they come in, and you—who were born of my body, tearing at us both—you say I have more words and hours for my camera than you. But I will be gone before you, along with the lake ice, so I freeze ghosts of birds in silver. On the plate, there is no earth or sky, no aching past or shadowed future. I give you my birds this way: perfect, free.

Kris Faatz's first novel, *To Love A Stranger*, was released May 2017 by Blue Moon Publishers (Toronto). She admires Terry Pratchett and spoils cats shamelessly.

[!\[\]\(17413706fd4997a1a4bdf85c6864eee1_img.jpg\) Share on Facebook](#)

6 Responses to “Photo Story: Winter Birds”



1. *Jake* says:

[March 15, 2018 at 4:05 pm](#)

Every year around this time. As the temperature lowers and the chill freezes. Snow covers the ground, and the surrounding houses fill with heat. We see our friends, high in the sky, flying for warmth. We want to help. We feel bad, but we don't want to help. Flying south for warmth, flying south for heat, flying south for comfort. We always wonder why do they leave, and where do they go. But every year. When the snow fades, and the temperature increases. We see our flying friends, returning to the crisp, clean warm air of the north.

[Reply](#)



2. *Eileen McIntyre* says:

[January 18, 2018 at 5:50 am](#)

Lovely! So heart rending and beautiful at the same time.

[Reply](#)



3. *Ethan Miller* says:

[January 11, 2018 at 6:58 am](#)

Beautiful story...

[Reply](#)



4. *Janice* says:

[January 10, 2018 at 7:43 pm](#)

Wonderful story. The Heartfelt words are apparent.

[Reply](#)



5. *Jenna MacIntire* says:

[January 2, 2018 at 8:48 pm](#)

Vivid and poignant; thank you for creating and contributing!

[Reply](#)



6. *Christine Betts* says:

[January 2, 2018 at 3:11 am](#)

beautiful words

[Reply](#)

Leave a Reply

Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked *

Comment

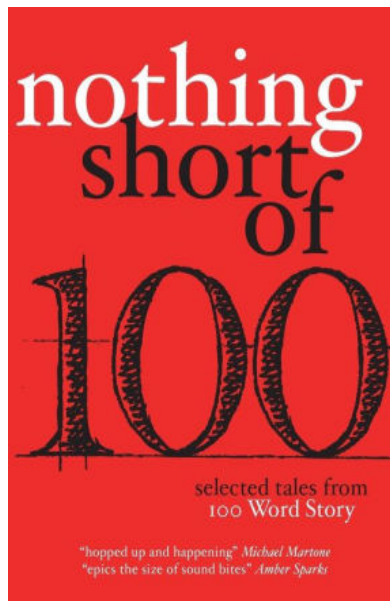
Name *

Email *

Website

This site uses Akismet to reduce spam. [Learn how your comment data is processed.](#)

our new book!



[Buy now. Buy often.](#)

Submit

- [Submit to 100 Word Story](#)

Photo Prompt

- [Write a story to our monthly photo](#)

100 Word Story Press

- [Online Lit Mag Showcases 100-Word Gems](#)
- [Going Long. Going Short.](#)
- [Short and Sweet: Reading and Writing Flash Fiction](#)
- [100-Word Stories: Writing with Gaps](#)
- [Ask an Editor Series: Lynn Mundell and Grant Faulkner](#)
- [Six Questions for Grant Faulkner, Editor, 100 Word Story](#)
- [Top ten literary magazines to send very VERY short flashes](#)
- [Flash Fiction Bon Bons](#)
- [Flash! Fiction! Interview with Grant Faulkner, Editor of 100 Word Story](#)
- [Flash! Quick Fiction Is Spreading](#)
- [Delving into 100 Words of Precision](#)
- [Tiniest of Stories Say Much about St. Ben Nuns](#)

Short Shorts Journals

- [3:AM Magazine](#)
- [Brevity](#)
- [Connotation Press](#)
- [decomp](#)
- [Double Room](#)
- [Electric Literature](#)
- [Everyday Fiction](#)
- [Fiction Southeast](#)
- [Flash: The International Short-Short Story Magazine](#)
- [Flashfiction.net](#)
- [FRiGG](#)
- [Full Grown People](#)
- [Green Mountains Review](#)
- [Hoot](#)
- [Jellyfish Review](#)
- [JMWW](#)
- [KYSO Flash](#)
- [Lost Balloon](#)
- [Monkeybicycle](#)
- [Moon City Review](#)
- [Narrative](#)

- [New Flash Fiction Review](#)
- [River Teeth Journal](#)
- [Smokelong Quarterly](#)
- [Sundog Lit](#)
- [Superstition Review](#)
- [The Collagist](#)
- [Thread](#)
- [Vestal Review](#)
- [Whiskeypaper](#)
- [Wigleaf](#)

Designed by [Elegant Themes](#) | Powered by [Wordpress](#)