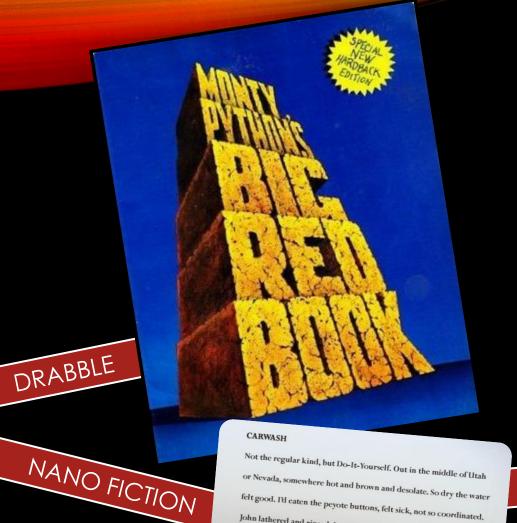
## HOW TO COOK YOUR OWN STORY

and survive it



Not the regular kind, but Do-It-Yourself. Out in the middle of Utah or Nevada, somewhere hot and brown and desolate. So dry the water felt good. I'd eaten the peyote buttons, felt sick, not so coordinated. John lathered and rinsed. I sat in the wet and watched. This was our preparation for Los Angeles. My breach of contract lawsuit loomed like the desert before us.

## FLASH FICTION



## IMPROWRITING





Being a writer is a very peculiar sort of a job: it's always you versus a blank sheet of paper (or a blank screen) and quite often the blank piece of paper wins.