

Exploring Creative Writing

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The Plan

- Improve my writing
 - Learn more about writing short fiction
 - Investigate the possibility of publishing

The REVISED Plan

- Improve my writing
 - Focus on revision and editing skills
 - Work on formal craft – identify + fix problems
 - Worry about publishing (much) later

The Methods

- Reading!

- Short stories
- Craft manuals
- Criticism

- Writing!

- Drafts of stories
- Writing exercises

More Methods

- Weekly writing workshop
 - Share work
 - Receive feedback
- Weekly meeting with Christina

The Product

- Two short stories
 - Several revisions
 - Multiple takes on one theme
 - Experiments with characters

Lessons Learned

- Writing is art, but it's science, too
- **NOTHING** is as valuable as feedback

The Reading

- A selection from my first story

Questions?
