



## LitChat June 4, 2010

Topic of the Week: Belonging

Guest Host: Heidi Durrow, author

Guest host: @heididurrow

LitChat Happy Friday! Today we have @HeidiDurrow as guest host for the next hour. Please join me in welcoming, Heidi. -12:56 PM Jun 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010

JM\_Kelley Not only did I remember what day it is, I'm actually a few minutes early for #litchat for a change! -12:56 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow I'm here I'm the guest host. I'm nervous! #litchat -12:58 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Join me for a #litchat TweetChat at: <http://tweetchat.com/room/litchat> #litchat -12:59 PM Jun 4th, 2010

dosankodebbie Starting NOW and I made it in time! @HeidiDurrow is guest host today in #litchat, author of THE GIRL WHO FELL FROM THE SKY. @LitChat -12:59 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie Hello everyone- hope I can stay for the entire hour! (have an event tomorrow and am scrambling to complete something this evening!) #litchat -12:59 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar @heididurrow Be fearless. We'll all easy. Just have FUN! It's FRIDAY! #litchat -12:59 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LeftyWritey RT @LitChat: Not only is @HeidiDurrow guest host today in #litchat, but we're giving away a copy of her novel, THE GIRL WHO FELL FROM THE SKY. 4pmET. -12:59 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Thanks for stopping by @katmagendie! #litchat -1:00 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @ficwriter Miracles. Looks like we both made it to #litchat on same day :) #litchat -1:00 PM Jun 4th, 2010

ficwriter Welcome @heididurrow. I'm on page 110 of The Girl Who Fell From The Sky and loving it. #litchat -1:00 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow don't be nervous! i was nervous when I was a guest a couple weeks ago but it was wonderful and easy and fun ! #litchat -1:00 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Thanks @TwinkleChar #litchat -1:00 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Thanks @ficwriter! #litchat -1:00 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow Thank you! Your book sounds interesting - had a quick look before I came on. #litchat -1:00 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @katmagendie Good to see you, friend #litchat -1:00 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Okay, so how do we start? #litchat -1:01 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @heididurrow So nice to meet you. We are friendly w/no need to be nervous. Looking forward to convo w/you too #litchat -1:01 PM Jun 4th, 2010

ficwriter @DebraMarrs Crossing fingers I can stay the whole time. #litchat -1:01 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @DebraMarrs So happy to be here! \*smiling\* #litchat -1:01 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar Lots of buzz in Twitterland about your book. Good sign! As to how we start, somebody will ask a question--likely five of us. :) #litchat -1:01 PM Jun 4th, 2010

the\_author\_ This will be my first #litchat in a while -I'm glad I can be here for it. -1:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @dosankodebbie Yay, so glad you're here too. Hope you're feeling better #litchat -1:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LitChat Welcome, @dosankodebbie from Hokkaido, Japan! Always enjoy when you make it. #litchat -1:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow I'll ask an old standby: how did you publish and/or get an agent? #litchat -1:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010
dosankodebbie @heididurrow Welcome to #Litchat! The word "misfit" drew me out of my bed. It's 5 AM in Japan. -1:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010
ficwriter @heididurrow I'll start w/ a question. Your lovely novel has a unique voice. How long did it take you to find it? #litchat -1:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow okay, ready! #litchat -1:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010
DebraMarrs @the_author_ Welcome back. Good to see you in the stream again #litchat -1:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow It took forever to find the voice. #litchat -1:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow The book started in 3rd person with Rachel all grown up. #litchat -1:03 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow I started writing the book in 1997! #litchat -1:03 PM Jun 4th, 2010
LitChat Happy Friday! Today we have #HeidiDurrrow as guest host for the next hour. Please join me in welcoming, Heidi. (Forgot to post #litchat -1:03 PM Jun 4th, 2010
katmagendie @heididurrow isn't it facinating and wonderful how the works change-voice/etc #litchat -1:03 PM Jun 4th, 2010
girlfrombim RT @LitChat: Happy Friday! Today we have #HeidiDurrrow as guest host for the next hour. Please join me in welcoming, Heidi. #litchat -1:03 PM Jun 4th, 2010
ficwriter @heididurrow Wow, so you did lots of rewriting. #litchat -1:03 PM Jun 4th, 2010
ReadItForward @heididurrow Hi, Heidi! (Read your book a few weeks ago & liked, & heard you read with @micheleyosto, who had great things to say!) #litchat -1:03 PM Jun 4th, 2010
TwinkleChar How far in were you before you realized the original voice was wrong? #litchat -1:04 PM Jun 4th, 2010
katmagendie @heididurrow Did you find an agent or go it on your own with publisher? #litchat -1:04 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow I struck on Rachel's voice for the book doing free-writes! #litchat -1:04 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow @ficwriter I re-wrote the novel about 12 times completely! #litchat -1:04 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow @twinklechar I struggled for a good two years with a bad novel because the voice was wrong. #litchat -1:04 PM Jun 4th, 2010
ficwriter @heididurrow Did you know it was the right voice as soon as it emerged? #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 4th, 2010
girlfrombim What are "free-writes" for those of us who have no clue? #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 4th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Gives me much comfort for my own WIP. Thanks. RT @heididurrow: @ficwriter I re-wrote the novel about 12 times completely! #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow @readitforward @micheleyosto is AWESOME! #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 4th, 2010
DebraMarrs @heididurrow Tell us more abt this: struck on Rachels voice for the book doing free-writes! #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 4th, 2010
ficwriter RT @heididurrow: @ficwriter I re-wrote the novel about 12 times completely! #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow and so is her book. #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 4th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @heididurrow: @twinklechar I struggled for a good two years with a bad novel because the voice was wrong. #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow A free -write is just a timed exercise to write whatever comes to mind. #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @girlfrombim you just put fingers to keys or pen in hand and just go at it without "thinking" about it-just as it says "Be free" #litchat -1:06 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow @carolynburnsbass I always say struggle on. It's about finding the one gatekeeper. #litchat -1:06 PM Jun 4th, 2010
ficwriter RT @heididurrow: A free -write is just a timed exercise to write whatever comes to mind. #litchat -1:06 PM Jun 4th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @heididurrow: A free -write is just a timed exercise to write whatever comes to mind.//Perhaps frustration at that point? :) #litchat -1:06 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow someone asked about my route to publishing. #litchat -1:06 PM Jun 4th, 2010
JM_Kelley @heididurrow Wow, 12?? I have hope, then! What told you you'd found the right voice finally? #litchat -1:06 PM Jun 4th, 2010
katmagendie @heididurrow I did :) #litchat -1:07 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow It was a long road to publishing. I got rejected at every stage. #litchat -1:07 PM Jun 4th, 2010
DebraMarrs @katmagendie <smiling> We had fun w/you as guest author *poke poke* #litchat -1:07 PM Jun 4th, 2010
girlfrombim RT @katmagendie: @girlfrombim U just put fingers 2 keys or pen in hand & just go at it w/out "thinking" abt it #litchat *clouds opening* :) -1:07 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow I stopped counting but the manuscript was rejected by about three dozen publishers. #litchat -1:07 PM Jun 4th, 2010
katmagendie @heididurrow do you have an agent? #litchat -1:07 PM Jun 4th, 2010
TwinkleChar Listen up #amwriting folks. Get to #litchat!/RT @heididurrow: It was a long road to publishing. I got rejected at every stage. #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow I do. And I did when I got the contract -- #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow But my agent didn't get me the contract. #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 4th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @heididurrow: I stopped counting but the manuscript was rejected by about three dozen publishers.//GIRL WHO FELL FROM THE SKY! #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 4th, 2010
girlfrombim @heididurrow I stopped counting but the manuscript was rejected by about three dozen publishers. > OH GOOD GOD! #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow The contract came with the Bellwether Prize that Barbara Kingsolver awards. #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 4th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Did you always work with the title, THE GIRL WHO FELL FROM THE SKY, or did this evolve with the novel? #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 4th, 2010
katmagendie @heididurrow Did you jump up and down and go WHOOPIE or go "this isn't real" *laugh* #litchat -1:09 PM Jun 4th, 2010
ficwriter @heididurrow So you went from numerous rejections to Winner of the Bellwether Prize for Fiction. Congratulations! #litchat -1:09 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow The title was not my own. But I LOVE IT! #litchat -1:09 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow It's a phrase from the book and the publisher suggested it. #litchat -1:09 PM Jun 4th, 2010
katmagendie @heididurrow but my agent didn't get me the contract>>>>>ah! #litchat -1:09 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow thanks @ficwriter! #litchat -1:09 PM Jun 4th, 2010
girlfrombim @heididurrow - Are you thinking of following up on Rachel's story? #litchat -1:09 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @heididurrow Appreciate when authors understand need to re-write novel 12 times or more completely to get it all right #litchat -1:09 PM Jun 4th, 2010

the\_author\_ @CarolyBurnsBass That's a great question, actually. Titles are one of my biggest problems. #litchat -1:09 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Did you submit the unpubbed ms for the Bellwether Prize? Is that part of the prize selection process--the ms must be unpubbed? #litchat -1:10 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @ficwriter: @heididurrow So you went from numerous rejections to Winner of the Bellwether Prize for Fiction. Congratulations! #litchat -1:10 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow My agent did try--but maybe it wasn't the right time? #litchat -1:10 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar @heididurrow How many rewrites AFTER contract? #litchat -1:10 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @the\_author\_ That's a great question, Titles are one of my biggest problems.>>>mine too, which's why my pub retitled laugh #litchat -1:10 PM Jun 4th, 2010

Madison\_Woods Great convo on chat today - I'll be trying to sit in for most of it this time! If work doesn't call me away too often. #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @heididurrow LOVE title THE GIRL WHO FELL FROM THE SKY - would pick that up and read no matter bec. title is so rich #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @carolnburnsbass yes! it's for an unpublished manuscript of social change. #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 4th, 2010

iwearpearls @heididurrow what was your title? #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 4th, 2010

ReadItForward It's amazing that the story is so clear & well-crafted given what it & you went through to get it out there! #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass What was your working title? RT @heididurrow: The title was not my own. But I LOVE IT! #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @debramarrs I deleted 150 pages of the manuscript AFTER I won the Bellwether too! #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @iwearpearls the original title was Light-skinned-ed Girl. Too hard to say and spell! #litchat -1:12 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow My agent did try--but maybe it wasn't the right time?>>>yes, timing, luck have a lot to do with things in book biz! #litchat -1:12 PM Jun 4th, 2010

ficwriter RT @heididurrow: @debramarrs I deleted 150 pages of the manuscript AFTER I won the Bellwether too! #litchat -1:12 PM Jun 4th, 2010

girlfrombim RT @DebraMarrs @heididurrow luv title THE GIRL WHO FELL FROM THE SKY - wld pick that up & read no matter bec. title is so rich #litchat -1:12 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @heididurrow What was signal that 150 pages had to go after Bellwether selection? #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs "There's a word for a writer who never gives up... published." ~Joe Konrath (RT @JMcCannWriter @Wecoachwriting @Jolina\_Joy) #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @readitforward thank you! I did a lot of work to get it ready for publication. it was also great that i had a great editor! #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @girlfrombim and the cover is awesome! #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar @heididurrow What came first: character or concept? #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow not that we should judge a book by its cover, but Connie Gabbert did an awesome job! #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 4th, 2010

iwearpearls @heididurrow but I get it! #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow LOVE This & it's true! RT @DebraMarrs: "Theres a word for a writer who never gives up... published." ~Joe Konrath #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow Yes, love the title and cover! :) #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @iwearpearls oh good! lots of people didn't though so . . . #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 4th, 2010

girlfrombim @ heididurrow @girlfrombim and the cover is awesome! #litchat > True say! I want a Girl Who Fell From the Sky Shirt! or mayb comp wallpaper -1:14 PM Jun 4th, 2010

househomeauthor @heididurrow Thanks for reminding us that the road to publication is paved with endless revising. THAT was my biggest surprise. #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @heididurrow: @carolynburnsbass I always say struggle on. Its about finding the one gatekeeper. #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 4th, 2010

iwearpearls @heididurrow I agree! I love the cover! #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @twinklechar character & concept came together. #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow the story is inspired by a real newspaper story. #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow LOVE This RT @DebraMarrs: "Theres a word for a writer who never gives up; published." ~Joe Konrath >>>IT IS TRUE! #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow So i had in mind the real girl but I also had this story I wanted to tell about being labeled and "racialized" in America. #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 4th, 2010

Marinarichards RT @DebraMarrs: "There's a word for a writer who never gives up... published." ~Joe Konrath (RT @JMcCannWriter @Wecoachwriting @Jolina\_Joy) #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 4th, 2010

ficwriter @heididurrow I've fallen in love w/ Rachel. I want to hug her and tell her that white people do think brown people are beautiful. #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow always going to be "lots of people who . . ." in this business! We have to do what we love regardless of that! :- ) #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 4th, 2010

krisriggle Hi all. I had this on my desk for 3 yrs. before book deal "A professional writer is an amateur who didn't quit." Richard Bach #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 4th, 2010

ReadItForward @heididurrow The reveals were pretty tremendous, slowly peeled out from the layers. You said a lot about so many different things #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @ficwriter THANK YOU THANK YOU. #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LitChat Your website says, "Inspired by a true story of a mother's twisted love...." What story and from where? #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow I love Rachel too. And I think the book is an odd love story -- in that it's not 2 char. who fall in love but I want u to love R. #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 4th, 2010

Azrael52 Just finished with #scifichat. What's going on in #litchat, today? -1:17 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @litchat the story is inspired by a real event i read about in the newspaper about 15 years ago. #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 4th, 2010

househomeauthor @krisriggle Love that ! I had this on my desk while writing: "What would you do if you knew you could not fail?" #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow I am sketchy with more details because I want to protect the real girl. #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 4th, 2010

Love2Read4Fun Why did you end the book the way you did? Did you want the reader to come up with their own conclusion as to what happened to R? #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 4th, 2010

sqdaily Happening now: RT @heididurrow: Join me for a #litchat TweetChat at: <http://bit.ly/dxJAEC> #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @househomeauthor @krisriggle THAT QUOTE was on my mug when I wrote the best stuff ever in Wyoming at artist colony. #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @ficwriter: Ive fallen in love w/ Rachel. I want to hug her and tell her that white people do think brown people are beautiful. #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 4th, 2010

dosankodebbie @heididurrow How did you hear about the Bellwether Prize and did you submit to other such awards? #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @heididurrow: I am sketchy with more details because I want to protect the real girl./very honoring. (hugs for that too) #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @Love2Read4Fun Hey there! And yes, I did want people to come up with their own ideas for Rachel and Brick. #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @Marinarichards Thx for RT, Mariana. Are you in chat today #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow There is no tidy ending in real life, but Rachel has some sense of suddenly being able to move forward. #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 4th, 2010

girlfrombim @heididurrow @Love2Read4Fun Hey there! And yes, I did want people to come up with their own ideas for Rachel and Brick. > sequel? #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 4th, 2010

BrooksSigler @househomeauthor #litchat: I have LEAP AND THE NET WILL APPEAR. I leap like it is my calling. - 1:20 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @readitforward thank you again - i really loved Song of Solomon-- i remember feeling it was a real mystery but also beautiful -- #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 4th, 2010

krisriggle @heididurrow @househomeauthor A friend had given me a typewriter-shaped picture frame as a gift. I put that quote in it. #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Leap is good! I like that! #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 4th, 2010

the\_author\_ @heididurrow I prefer books w/o a "tidy" ending -real life is never simple, why should books be? #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 4th, 2010

krisriggle Love it. RT @BrooksSigler: @househomeauthor #litchat: I have LEAP AND THE NET WILL APPEAR. I leap like it is my calling. #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 4th, 2010

househomeauthor @BrooksSigler That's a good motto for life in general, and especially for writing. ;-) #litchat - 1:20 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @BrooksSigler I have LEAP AND THE NET WILL APPEAR. I leap like it is my calling >>>> yes love that! #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @krisriggle Oh! Typewriter shaped frame! \_ Want it! #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass There were so many endearing characters, all of them misfits to some degree. Absolutely loved Jamie. #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Oh my goodness: honestly, I never thought of a sequel until I headed out on the road with the book & people kept asking. #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow I wouldn't mind spending some time with those characters again--and I will admit I am taking notes! #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @the\_author\_ Me too RT: I prefer books w/o a "tidy" ending -real life is never simple, why should books be? #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @carolynburnsbass Jamie/Brick is the dearest boy of all! I LOVE him to death! (Though I don't want to pick favorites.) #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar @heididurrow Do you have a contract, then? Or blind contract for "another book?" #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @heididurrow The BEST! RT: I wouldnt mind spending some time with those characters again--and I will admit I am taking notes! #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 4th, 2010

dosankodebbie @katmagendie: @krisriggle Oh! Typewriter shaped frame! \_ Want it! #litchat <<<<ME TOO -1:23 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @dosankobbie Yes, I applied to EVERY contest possible! "You have to be in it to win it!" #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow I never thought of a sequel until I headed out on the road with the book >>>isn't it cool, and terrifying! \*laugh\* #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @katmagendie Just like you to get 1st dibs on @krisriggle typewriter shaped frame. See what u started. Lots of envy here :D #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow You can apply for contests? I never knew that! dang! ! :)! #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @twinklechar I'm working on a different book right now (not the sequel) -- #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow Oh wait, I'm thinking awards not contests \*laugh\* never mind! :) #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 4th, 2010

ficwriter @heididurrow Enjoying concision of writing, voice, and descriptions in dialogue such as "Robbie especially is a little brown kiss." #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 4th, 2010

Madison\_Woods @katmagendie I didn't know this either. #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @katmagendie yes, cook and terrifying! I mean those aren't real people but people know them and care abt them! So awesome! #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @heididurrow: @twinklechar Im working on a different book right now (not the sequel) >> Contracted? Deadline? (oy) #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow Yes! It's the best compliment, isn't it? \*smiling\* #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 4th, 2010

Love2Read4Fun @heididurrow What is your next book going to be about? Can you provide any info? hints? #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @twinklechar not yet! #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow it's a bit different--set in Paris & London in the late 1800s. #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Juxtaposition of Drew and Rachel's pop was sharp: Drew was responsible, knew how to love; Pop was vagrant and couldn't show love. #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow The central characters are: a mulatto strongwoman/circus performer, a hairy Laotian girl and Edgar Degas. #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @carolynburnsbass I was very sensitive to writing male characters (esp. Af-Am) that were rounded good guys too-- #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 4th, 2010

girlfrombim @heididurrow it's a bit different--set in Paris & London in the late 1800s > "forced" to do lots on on site research? :) #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow central characters are: a mulatto strongwoman/circus performer, a hairy Laotian girl and Edgar Degas >>>Wow! #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 4th, 2010

ficwriter @heididurrow I have to run but hope everyone will read The Girl Who Fell From The Sky. It's absolutely wonderful. Thank you, Heidi. #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @katmagendie: awards & contests I applied for everything via Poets & Writers listings and lots of google searches! #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow I never thought to do that, the contests! #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @carolunburnsbass I'm surprised by how mad readers are at Pop/Roger--but I think he deserves the anger! #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow thank you @ficwriter! #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 4th, 2010
katmagendie @ficwriter Bye you! have a good weekend! #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 4th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass What has been the response from the African-American community to THE GIRL WHO FELL FROM THE SKY? #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow @katmagendie my chapters were originally written as short stories so that they would be eligible for those contests! #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 4th, 2010
Love2Read4Fun I cried when I read the last page. That never happens. I rarely cry at movies. Shows how powerful your writing is. #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 4th, 2010
DebraMarrs @ficwriter Bye, sweetie. Hope to talk to you this weekend #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 4th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @ficwriter Waving, goodbye. Have a great weekend. #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 4th, 2010
katmagendie @heididurrow oh! It sounds like you had a good time and were smart about it :) #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow The response has been great from lots of different communities including Af-Am. The book got a great review in Ebony! #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 4th, 2010
Love2Read4Fun I have to go. Hate that I'm going to miss out on the rest of the chat. :( #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 4th, 2010
dosankodebbie RT @heididurrow: My chapters were originally written as short stories so that they would be eligible for those contests! #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow @Love2Read4Fun: I am so glad you cried. That is the highest compliment. That's my favorite kind of book! #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 4th, 2010
DebraMarrs @Love2Read4Fun Gr8 testimonial RT: cried when read last pg. Never happens. Rarely cry at movies. Shows how powerful ur writing is. #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow Like The Book Thief or The Bone People or Wiggins' Evidence of Things Unseen #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow bye @love2read4fun! thanks for coming by! #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 4th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass I also loved how Jamie picked his own nickname--to be anonymous, at first--then it stuck and defined his adult character. #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 4th, 2010
DrensBspot @LynetteCurtis I can't seem to get into #Litchat LOL are they full? -1:32 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow @carolynburnsbass you have no ideas how hard I'm grinning right now! You TOTALLY GET it! Oh man--so cool! #litchat -1:32 PM Jun 4th, 2010
krisriggle The famous typewriter frame, a gift from my sweet friend @jillcorrin, yrs. before book deal #litchat <a href="http://twitpic.com/1twxvu">http://twitpic.com/1twxvu</a> -1:32 PM Jun 4th, 2010
katmagendie @heididurrow I am so glad you cried. That is the highest compliment. >>is a complmnt!-going to read it so I can cry too! laugh! #litchat -1:32 PM Jun 4th, 2010
kriheli hey #litchat: how creative can I get with agent queries w/o being off-putting? i have some ideas i want to try but nervous about reception -1:33 PM Jun 4th, 2010
Doublelattemama hallooooo #litchat! what's our topic today? #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 4th, 2010
DebraMarrs @krisriggle TY for sharing photo of coveted typewriter frame. Super envy just kicked in <a href="http://twitpic.com/1twxvu">http://twitpic.com/1twxvu</a> #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow @kriheli I don't know. I had some bites with a traditional query, but ended up with my agent because of a friend #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 4th, 2010

dosankodebbie RT @krisriggle: The famous typewriter frame, a gift from sweet friend, yrs. before book deal #litchat <http://twitpic.com/1twxvu> -1:34 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow I'm sorry about all of my type errors guys! #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @heididurrow So glad you're grinning. Every writer hopes their work gets through, and yours certainly did to me. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 4th, 2010

Doublelattemama @kriheli i am no expert, but i recommend caution. most agents seem to be extremely adamant about writers following guidelines #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @heididurrow No apologies needed. We're swift here RT: Im sorry about all of my type errors guys! #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow Pooh! as fast as we are typing , there's bound to be typos in our tweets! don't even worry bout that! #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 4th, 2010

kashicat Can't participate in #litchat today, alas. Reeling from losing all income, poof. \*sigh\* -1:36 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LitChat @kriheli Do you mind holding back your question until after our regular #litchat? We're talkign with @HeidiDurrow about her book. #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @Doublelattemama @kriheli recommend caution. most agents seem to be extremely adamant about writers following guidelines >>true! #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 4th, 2010

Madison\_Woods I've lost track of who had the typewriter frame, but I love it! Will be on lookout now for something like that. #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 4th, 2010

kriheli anyone want to give my mock query a look/critique? #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @Doublelattemama @HeidiDurrow is guest host today discussing her novel, THE GIRL WHO FELL FROM THE SKY #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @Madison\_Woods That typewriter frame is MINE MINE - okay, it's not, but if thinking/wishing made it so -- \*sigh\* (laughing) #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LitChat Let's hold back on the query talk until after our regular chat time with @HeidiDurrow. She's here to talk about writing and books. #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 4th, 2010

krisriggle @kriheli (psst, maybe should ask after chat intvw with our guest is over?) #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar @heididurrow Are you an outliner or pantsner? (write by the seat of your pants) #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 4th, 2010

Doublelattemama excellent! RT @DebraMarrs: @Doublelattemama @HeidiDurrow is guest host today discussing her novel, THE GIRL WHO FELL FROM THE SKY #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow Do you do many book signings? they seem to discourage them now! #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @twinklechar how funny! I would have to confess I am a "pantsner" writing-wise! #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 4th, 2010

kriheli sorry guys #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow @twinklechar how funny! I would have to confess I am a "pantsner" writing-wise >>laughing! love "pantsner" #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @heididurrow: @twinklechar how funny! I would have to confess I am a "pantsner" writing-wise!>>Hurray for PANSTERS! Me too. #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass What authors and books have been most influential to you? What have you brought from them to your own writing? #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @katmagendie I have done about 50 events in the last 4 months since the book came out-- #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @kriheli sorry guys --->>> we'll forgive you *laughing* :) #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow I think the book readings are very worthwhile--and I love to read the book out loud. #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 4th, 2010
dosankodebbie @heididurrow Considering the multi-cultural aspects of your novel, have overseas pubs expressed any interest? #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 4th, 2010
LitChat No worries. We can go over queries and stuff when @HeidiDorrow time is over. Thanks for understanding. RT @kriheli: sorry guys #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 4th, 2010
katmagendie @heididurrow LAWD! 50 events- I'd be drooling and hiding out in my little log house with a pillow ove rmy head #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 4th, 2010
TwinkleChar @dosankodebbie Great Q! #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow Most influential on my writing: Morrison, Kincaid, Faulkner, Cisneros, Elliott, --on my as a person Nella Larsen. #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 4th, 2010
katmagendie @heididurrow yes, reading it aloud and meeting readers - wonderful! #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 4th, 2010
marisabirns Unforgivably late to #litchat, but so happy to meet @heididurrow. -1:42 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow @dosankodebbie YES! rights have been sold for Chinese, Dutch, Portuguese (Brazil), and DANISH! And it's in UK now. #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 4th, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @heididurrow: I think the book readings are very worthwhile--and I love to read the book out loud. #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 4th, 2010
Doublelattemama @heididurrow its so wonderful when ppl fall in love with the characters that spin around in our heads. your chars sound intriguing #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow From the writers I learn technique--how to be bold. And from poets which I didn't list I try to learn how to make words sing. #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 4th, 2010
DebraMarrs @heididurrow Congrats on all your intl rights sold. Awesome! Gr8 agent work on your behalf? #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 4th, 2010
dosankodebbie WOW RT @heididurrow: YES! rights have been sold for Chinese, Dutch, Portuguese (Brazil), and DANISH! And it's in UK now. #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 4th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Did you name Rachel's mother after her? RT @heididurrow: Most influential ... as a person Nella Larsen. #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 4th, 2010
MadeleineRex RT @heididurrow: From the writers I learn technique--how to be bold. And from poets which I didn't list I try to learn how to make words sing. #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 4th, 2010
TwinkleChar How has "all of this" changed your confidence, or has it scared you some? Or both? #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 4th, 2010
girlfrombim @katmagendie @heididurrow LAWD! 50 events- I'd B drooling & hiding out in my little log house.. #litchat >ultimate job...read half the time! -1:44 PM Jun 4th, 2010
kriheli RT @heididurrow: I think the book readings are very worthwhile--and I love to read the book out loud. #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 4th, 2010
heididurrow Thank you @doublelattemama I love the characters. They seem more and more real now that I read them aloud! #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 4th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Great Q! RT @TwinkleChar: How has "all of this" changed your confidence, or has it scared you some? Or both? #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 4th, 2010
gstickle RT @CarolyBurnsBass: What authors and books have been most influential to you? What have you brought from them to your own writing? #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow love "how to be bold" - yes! this is what makes the writing/language .....now I can't remember my thought! laugh #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow I did name Rachel's mother after Nella Larsen. Because Nella Larsen is my literary muse/literary "mother" #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @CarolyBurnsBass How has "all of this" changed your confidence, or has it scared you some? Or both >>a good question! #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Beautiful. RT @heididurrow: I did name Rachel's mother after Nella Larsen. Because Nella Larsen is my literary muse/literary "mother" #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 4th, 2010

anrickatx RT @heididurrow: from poets which I didn't list I try to learn how to make words sing. Pls, what poets move you most? #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @twinklechar "all of this" great way to put it!--gosh, well, it didn't make me thinner #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow "all of this" -- great way to put it! #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow love the "literary/muse mother" #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass That brilliant question came from dearest @TwinkleChar RT @katmagendie: How has "all of this" changed your confidence, or has it sc #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 4th, 2010

jevonbolden Enjoying the Q & A with special guest author @heididurrow. #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow I feel more confident in my writing. Though I will tell you I keep getting rejections! That is just how it is! #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @heididurrow: From writers I learn technique--how to be bold. And from poets I try to learn how to make words sing #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow @twinklechar "all of this" great way to put it!--gosh, well, it didn't make me thinner >>>LAUGHING! #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 4th, 2010

gstickle RT @CarolyBurnsBass: That brilliant question came from dearest @TwinkleChar RT @katmagendie: How has "all of this" changed your confidence, or has it sc #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow The poets: Sharon Olds, Rita Dove, @honoreejeffers, William Stafford, Shakespeare, Audre Lorde . . . Mary Oliver #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow I feel more confident in my writing. Though I will tell you I keep getting rejections! >>>rejections? #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 4th, 2010

dosankodebbie RT @heididurrow: From writers I learn technique--how to be bold. And from poets I try to learn how to make words sing #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @heididurrow: .... Though I will tell you I keep getting rejections! That is just how it is!>>publishing is a tough biz. #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @katmagendie for residencies, grants, etc. it's a bummer still to open my mail sometimes! #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass The rejections you keep getting, are they of short story submissions to lit pubs? #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @carolynburnsbass so far none of those, but they will be on the way soon, I'm sure. #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow and, there's the added pressures of being published, too, right? The things we don't know before publishing :) #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow I keep a "Happy File" to counteract the bad news letters. #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 4th, 2010

jevonbolden RT @heididurrow: I keep a "Happy File" to counteract the bad news letters. #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @heididurrow gr8 idea RT: I keep a "Happy File" to counteract the bad news [rejection] letters. #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 4th, 2010

Marinarichards Popping in late. Very interesting conversation and infor w host @heididurrow. Enjoying and learning. Thanks. #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow -yes, those danged ole dang rejections! I sometimes have to be the sender of them with Rose & THorn-owww hate it :( #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Did you know you wanted to be a novelist when you went to law school? #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar @heididurrow Same agent you started with? #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @katmagendie yes, there is that pressure. Right now I'm feeling crazed because I'm writing a commencement speech! the keynote! #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 4th, 2010

Marinarichards @heididurrow I do this too! #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 4th, 2010

Marinarichards RT @heididurrow: I keep a "Happy File" to counteract the bad news letters. #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @twinklechar yup, same agent! she negotiated the terms of the book contract for me. That was important. #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow Keynote speake! \*clap clap clap\* that is such an honor - \*smiling\* #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @marinarichards and you feel better after looking at yes-es right. works every time for me and low-cal! #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @carolynburnsbass Yes, I always wanted to be a novelist. But first I wanted to be safe. #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar @heididurrow Speeches, signings, PR ... trying to write another bk... I'm familiar with that crazy ride and send you ENERGY! #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow @marinarichards and you feel better after looking at yes-es right. works every time for me and low-cal >>>\*LAUGHING!\* #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @heididurrow A friend has her agent send the apps for grants, residencies, etc. A possibility for you? #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 4th, 2010

girlfrombim @heididurrow - do u ever right long hand or all typed? #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 4th, 2010

dosankodebbie RT @heididurrow: I keep a "Happy File" to counteract the bad news letters.<<<Wish I had even one letter to put in a Happy File #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 4th, 2010

girlfrombim @heididurrow - GASP! that should be \*write\* #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow Safe - that is an interesting word (and one I've used as well) - #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass This says a lot about you. RT @heididurrow: Yes, I always wanted to be a novelist. But first I wanted to be safe. #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 4th, 2010

jesterhay @Madison\_Woods Oh that, errant return key, Its supposed to be delted. You aren't supposed to see it. I've been framed... #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @twinklechar I need the good energy and some mojo! much appreciated. But really, i'm also having so much fun! #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 4th, 2010

krisriggle Me too. RT @heididurrow: I keep a "Happy File" to counteract the bad news letters. #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @girlfrombim: i usually write long-hand first. I love my Moleskine. and write there first. #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @dosankodebbie You will, you will! Have acceptance letterS in a Happy File :D #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @dosankodebbie You will, you will! Have acceptance letterS in a Happy File :D #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @girlfrombim We're all typing typos \*grin\* #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @heididurrow: @girlfrombim: i usually write long-hand first. I love my Moleskine. and write there first.>>what size moleskin? #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 4th, 2010

marisabirns @heididurrow By safe, I'm assuming you mean monetarily? :) #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs LOVE IT! RT @heididurrow: @girlfrombim: i usually write long-hand first. I love my Moleskine. and write there first. #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs LOVE IT! RT @heididurrow: @girlfrombim: i usually write long-hand first. I love my Moleskine. and write there first. #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow I also love fountain pens so I like to start that way: then type it in. print it out mark that up by hand & enter changes:I recycle #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 4th, 2010

gstickle RT @katmagendie: @heididurrow @twinklechar "all of this" great way to put it!--gosh, well, it didn't make me thinner >>>LAUGHING! #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 4th, 2010

gstickle RT @katmagendie: @CarolyBurnsBass How has "all of this" changed your confidence, or has it scared you some? Or both >>a good question! #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Are you married or in a committed relationship? If so, how has your partner adjusted to your emerging success as a novelist? #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 4th, 2010

gstickle RT @katmagendie: @Doublelattemama @kriheli recommend caution. most agents seem to be extremely adamant about writers following guidelines >>>true! #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @marisabirns yes, safe monetarily. I grew up without a whole lot and I didn't want that as an adult. #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar Huh. I don't notice typos. Perhaps that explains my spelling ... #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 4th, 2010

dmaeroberts RT @heididurrow The poets: Sharon Olds, Rita Dove, @honoreejeffers, William Stafford, Shakespeare, Audre Lorde Mary Oliver #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @CarolyBurnsBass another good question Carolyn! #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @carolynburnsbass yes, married. And he is awesome! #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 4th, 2010

girlfrombim @heididurrow I also luv fountain pens so I lk 2 srt that way: then type it in. print it out mark that up by hand & enter changes #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @heididurrow I ♥ fountain pens. Do you have a favorite? What kind of nib do you prefer? Do you change colors w/mood? #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @carolynburnsbass he's a powerhouse in his own right, but also i think he just always saw me the way the "public" sees me now. #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow See, not a thing to be nervous about in litchat is there? You are doing beautifully! #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Yay to fountain pen-lovers! #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar @heididurrow Did your new WIP idea show up while still working on GIRL? #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 4th, 2010

dosankodebbie @heididurrow I have heard so many ppl say fountain pen helps their creativity. Gotta get one ASAP #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @CarolyBurnsBass @heididurrow >>>Lawd! How do y'all read your own writing - I am the cliched chicken-scratcher! laugh #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow My favorite is S.T. Dupont. Or Omas. #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass WoWoW! RT @heididurrow: hes a powerhouse in his own right, but also i think he just always saw me the way the "public" sees me now. #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 4th, 2010

girlfrombim RT @TwinkleChar Huh. I don't notice typos. Perhaps that explains my spelling ...> bless u! I'm anal abt typos! #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Today I am loving my very fancy Oscar Wilde pen. #litchat -2:00 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie Now i want a fountain pen and a typewriter frame - huhn! #litchat -2:00 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @twinklechar yes, the wip has been something I started working on some time ago. thank goodness. #litchat -2:00 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass So you are a collector, too. My fave is a Waterman. RT @heididurrow: Today I am loving my very fancy Oscar Wilde pen. #litchat -2:00 PM Jun 4th, 2010

dosankodebbie @heididurrow I got one of those (awesome husband) so maybe there's hope for me, huh? #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 4th, 2010

gstickle LOL @TwinkleChar Huh. I don't notice typos. Perhaps that explains my spelling ... #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 4th, 2010

marisabirns @heididurrow Oooh, Oscar Wilde pen is something to love! #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @dosankodebbie Artistic one that you are, I am surprise you are not already a fountain pen fancier. #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @carolynburnsbass I mean: he's believed in this dream of mine & he's always thought it was just a matter of time--thank goodness. #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @carolunburnsbass There's a line in the book that really is something he said. #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010

krisriggle @katmagendie I have a fountain pen, too. Will not increase your envy by photographing it. (Gift from sister. From Venice.) #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @gstickle LOL @TwinkleChar Huh. I don't notice typos. >>good thing since I've pushed out a bunch of typos eek! #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010

jr8flfan500 I'm going to put on my desk too RT"A professional writer is an amateur who didn't quit." Richard Bach #litchat @krisriggle -2:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010

marisabirns @TwinkleChar Typos? Waht tpyos? #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @carolynburnsbass it was the day the agent said another round (the last) of publishers said no. #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010

TwinkleChar Must get back to my WIP. Thank you for insights and transparency. RELENTLESS PURSUIT! #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @krisriggle LAUGHING \_! mean mean oh so mean! \*laugh\* #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @dosankodebbie Keep him & and keep on writing! #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Yay! @twinklechar #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 4th, 2010

dosankodebbie @CarolyBurnsBass Hmm, I suppose I could use my ink brushes and sumi ink to write my mauscripts. Make the creative juices flow. #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 4th, 2010

girlfrombim @heididurrow - thanks for sharing The Girl with us and ur time today...gtg - after work lime calls! #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @marisabirns @TwinkleChar Typos? Waht tpyos? >>>yeha, Eye've knot sene any tipos! #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Yes! RT @dosankodebbie: @CarolyBurnsBass I could use my ink brushes and sumi ink to write my ms. Make the creative juices flow. #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Thank you @girlfrombim! Wishing you many good words! xo #litchat -2:05 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LitChat We are having so much fun with @HeidiDurrow today, I hate to say the hour she promised us is over. She's welcome to linger at will. #litchat -2:05 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow It was so good to "meet" you & chat with you here on litchat! I'm going to order your book or look in bookstore for it! #litchat -2:05 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow If you have other questions i have ten minutes! #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @LitChat Thx for inviting @HeidiDurrow. Enjoyed the chat today, Heidi #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 4th, 2010

EAWrite #litchat lol -2:06 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LitChat Before you go, we have a copy of THE GIRL WHO FELL FROM THE SKY to give away. Watch for the question in my next tweet. #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie By y'all! See you next week! I was able to stay the entire hour and glad I did. #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Oh, and if you are in the LA area I am reading next week at the Mixed Roots Film & Literary Festival #mxroots <http://ht.ly/1UgtB> #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 4th, 2010

DebraMarrs @heididurrow thanks for a great convo today #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow One last one: do you have a perferred place you like people to buy your book? #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Thank you guys! #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 4th, 2010

dosankodebbie @heididurrow I must get back into bed for a while, but it was great meeting you! Will get me a copy of THE GIRL right away. #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @katmagendie Buy Indie if you can. They are so awesome & were early champions of the book! #litchat -2:08 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Thanks @dosankodebbie! #litchat -2:08 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow Yes! love our indie book stores - our local fave one closed and I was so upset! #litchat -2:08 PM Jun 4th, 2010

gstickle RT @DebraMarrs: @LitChat Thx for inviting @HeidiDurrow. Enjoyed the chat today, Heidi #litchat -2:09 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LitChat The first person to answer the question I just posted wins a copy of THE GIRL WHO FELL FROM THE SKY by @HeidiDurrow. #litchat -2:09 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LitChat Contest: Read excerpt at <http://heididurrow.com/book-excerpt> then tell us, "What does Rachel's grandma call potential husbands?" #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @LitChat can't see a question :( #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Thank you guys so much! This was great! #litchat -2:11 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @LitChat lizard? #litchat -2:11 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LitChat It's coming. Had to repost w/ #litchat. Sorry... RT @katmagendie: @LitChat cant see a question :( #litchat -2:11 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @LitChat I saw it and guessed lizard :) #litchat -2:11 PM Jun 4th, 2010



heididurrow @LitChat #litchat my real grandmother calls potential husbands lizards. this is Granma in 1 minute video. She's adorable. <http://ht.ly/1UjCV> -2:18 PM Jun 4th, 2010

Marinarichards Shoot, I keep getting my @ mixed up with my # tags. #litchat -2:18 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow I think I won your book and am thrilled - can't wait to dive in, but no matter, I'd have put my hands on it anyway! :) #litchat -2:19 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LeftyWritey RT @katmagendie: @LitChat : @the\_author\_ @ReadItForward @LeftyWritey @iwearpearls @Love2read4fun @MadelineRex @jr8ffan500 >>>WELCOME Y'ALL! #litchat -2:21 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @heididurrow LOVE THE VIDEO! #litchat -2:21 PM Jun 4th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass ♥♥♥♥ RT @heididurrow: this is Granma in 1 minute video. Shes adorable. <http://ht.ly/1UjCV> #litchat -2:21 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LeftyWritey @katmagendie You are too kind. I swear, writers are the kindest, \*loveliest\* people! Thanks for the welcome, esp. for us shy types! #litchat -2:22 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow @katmagendie isn't she too cute! she was on tv with me in Portland, OR a couple of weeks ago! #litchat -2:22 PM Jun 4th, 2010

jr8ffan500 @katmagendie thanks!!' #litchat -2:22 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie See y'all later - need to get back to work on my thing. have a great weekend! #litchat -2:22 PM Jun 4th, 2010

katmagendie @LeftyWritey \*smiling\* -- #litchat -2:22 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LitChat Please DM your postal addy to me, you winner! RT @katmagendie: @heididurrow I think I won your book and am thrilled #litchat -2:23 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LeftyWritey RT @LitChat: Welcome to these #litchat first timers: @the\_author\_ @ReadItForward @LeftyWritey @iwearpearls @Love2read4fun @MadelineRex @jr8ffan500 -2:23 PM Jun 4th, 2010

heididurrow Thank you all for a great time! Bye bye! #litchat -2:23 PM Jun 4th, 2010

Love2Read4Fun I'm back! I'm sure I missed a lot. #litchat -2:24 PM Jun 4th, 2010

kriheli @heididurrow [applause] #litchat -2:24 PM Jun 4th, 2010

LeftyWritey RT @LitChat: Let's give @HeidiDorrow a big round of {{{APPLAUSE}}} for joining us today. What a great sense of humor and so pragmatic.Thank you! #litchat -2:25 PM Jun 4th, 2010