



LitChat November 13, 2009

Topic of the Week: LATINO LITERATURE

Guest host: Luis Alberto Urrea

Guest Host: @Urrealism (Luis Alberto Urrea)

LitChat Welcome to #litchat. Today we have @Urrealism's Luis Alberto Urrea as guest host. Please join me in welcoming him and his sidekick, Cindy. -1:01 PM Nov 13th, 2009

Urrealism Hello all! These will be Luis's words of wisdom (haha); I, his humble wife, will merely be the speed typist! #litchat -1:03 PM Nov 13th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass Ooh... joining you with the tea. I just made a nice, sweet cup of hot chai. Welcome, @Urrealism! #litchat -1:03 PM Nov 13th, 2009

deegospel joining #litchat Hey!!! -1:04 PM Nov 13th, 2009

LitChat For those who don't know, @Urrealism is a team effort between Luis and his wonderful wife, Cindy. Thank you both for joining us. #litchat -1:04 PM Nov 13th, 2009

mariblaser Love chai! Good evening! :) RT @CarolyBurnsBass: joining with tea. I just made a nice, sweet cup of hot chai. Welcome, @Urrealism! #litchat -1:05 PM Nov 13th, 2009

Urrealism Thanks for the invite. We're happy to be here, chatting with everyone. Looks like the M-W sessions went well. Lots of ?, interest #litchat -1:05 PM Nov 13th, 2009

LitChat We usually take a few moment for introductions, while people pop-in and out of the chat. BTW, lurkers are welcome. #litchat -1:06 PM Nov 13th, 2009

PennyAsh @mariblaser Mmmm chai #litchat -1:06 PM Nov 13th, 2009

sharifwrites joining #litchat -1:07 PM Nov 13th, 2009

LitChat Feel free to pose questions to @Urrealism. To make sure they get the tweet, preface it with @Urrealism. #litchat -1:08 PM Nov 13th, 2009

LindseyOConnor Hello all. Lindsey here. #litchat -1:08 PM Nov 13th, 2009

Urrealism Looking forward to questions. This is such a great format to interact with readers and writers. #litchat -1:09 PM Nov 13th, 2009

ficwriter @Urrealism Hello from Lafayette, Louisiana. Believe Luis used to teach here at the local university. #litchat -1:10 PM Nov 13th, 2009

LitChat Has anyone out there read INTO THE BEAUTIFUL NORTH or any other title by Luis Alberto Urrea? Swing by #litchat now to chat with him. -1:10 PM Nov 13th, 2009

TwinkleChar @Urrealism We had great discussions this week about WHAT IS LATINO LIT. What is your definition? #litchat -1:11 PM Nov 13th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @Urrealism I understand you were born in Tijuana to a US mom/Mex dad. On which side of the border did you grow up? #litchat -1:11 PM Nov 13th, 2009

Urrealism Hey @ficwriter! We LOVE Lafayette & miss it every day. Esp. the gators at Lake Martin. #litchat -1:12 PM Nov 13th, 2009

Urrealism "Latino Lit" designates a US-based person. Latin-American Lit designates outside of US, ie Central/SoAM. 1/2 #litchat -1:13 PM Nov 13th, 2009

Karen_Palmer #litchat Can't hang, damnit. On deadline. Just wanted to say quick hello to Luis & Cindy. Pick L's brain, y'all. Good stuff in there. -1:14 PM Nov 13th, 2009

LindseyOConnor @Urrealism can you describe your pulitzer nominated work? #litchat -1:14 PM Nov 13th, 2009

JHammons @Urrealism Curious about response to your border article in Playboy. #litchat -1:14 PM Nov 13th, 2009

TwinkleChar @Urrealism I think we all get the buzzer on that one. #litchat -1:14 PM Nov 13th, 2009

Urrealism Trad. definition of Latino writing is writing by Latinos. When "Hispanic" was in use, writers about Latinos were called Hispanists 2/2 #litchat -1:15 PM Nov 13th, 2009
lizenslin Liz here. Just started reading Into the Beautiful North. Love the combination of humor & poignancy so far. #litchat -1:15 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism Grew up 80 percent US, 20 in Mexico. Spanish was my first language. #litchat -1:15 PM Nov 13th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @Urrealism The distinction between latino lit and other is very helpful. Same is true for Mexican writers? Mexican Lit? #litchat -1:16 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism The Juarez story was difficult only when the bad guys came after me! It's all too sad there. #litchat -1:17 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism Re: Playboy story. I think the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Some radio talkshows there freaked out, but it passed #litchat -1:17 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @Karen_Palmer. We send big love! Thanks for the shoutout! #litchat -1:18 PM Nov 13th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @Urrealism When did you decide to give your life to writing? #litchat -1:19 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblaser RT @Urrealism: "Latino Lit" designates a US-based person. Latin-American Lit designates outside of US, ie Central/SoAM. 1/2 #litchat -1:19 PM Nov 13th, 2009
kenwheaton Luis Alberto Urrea (@urrealism) is doing #litchat right now. Sadly, I'm at work. But if you like fine writing, play along. -1:19 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @LindseyOConnor The Devil's Highway is a nonfiction narrative of border death and human rescue. #litchat -1:19 PM Nov 13th, 2009
TwinkleChar I'm reading Hummingbird. (Wonderful!) Do you consider it in "magical realism" category? #litchat -1:20 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @lizenslin Thank you so much. I'm glad you liked it. That is just the mix I was aiming for! The humor camouflages very serious intent #litchat -1:21 PM Nov 13th, 2009
ficwriter RT @kenwheaton: Luis Alberto Urrea (@urrealism) is doing #litchat right now. If you like fine writing, play along. #litchat -1:21 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mizwrite RT @Urrealism: Trad. definition of Latino writing is writing by Latinos. When "Hispanic" was in use, writers called Hispanists 2/2 #litchat -1:21 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @CarolyBurnsBass I think so. When I was a kid "Chicano" was the term ... However, Chicanos were born here. I was not. 1/2 #litchat -1:22 PM Nov 13th, 2009
LindseyOConnor @Urrealism Tell us how you learned to write narrative nonfiction so well. #litchat -1:23 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mizwrite RT @Urrealism: "Latino Lit" designates a US-based person. Latin-American Lit designates outside of US, ie Central/SoAM. 1/2 #litchat -1:23 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism Then the question is, what label goes on me? I often find myself at the international writer table at book fests ... 2/3 #litchat -1:24 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism But I always think of myself as an American author. #litchat -1:24 PM Nov 13th, 2009
tigerbeat #litchat til 5 pm ET is with @Urrealism (Luis Alberto Urrea) Follow @LitChat -1:24 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism Like Neruda, writing found me. Early. Reading was first. #litchat -1:25 PM Nov 13th, 2009
sharifwrites @Urrealism The labels are too general. There are many differences between authors' regions, countries, and nationalities. #litchat -1:25 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @TwinkleChar I could give you 40 tweets about Hummingbird & magical realism. So bear with me! #litchat -1:26 PM Nov 13th, 2009

mariblaser Talking about LATINO LITERATURE: RT @tigerbeat: #litchat til 5 pm ET is with @Urrealism (Luis Alberto Urrea) Follow @LitChat -1:26 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism All the "magic" in Hummingbird is in the historical record or was experienced personally by me. 2/3 #litchat -1:27 PM Nov 13th, 2009
lizenslin @Urrealism What advice can you offer about how to use humor to camouflage serious intent? What works? What doesn't? #litchat -1:27 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism When we were editing, my editor tried to cut it out, trying to make it historical. 3/4 #litchat -1:28 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblaser @Urrealism Which elements do you think qualify a novel in magical realism genre? #litchat -1:28 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism It was a real shift in perspective to show that magic was history. 4/4 #litchat -1:28 PM Nov 13th, 2009
TwinkleChar @Urrealism THANK YOU for this thoughtful and insightful response! #litchat -1:29 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @LindseyOConnor It was a skill I didn't know I had. Its roots are in being a translator for missionaries. Listening=writing #litchat -1:30 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @sharifwrites I agree.What Junot Diaz experienced in NY has nothing to do with my experiences in California,in terms of "Latino"1/2 #litchat -1:31 PM Nov 13th, 2009
JHammons @Urrealism Often assign Devil's Highway. Students love it: opens some CA eyes to border they don't see. What are u working on now? #litchat -1:31 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism However, real literature makes the world your home. No matter your cultural background. 2/2 #litchat -1:32 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @lizenslin It's a fine line. If you write with love, you can be lacerating. 1/2 #litchat -1:33 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism Remember that all characters in all situations still retain a need for laughter. 2/2 #litchat -1:33 PM Nov 13th, 2009
cowgirlwriter How true! RT @Urrealism However, real literature makes the world your home. No matter your cultural background. 2/2 #litchat -1:33 PM Nov 13th, 2009
TwinkleChar (NOTE TO CINDY: Luis says "listening=writing." Thank you for "translating." :) #litchat -1:34 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @mariblaser There is a huge body of critical debate about this. 1/3 #litchat -1:35 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism I would say that magic realism allows room for the dreamlike, miraculous or fantastical to invade your waking life. 2/3 #litchat -1:35 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism But remember, to a Mexican villager, Rambo is magic realism! 3/3 #litchat -1:36 PM Nov 13th, 2009
TwinkleChar RT @Urrealism: Remember that all characters in all situations still retain a need for laughter. 2/2 #litchat -1:36 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @ TwinkleChar (Thanks for the shoutout! XOXO Cindy) #litchat -1:36 PM Nov 13th, 2009
George9Writer Joining late, always happy to hear about magical realism! #litchat -1:37 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @JHammons Working on the sequel to Hummingbird. Intro to new border patrol photo book. Graphic novel due soon. Movies (hahaha) #litchat -1:37 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism That last was an editorial comment by Cindy, by the way! #litchat -1:37 PM Nov 13th, 2009
whimsicalwalney RT @Urrealism: I would say that magic realism allows room for the dreamlike, miraculous or fantastical to invade your waking life. #litchat -1:38 PM Nov 13th, 2009

Urrealism @George9Writer In my case, magical realism is reality. The angels never stop talking. #litchat -1:38 PM Nov 13th, 2009
TwinkleChar @Urrealism Hey, give a girl a shout out and STAND BACK! #litchat -1:38 PM Nov 13th, 2009
lizenslin >Great way to put it - RT @Urrealism: Remember that all characters in all situations still retain a need for laughter. 2/2 #litchat -1:39 PM Nov 13th, 2009
deegospel RT @Urrealism: However, real literature makes the world your home. No matter your cultural background. 2/2 #litchat -1:39 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism Here's my question to readers, how do you read Latino literature? Is it a stand-alone or something particular you search for? #litchat -1:39 PM Nov 13th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass YES! RT @Urrealism: However, real literature makes the world your home. No matter your cultural background. 2/2 #litchat -1:40 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblaser How so? RT @Urrealism: But remember, to a Mexican villager, Rambo is magic realism! #litchat -1:40 PM Nov 13th, 2009
ficwriter @Urrealism Love that "magic" in Hummingbird was experienced by you. In Louisiana traiteurs (Cajun healers) are simply part of life. #litchat -1:41 PM Nov 13th, 2009
cowgirlwriter @Urrealism Guillermo del Toro talks abt the influence of religion, culture & exposure to violence on his writing. What about you? #litchat -1:41 PM Nov 13th, 2009
sharifwrites @Urrealism Stand-alone. I pick up books that look interesting. #litchat -1:41 PM Nov 13th, 2009
deegospel RT @Urrealism: Here's my question to readers, how do you read Latino literature? Is it a stand-alone or something you search for? #litchat -1:41 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mizwrite RT @lizenslin: Great way to put it - RT @Urrealism: All characters in all situations still retain a need for laughter. #litchat -1:41 PM Nov 13th, 2009
thebookmaven I hate that #followreader competes with #litchat and therefore I am up against the wonderful #Urrealism right now! ;) -1:41 PM Nov 13th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass You mean the parenthetical (hahaha) RT @Urrealism: That last was an editorial comment by Cindy, by the way! #litchat -1:42 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @ficwriter Brother, I realized a lot of Hummingbird when Cajuns shared the spirit with me! #litchat -1:42 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblaser Beautiful thing to say (and feel). RT @Urrealism: literature makes the world your home. No matter your cultural background. #litchat -1:42 PM Nov 13th, 2009
lizenslin @Urrealism Any plans for more nonfiction on border/immigration issues? The Devil's Highway is so heartbreakingly right-on. #litchat -1:42 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @cowgirlwriter. Yes, yes and yes. I can't escape any of those. It's all about God. #litchat -1:43 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @thebookmaven Right back at you, our goddess! #litchat -1:43 PM Nov 13th, 2009
TwinkleChar The more I learn about "LATINO lit" the more I look for it. Angels talk. Magic happens. You listen, you exp. you write.Yep. #litchat -1:44 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblaser Same here! Can't the moderators find a middle term? RT @thebookmaven: I hate that #followreader competes with #litchat. -1:44 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @CarolyBurnsBass Yeah, you caught me! The movie stuff is such a stinkin' distracting crapfest! (Cindy sez) #litchat -1:44 PM Nov 13th, 2009
libraryj RT @LitChat: Chatting with you today in #litchat will be Pulitzer finalist @Urrealism (Luis Alberto Urrea). Swing by from 4-5 p/est. -1:44 PM Nov 13th, 2009
ficwriter @Urrealism For me, all literature is stand-alone. Forever seeking a good story. #litchat -1:45 PM Nov 13th, 2009

George9Writer @Urrealism I believe that magical realism (not fantasy, per se) is a great way of expressing the inexpressible. #litchat -1:45 PM Nov 13th, 2009
WestofMars @TwinkleChar Yes, me, too. I took a class in Latin American lit and it taught me a great love for it. #litchat -1:45 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @sharifwrites I do the same thing. I'm so happy to be published by LittleBrown, where I am on their fiction list and not Latino list #litchat -1:45 PM Nov 13th, 2009
LindseyOConnor Well said @ficwriter: @Urrealism For me, all literature is stand-alone. Forever seeking a good story. #litchat -1:45 PM Nov 13th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @Urrealism Most cultures have respect for magic/mysticism--except WASPy American. Why? Puritanism? Calvinism? #litchat -1:46 PM Nov 13th, 2009
TwinkleChar @ficwriter Yes. Absolutely. Forever seeking a good story. Amen. #litchat -1:46 PM Nov 13th, 2009
deegospel It would be weird for me to search for the latino book or the black book. i look for the good book #litchat -1:46 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @lizenslin That was my fourth border book. Probably a life-long project. The Playboy piece is cracking open that door yet again #litchat -1:47 PM Nov 13th, 2009
lizenslin In my academic years, looked for Latino lit. Now, I read you, Diaz, etc. because I'm looking for good writing, good stories. #litchat -1:47 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblaser @Urrealism @George9Writer What's the difference between magical realism and fantasy? I have a feeling, but many doubts. #litchat -1:47 PM Nov 13th, 2009
JHammons @Urrealism Both. Sometimes search for teaching. Just discovered J.F. Gonazles--horror & thriller writer, stand-alone #litchat -1:47 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @George9Writer It's also a way to approach and express the sacred. #litchat -1:48 PM Nov 13th, 2009
deegospel RT @LitChat: Chatting with you today in #litchat will be Pulitzer finalist @Urrealism (Luis Alberto Urrea). Swing by from 4-5 p/est. RT -1:48 PM Nov 13th, 2009
George9Writer @mariblaser Mag. realism - when fantastical occurs in "real" world; fantasy - everything, even reality/setting, may be invented. #litchat -1:49 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mizwrite @Urrealism I search for it specifically; also Native Am lit - I find the culture interesting, and the language beautiful and poetic. #litchat -1:50 PM Nov 13th, 2009
George9Writer @Urrealism Yes, good about re approaching the sacred. #litchat -1:50 PM Nov 13th, 2009
literature_news RT @deegospel: RT @Urrealism: However, real literature makes the world your home. No matter your cultural background. 2/2 #litchat -1:50 PM Nov 13th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Same here. RT @ficwriter: @Urrealism For me, all literature is stand-alone. Forever seeking a good story. #litchat -1:51 PM Nov 13th, 2009
TwinkleChar @Urrealism The sacred. Hushed. Listening. Writing. Celebrating. Trusting. Thank you. #litchat -1:51 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @mariblaser Garcia Marquez said the magic in his books came from observed wonders in daily life. 1/2 #litchat -1:51 PM Nov 13th, 2009
cowgirlwriter @Urrealism I love that magical realism melts the boundaries & opens up to new ways of seeing. #litchat -1:51 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism I think magical realism is related to surrealism whereas fantasy possibly supplants realism. 2/3 #litchat -1:51 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism If you think about it, everything is strange. Everything is miraculous. We're just too busy to see it. 3/3 #litchat -1:51 PM Nov 13th, 2009

david_n_wilson @mariblasers Straight from #scifichat into #litchat - won't your head explode? # -1:51 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblasers @George9Writer What about urban fantasy, where fantastical occurs in this reality? Not magical realism I think, but fits your deff #litchat -1:52 PM Nov 13th, 2009
LindseyOConnor Yes! RT @Urrealism: If you think about it, everything is strange. Everything is miraculous. Were just too busy to see it. 3/3 #litchat -1:52 PM Nov 13th, 2009
ficwriter RT @Urrealism: If you think about it, everything is strange. Everything is miraculous. Were just too busy to see it. 3/3 #litchat -1:52 PM Nov 13th, 2009
cowgirlwriter Exactly! RT @Urrealism If you think about it, everything is strange. Everything is miraculous. We're just too busy to see it. 3/3 #litchat -1:53 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @mariblasers Why not? Perhaps that (urban fantasy) is this culture's magical realism. #litchat -1:53 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblasers @David_N_Wilson Haha! It exploded when I tried to follow #litchat and #followreader at the same time! Impossible, lol. -1:53 PM Nov 13th, 2009
LindseyOConnor @Urrealism what are you working on now? #litchat -1:54 PM Nov 13th, 2009
lizenslin >So true RT @Urrealism: If you think about it, everything is strange. Everything is miraculous. We're just too busy to see it. 3/3 #litchat -1:54 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblasers Agree! RT @Urrealism: If you think about it, everything is strange. Everything is miraculous. We're just too busy to see it. #litchat -1:54 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @LindseyOConnor My biggest project right now is Hummingbird II. It's the elephant in the living room (not magical, just REAL haha) #litchat -1:55 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblasers @Urrealism @George9Writer Maybe the way the fantastical is portrait that differences magical realism from fantasy? #litchat -1:55 PM Nov 13th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes RT @mariblasers RT @Urrealism: If U think about it, everything is strange. Everything is miraculous. We're just too busy to see it. #litchat -1:55 PM Nov 13th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @Urrealism Have you had negative feedback about the abuses your characters in ITBN experience w/in Mexico? #litchat -1:55 PM Nov 13th, 2009
George9Writer @mariblasers I'm no expert on urban fantasy(or anything else!).One difference is genre (fantasy) fic, vs literary fiction (mag real) #litchat -1:55 PM Nov 13th, 2009
cowgirlwriter @Urrealism Don't we all have elephants in our living room? #litchat -1:56 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblasers This makes much sense. RT @Urrealism: I think magical realism is related to surrealism whereas fantasy possibly supplants realism. #litchat -1:56 PM Nov 13th, 2009
david_n_wilson @mariblasers Easy as pie in Tweetdeck, each in it's own column #litchat #followreader -1:56 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @CarolyBurnsBass No quite the contrary. In fact, I'm proud that Tacho and his troubles get the most positive response. #litchat -1:57 PM Nov 13th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @FlossieTeacake looks it! I'm usually at #litchat but #followreader looks too interesting to miss today -1:58 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblasers There is fantasy=literary fiction: Tolkien? RT @George9Writer: One difference is genre (fantasy) fic, vs literary fiction (mag real)#litchat -1:58 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @cowgirlwriter Yes, but this one's pink! #litchat -1:58 PM Nov 13th, 2009
thebookmaven RT @agnieszkasshoes: @FlossieTeacake looks it! Im usually at #litchat but #followreader looks too interesting to miss today #followreader -1:59 PM Nov 13th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @Urrealism Do you think a lack of criticism about the Mexico abuses is because you're Latino? What if non-Latino wrote same? #litchat -1:59 PM Nov 13th, 2009

mariblaser @David_N_Wilson yes, but hard to follow both trends of convos, and reply decently. Head hurts to remember, lol. #litchat #followreader -1:59 PM Nov 13th, 2009
George9Writer @mariblaser Maybe Tolkien, but "urban fantasy" is a sub-genre that came along much later. Tolkien would be fantasy, not mag. real. #litchat -1:59 PM Nov 13th, 2009
marisabirns @mariblaser Yes. Reality infiltrated by thing/s too strange to believe' So surreal, so magical realistic is cousin to it. #litchat -2:00 PM Nov 13th, 2009
George9Writer @mariblaser ... mainly because Middle Earth is a completely invented world. Arguable, I suppose. #litchat -2:00 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @CarolyBurns Bass. Good question. Non-Latinos have written about these things and gotten a fair reading in Mexico. 1/2 #litchat -2:01 PM Nov 13th, 2009
LitChat Wow, that hour went fast. We need to release @Urrealism if they need to scoot. They're welcome to continue if they wish. #litchat -2:01 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism The Mexican literary community is not necessarily fond of "Latino" writers. 2/2 #litchat -2:01 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblaser @agnieszkasshoes Don't do this to me. I'm torn apart now... lol #litchat #followreader -2:02 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism How 'bout LeGuin's Earthsea???????? #litchat -2:02 PM Nov 13th, 2009
George9Writer @Urrealism We all appreciate you appearing here on #litchat, and best of luck with your latest book! -2:02 PM Nov 13th, 2009
TwinkleChar @Urrealism We need magical realism and talking angels so prejudices don't utterly do us in, no? #litchat -2:02 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism We can hang for a bit. C'mon keep 'em coming! #litchat -2:02 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblaser @George9Writer Yes, Tolkien is obviously fantasy. But IMHO the "literary" label comes from the good writing, not the genre. #litchat -2:03 PM Nov 13th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @Urrealism I ask this because I love Mexico and her people. Would love to write a story set in Mexico, but want it to ring true. #litchat -2:04 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblaser @George9Writer So there could be literary urban fantasy. Depends on recognition of quality of writing/style, no? #litchat -2:04 PM Nov 13th, 2009
lizenslin @Urrealism Before you sign off, want to give special thanks to Cindy. Love how you two tweet together but w/distinctive voices. #litchat -2:04 PM Nov 13th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @mariblaser !! the only answer is to have 2 browser tabs open! #litchat #followreader -2:04 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism Here's something I find interesting: women writers vs. Latino writers. Even in this community Latino lit doesn't get the love #litchat -2:04 PM Nov 13th, 2009
LitChat @Urrealism Great! Thank you for sticking around. #litchat -2:05 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism No women make PW's top 10 and it's an uproar. SEVEN YEARS since Latino fiction has gotten an NBA nomination and ... crickets. #litchat -2:05 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblaser @agnieszkasshoes My slow functioning brain doesn't allow that. Must get an upgrade, lol! :P #litchat #followreader -2:05 PM Nov 13th, 2009
cowgirlwriter @Urrealism I can understand the appeal of magical realism. It's the world that children believe in & that's what speaks to me. #litchat -2:06 PM Nov 13th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @Urrealism Have you been sneaking into today's #followreader? #litchat -2:06 PM Nov 13th, 2009
George9Writer @mariblaser I guess...though agents & pubs might say: "is it literary OR urban fantasy?" #litchat -2:07 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @CarolyBurnsBass CMMayo does it, B.Traven did it, Malcolm Lowry. You can do it! #litchat -2:07 PM Nov 13th, 2009

Urrealism @cowgirlwriter That's nice. I really like that. #litchat -2:08 PM Nov 13th, 2009
ficwriter @Urrealism Hope you and your lovely wife are feeling the twitter love. Hope you visit Lafayette soon. #litchat -2:08 PM Nov 13th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @Urrealism Do you think the PW and NBA list-makers consciously ignore Latino (and for that matter women) writers? #followreader #litchat -2:09 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblaser Labels are confusing, lol. RT @George9Writer: I guess...though agents & pubs might say: "is it literary OR urban fantasy?" #litchat -2:09 PM Nov 13th, 2009
lizenslin RT @Urrealism: No women make PW's top 10: uproar. SEVEN YEARS since Latino fiction has gotten an NBA nomination and ... crickets. #litchat -2:09 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @LizEnslin Thanks so much! (from Cindy) #litchat -2:09 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @ficwriter We're hoping to make it to Lafayette this spring. We'll let you know! #litchat -2:10 PM Nov 13th, 2009
ficwriter RT @Urrealism: @ficwriter (Great news!) Were hoping to make it to Lafayette this spring. Well let you know! #litchat -2:11 PM Nov 13th, 2009
lizenslin @Urrealism When will you be back at Fishtrap? #litchat -2:11 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @CarolyBurnsBass I don't think it's deliberate. I just think Latino lit(like women writers)is undervalued,doesn't get same reading. #litchat -2:12 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism @lizenslin Fishtrap! We LOVE Fishtrap! Not this summer, unless we move there! (grin) #litchat -2:13 PM Nov 13th, 2009
JSColley Can't seem to join in on #litchat today ?? -2:13 PM Nov 13th, 2009
LitChat Let's give a big hand to Luis and Cindy for their flying fingers and very organized multi-level tweets. {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:13 PM Nov 13th, 2009
cowgirlwriter @Urrealism I think it's abt exposure. You don't know what you don't know. #litchat -2:14 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblaser RT @LitChat: Let's give a big hand to Luis and Cindy for their flying fingers and very organized multi-level tweets. {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:14 PM Nov 13th, 2009
LindseyOConnor @Urrealism love how you said in your blog "fame is a pastoral position." It's about giving back. You go! #litchat -2:14 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism Thank you so much for the invitation. This was so great. #litchat -2:15 PM Nov 13th, 2009
LitChat We will have transcripts to this week's LATINO LIT topic and with @Urrealism up later this weekend. #litchat -2:15 PM Nov 13th, 2009
mariblaser @Urrealism Thank you for the great insight on Latino Lit and magical realism. It was great! &Thanks @LitChat 4making this possible #litchat -2:15 PM Nov 13th, 2009
Urrealism We love our twitter pals and can't thank everyone enough for coming out for the conversation. Thanks #litchat! #litchat -2:16 PM Nov 13th, 2009
cowgirlwriter Wow! Guess I've got a lot of reading to do. Add @Urrealism to the list. Thx so much for sharing. #litchat -2:16 PM Nov 13th, 2009
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bloodypickle Thanks to @Urrealism for a fantastic #litchat; he is a treasure! -2:19 PM Nov 13th, 2009
LitChat Next week's topic is THE CRAFT OF WRITING. Guest host on Friday is Renni Browne, co-writer of SELF-EDITING FOR FICTION WRITERS. #litchat -2:20 PM Nov 13th, 2009