



LitChat July 9, 2010

Topic of the Week: Reinvention

Guest Host: Claire Cook

The transcripts below cover the #litchat conversation noted above. The order appears sequentially from opening post to the closing post within the #litchat published chat time.

Guest host: @ClaireCookbooks

LitChat It's Friday and it's guest host day in #litchat. Please join me in welcoming @ClaireCookbooks, author of 7 novels. -12:59 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks TY for RT! @JulieBritt RT @ClaireCookbooks: Can't wait to guest host #litchat today 4-5 ET! We're talking about REINVENTION -12:59 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks So happy to be here! #litchat -12:59 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnMariaAZ RT @LitChat: It's Friday and it's guest host day in #litchat. Please join me in welcoming @ClaireCookbooks, author of 7 novels. -12:59 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks Hi Dawn! #litchat -1:00 PM Jul 9th, 2010

LitChat Claires latest novel, SEVEN YEAR SWITCH, as well as previous 6 novels, feature theme of reinvention that we've been discussing in #litchat -1:00 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @ClaireCookbooks Hi and welcome. Looking forward to your tweets. #litchat -1:00 PM Jul 9th, 2010

LitChat Please introduce yourself to @Clairecookbooks and let the conversation begin. #litchat -1:01 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnMariaAZ @ClaireCookbooks Hi Claire! This is my first #Litchat! -1:01 PM Jul 9th, 2010

FrankDiCesare Welcome, Ms. Cook. #litchat #litchat -1:01 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks Hi everybody! So happy to talk about reinvention. It's the story of my novels and my life! #litchat -1:02 PM Jul 9th, 2010

LitChat If this is your first Twitter chat, it's easiest to follow from <http://bit.ly/MH5Qs>. Login w/Twitter info and you're at the party. #litchat -1:02 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs Readers, writers - @ClaireCookbooks is in #litchat now 4-5p.m. ET - Join us for books convo, summer beach reads, topic: reinvention #litchat -1:02 PM Jul 9th, 2010

LitChat Welcome! RT @DawnMariaAZ: @ClaireCookbooks Hi Claire! This is my first #Litchat! #litchat -1:02 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AllieDillon Hello. This is my first litchat too... #litchat -1:02 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AuthorWilliam Glad to be here in #litchat! William, published Indie Author. :-) -1:03 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CathrynLouis Hi all! Lurkin cuz I'm workin... :) #litchat -1:03 PM Jul 9th, 2010

LitChat So glad you could join us. RT @AllieDillon: Hello. This is my first litchat too... #litchat -1:03 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @DawnMariaAZ Hey, Dawn. 1st time? You'll love it. We have fun here! #litchat -1:03 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @DawnMariaAZ Hi Dawn! Welcome! :-) #litchat -1:03 PM Jul 9th, 2010

Uonlygetone Hello. A first here too. #litchat -1:03 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @ClaireCookbooks Thank you for being here today, Claire! #litchat :-) -1:03 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @AllieDillon Hi, always good to see new faces here #litchat -1:03 PM Jul 9th, 2010

tabitharees Yay! 2nd writer chat ever I'm attending...BTW, I'm a YA/urban fantasy writer. Let's ahve fun! #litchat -1:03 PM Jul 9th, 2010

myotherhand #litchat tonight :D -1:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010

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| AuthorWilliam @AllieDillon Welcome! #litchat -1:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| LitChat Wonderful. Jump right in to the convo. RT @Uonlygetone: Hello. A first here too. #litchat -1:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @CathrynLouis Shh... I won't tell if you don't #litchat -1:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| cindymariej @LitChat Cindy here, writer and career coach - love #Litchat ! -1:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| myotherhand @DebraMarrs ohh hy dreba. on #litchat too, huh?:P happy to be here again -1:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| FrankDiCesare Welcome first-time litchatters. I'm a freelance journalist and fiction writer. #litchat #litchat -1:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam @Uonlygetone Welcome! #litchat -1:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AllieDillon Goodness, so many nice welcomes! Thank you. #litchat -1:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| BookingIt I'm just peeking in to today's #litchat while doing several other things, wish I could drop in all the way. I'm Laura, a book blogger. -1:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| LitChat @Clairecookbooks. Will you begin by telling us what you mean by REINVENTION as a theme in your books? #litchat -1:05 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| JulieBritt Howdy. Pubbed shorts here: http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt2 http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt3 #litchat -1:05 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @tabitharees Nice to meet you. I'm kinda an old regular here. Love new peeps joining us #litchat -1:05 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| joannetombrakos My first #litchat too! How could I miss with@clairecookbooks featured! #litchat -1:05 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| myotherhand so, what's the topic tonight on #litchat? -1:06 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks The main characters in my novels are all trying to find a way to their own next chapters. #litchat -1:06 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| LitChat @tabitharees We cover all genres of literature. Great you could join us. #litchat -1:06 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks Hi, Joanne! #litchat -1:06 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| marirandomities I've missed #Litchat. Great to be here! :) #litchat -1:06 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| rebeccadiann Hi, I'm Rebecca, working on my first novel. #litchat -1:06 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| helenofpasadena Hi, all. hi, Claire. Lian from Satellite Sisters, etc.. #Litchat newbie. Loved the book Claire! You nailed it! #litchat -1:06 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| tabitharees @debramarrs @litchat I feel so welcome. Thanks! #litchat -1:07 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| CathrynLouis RT @ClaireCookbooks: The main characters in my novels are all trying to find a way to their own next chapters. #litchat -1:07 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @joannetombrakos Whoo-hoo, you made it! Welcome #litchat -1:07 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| LitChat We are visiting with author @ClaireCookbooks. RT @myotherhand: so, whats the topic tonight on #litchat? #litchat -1:07 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks Hi, Lian! That's high praise coming from you! Thank you!! #litchat -1:07 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @marirandomities Well, we've missed you too. Hiya! #litchat -1:07 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| Saffy sneaking a look at #litchat -1:08 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks In my own life, I wrote my first novel in my minivan outside my daughter's swim practice when I was 45. #litchat -1:08 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam @ClaireCookbooks Could describe how this differs from a more "standard" journey of change that a character might undergo? #litchat -1:08 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |

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| DebraMarrs RT @ClaireCookbooks: In my own life, I wrote my first novel in my minivan outside my daughters swim practice when I was 45. #litchat -1:08 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| tabitharees @ClaireCookbooks Oh! You're the author of Must Love Dogs! I remember picking that up in elementary school! :) #litchat -1:08 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| myotherhand @LitChat mm great!!! :D #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs RT @ClaireCookbooks: The main characters in my novels are all trying to find a way to their own next chapters. #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DawnHerring I'm Dawn Herring, working on my novel ms. #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @AuthorWilliam Hey ho, guy pal. Been off twitter - good to see you #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks I'm not sure any journey feels "standard" when you're the one who has to go through it, fictionally or in reality! #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| marirandomities @DebraMarrs Hi dear! Thank you. It's good to be back. <g> #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AllieDillon Oh dear. Please let Claire speak. Thank you. #litchat -1:10 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks I think reinvention is just the theme of my novels and my life, and one feeds the other. #litchat -1:10 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam @DebraMarrs Hey Debra! Very awesome to see you too! #litchat -1:10 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| CathrynLouis RT @ClaireCookbooks: I'm not sure any journey feels "standard" when you're the one who has to go through it, fictionally or in reality! #litchat -1:10 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks Ha! Yes, Must Love Dogs was my second novel. You mean, you were IN elementary school?!?! #litchat -1:11 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DawnHerring RT @ClaireCookbooks: I'm not sure any journey feels "standard" when U're the 1 who has 2 go through it, fictionally or in reality! #litchat -1:11 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DawnMariaAZ #litchat I think reinvention involves an intentional shedding of the old, whereas typical journey stories focus on discovery. Sound good? -1:11 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam @ClaireCookbooks Perhaps a better question is, do you feel that all characters undergo reinvention of this a unique focus of yours? #litchat -1:11 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @myotherhand Hi El. Always enjoy your tweets and observations here in #litchat -1:12 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks That's okay, Allie! I have seven brothers and sisters. I'm used to having to compete for attention! #litchat -1:12 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks Ooh, I like that, Dawn! Very good. I actually never think about things like that. I just think about the characters! #litchat -1:12 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| CathrynLouis @ClaireCookbooks I seem 2 be RT'ing everything you say...luv your outlook :) #litchat -1:12 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam RT @DawnMariaAZ #litchat I think reinvention involves an intentional shedding of the old, whereas typical journey stories focus on discovery -1:12 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @DawnMariaAZ Agree RT: reinvention involves an intentional shedding of the old, whereas typical journey stories focus on discovery #litchat -1:12 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks @CathrynLouis And I love that you're doing that! Thank you! #litchat -1:13 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| tericoyne RT @ClaireCookbooks: I think reinvention is just the theme of my novels and my life, and one feeds the other. #litchat -1:13 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |

myotherhand @DebraMarrs thanks. i can't wait to enter the conversation :D #litchat -1:13 PM Jul 9th, 2010

tabitharees @ClaireCookbooks Sorta, yeah, I'm a young writer. Loved your book though, for one I picked up just for the cute cover. #litchat -1:14 PM Jul 9th, 2010

BookingIt @ClaireCookbooks I like that! Do you feel that your characters are looking for that change, or do they find it anyway? #litchat -1:14 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CathrynLouis RT @ClaireCookbooks: I think reinvention is just the theme of my novels and my life, and one feeds the other. #litchat -1:14 PM Jul 9th, 2010

LitChat Did you intentionally set out to write about reinvented lives or did the theme crop up in your novels and then you recognized it? #litchat -1:14 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AllieDillon Reinvention with intention of avoiding insanity. 'doing same things over & over again and expecting different results.' #litchat -1:14 PM Jul 9th, 2010

marirandomities So you start your stories w/ the characters, not the plot/setting? RT @ClaireCookbooks: I just think about the characters! #litchat -1:14 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks @LitChat My readers were the first to recognize the theme of reinvention. I have very smart readers! #litchat -1:14 PM Jul 9th, 2010

myotherhand #litchat reinvention for me is seeing in a glass of water something else; someone surely missed a thing -1:15 PM Jul 9th, 2010

helenofpasadena What I appreciated about the MC was that the reinvention meant finally realizing her worth professionally AND romantically #litchat -1:15 PM Jul 9th, 2010

joannetombrakos So true! RT @ClaireCookbooks: @LitChat My readers were the first to recognize the theme of reinvention. I have very smart readers! #litchat -1:15 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AuthorWilliam So then in this case Reinvention is about a personal choice made by character rather than result of exterior experience? I like! #litchat -1:15 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks @marirandomities Yes! Exactly. I write the books and let everybody else worry about the themes. #litchat -1:16 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @ClaireCookbooks: @LitChat My readers were the first to recognize the theme of reinvention. I have very smart readers! #litchat -1:16 PM Jul 9th, 2010

FrankDiCesare Do you always begin your novels with reinvention in mind? Or do you ever begin with a single character and let the theme emerge? #litchat -1:16 PM Jul 9th, 2010

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FrankDiCesare RT @ClaireCookbooks: @marirandomities Yes! Exactly. I write the books and let everybody else worry about the themes. #litchat -1:16 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @myotherhand Nice!; poetic RT: reinvention for me is seeing in a glass of water something else; someone surely missed a thing #litchat -1:16 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnHerring @ClaireCookbooks It's surprising what feedback from readers can tell you about your writing. #litchat -1:16 PM Jul 9th, 2010

marirandomities Sounds fun, ehh. RT @ClaireCookbooks: @marirandomities I write the books and let everybody else worry about the themes. #litchat -1:16 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnMariaAZ #litchat No matter if the reinvention or journey is planned, it's the unplanned parts that are fun to write or read about. -1:16 PM Jul 9th, 2010

titangirl09 It's funny how different readers take different thing away from you works @ClaireCookbooks #litchat -1:17 PM Jul 9th, 2010

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| megwaiteclayton waving hello to Claire - loved doing Leah Stewart's book club promotion with you! #litchat - 1:17 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| CathrynLouis RT @ClaireCookbooks: @marirandomities Yes! Exactly. I write the books and let everybody else worry about the themes. #litchat -1:17 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
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| ClaireCookbooks @myotherhand I like that. For me, reinvention was finally having the guts to be who I was born to be. #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| myotherhand @DebraMarrs thanks debra #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @DawnMariaAZ So true RT: No matter if reinvention or journey is plan'd, its the unplan'd parts that are fun to write or read about. #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DawnHerring RT @DawnMariaAZ: #litchat No matter if the reinvention or journey is planned, it's the unplanned parts that are fun to write or read about. -1:18 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks @megwaiteclayton Hi, Meg! Wasn't that fun?? #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam @ClaireCookbooks Now that the theme has been pointed out by rdrs, do you deliberately pursue stories with that theme in other work? #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| tericoyne So True RT @ClaireCookbooks: Not sure any journey feels "standard" when you're 1 who has 2 go thru it, fictionally or in reality! #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| megwaiteclayton I love the idea that themes bubble up from our writing in ways we don't even always recognize ourselves. #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| megwaiteclayton @ClaireCookbooks I'm ready to do it again! such a wonderful group! #litchat -1:19 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks @AuthorWilliam We SO don't think alike! I make it a point never to pursue themes!! #litchat - 1:19 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam Question Already answered! :-) RT @ClaireCookbooks I write the books and let everybody else worry about the themes. #litchat -1:19 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam RT @megwaiteclayton: I love the idea that themes bubble up from our writing in ways we don't even always recognize ourselves. #litchat -1:19 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DawnHerring RT @megwaiteclayton: I love the idea that themes bubble up from our writing in ways we don't even always recognize ourselves. #litchat -1:20 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| myotherhand @ClaireCookbooks that's just great! now you blossomed and we are happy;)) #litchat -1:20 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| joannetombrakos RT @megwaiteclayton: I love the idea that themes bubble up from our writing in ways we dont even always recognize ourselves. #litchat -1:20 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks I think there are two types of reinventers. Some don't know what they want to be when they grow up and are searching. Others... #litchat -1:20 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks ...like me, are afraid to go after their dreams. #litchat -1:20 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| CathrynLouis Sometimes reinvention can go awry - then the characters get 2 do it all over again #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DawnMariaAZ #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| megwaiteclayton Claire, I love your book covers. Are you absolutely thrilled when you see them? #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| titangirl09 RT @ClaireCookbooks: ...like me, are afraid to go after their dreams. #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |

linc0lnpark RT @megwaiteclayton: I love the idea that themes bubble up from our writing in ways we don't even always recognize ourselves. #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 9th, 2010

marirandomities You don't sound like one of these! RT @ClaireCookbooks: ...like me, are afraid to go after their dreams. #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks Before I forget, I have a reinvention page at ClaireCook.com, where I share everything I've learned. #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 9th, 2010

megwaiteclayton @joannetombrakos thanks for the RT, Joanne. :-) #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 9th, 2010

LitChat Did you begin other stories/novels prior to the one that you wrote from within the minivan while waiting for your daughter? #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks @megwaiteclayton Thank you! I think Hyperion has done an amazing job on my covers! #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 9th, 2010

Wiswell @ClaireCookbooks If you catch a theme in your book, will you purposeful squash it? #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 9th, 2010

titangirl09 Even those that are going after their dreams, like me, are still afraid. I feel like I question everything right now. #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks @marirandomities That's because I'm finally living my dream! It took me decades to work up the courage though! #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 9th, 2010

joannetombrakos RT @ClaireCookbooks: @megwaiteclayton Thank you! I think Hyperion has done an amazing job on my covers! #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks @Wiswell Ha! I just might have to! #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 9th, 2010

myotherhand #litchat when my characters Reinvent themselves, they can fill a hole and move forward to the natural resolution -1:23 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod It feels like we've come to reinvention because we want something, rather than before when we wanted to get rid of something. #litchat -1:23 PM Jul 9th, 2010

megwaiteclayton @ClaireCookbooks yours and Katie Crouch's are among the covers I most admire. I particularly loved Wildwater Walking Club #litchat -1:23 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnHerring RT @ClaireCookbooks: Before I forget, I have a reinvention page at ClaireCook.com, where I share everything I've learned. #litchat -1:23 PM Jul 9th, 2010

marirandomities @ClaireCookbooks Then you're definitely *not* one of those. You've arrived there, haven't you? Who cares how long it took? ;) #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod That is, we're not reinventing a la Fight Club, to get away from 'the man', but bringing ourselves somewhere more positive. #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 9th, 2010

Wiswell @ClaireCookbooks How do you feel upon finding themes in the works of others? Can you enjoy them there, or dislike them universally? #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CathrynLouis @titangirl09 That's very healthy - without questions, there are no answers. #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks @titangirl09 For me, courage came in midlife. I'd already embarrassed myself every way possible at that point in my life, so WTF! #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 9th, 2010

marirandomities Good question RT @Wiswell: @ClaireCookbooks If you catch a theme in your book, will you purposeful squash it? #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 9th, 2010

LitChat We're visiting with @Clairecookbooks, author of 7 novels, today. Feel free to ask her questions directly through this feed. #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod Which, in my writing at least, tends to come out as people pushing, vigorously, towards their dreams, ****ing all costs. #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 9th, 2010

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| CathrynLouis RT @ClaireCookbooks: Before I forget, I have a reinvention page at ClaireCook.com, where I share everything I've learned. #litchat -1:25 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| marirandomities RT @LitChat: Were visiting with @Clairecookbooks, author of 7 novels. Feel free to ask her questions directly through this feed. #litchat -1:25 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| CathrynLouis RT @LitChat: We're visiting with @Clairecookbooks, author of 7 novels, today. Feel free to ask her questions directly through this feed. #litchat -1:25 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| myotherhand @ClaireCookbooks I always had a problem with my stubborn characters. how did you managed to lead them naturally? #litchat -1:25 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DawnMariaAZ #litchat I spent many years dreaming about writing before I finally got serious about it, so I really relate to reinvention as a theme. -1:26 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| megwaiteclayton Trying to RT 4 me, courage came in midlife. Id already embarrassed myself every way possible at that point in my life, so WTF! Amen #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| davemcleod I wonder if reinvention is always tied to some kind of negative beginning - dissatisfaction or whatever... #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks @Wiswell Seriously, I'm drawn to books that are more about the characters than about theme or setting or plot. It's just who I am. #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| CathrynLouis RT @ClaireCookbooks: @titangirl09 For me, courage came in midlife. I'd already embarrassed myself every way possible at that point in my life, so WTF! #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| LitChat Your novel, MUST LOVE DOGS, became a hit feature film. Tell us a bit about that journey. #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| rebeccadiann @ClaireCookbooks What was it that gave you the courage to begin your own personal reinvention? #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| helenofpasadena Luv it! RT @ClaireCookbooks: For me, courage came in midlife. Already embarrassed myself every way possible at that point, so WTF! #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam @ClaireCookbooks Such a powerful message about the pursuit of dreams! Thank you for sharing it and being its advocate. #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| megwaiteclayton There is something to be said for letting go of pride and settling into comfort. #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks Sorry I'm missing so many questions! This is hard! #litchat -1:27 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam RT @megwaiteclayton: There is something to be said for letting go of pride and settling into comfort. #litchat -1:27 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DawnHerring @ClaireCookbooks Characters are most important to me to; I like novels that are character based. #litchat -1:27 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks @megwaiteclayton I think of it more as becoming less concerned of what people think of you. There's a fearlessness. #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| titangirl09 So it sounds like you start with strong characters then go from there, when starting the writing process. #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| marirandomities Could be, but not always, IMO RT @davemcleod: reinvention is always tied to some kind of negative beginning - dissatisfaction #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| titangirl09 RT @megwaiteclayton: There is something to be said for letting go of pride and settling into comfort. #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| RBlackbirdsong My #fridayfash for this week is something for a hot summer day, "Beneath the Red-Hot Sky" http://tinyurl.com/2ant5my #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |

ClaireCookbooks @rebeccadiann It just hit me like a ton of bricks that I might live my whole life without once going for it. #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 9th, 2010

VagabondagePres RT @megwaiteclayton: I love the idea that themes bubble up from our writing in ways we don't even always recognize ourselves. #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnMariaAZ @davemcleod I don't think it's about dissatisfaction, but realizing there's more out there and you want to be part of it. #litchat -1:29 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs All good story arcs = Transformation. Reinvention. Either/both are what make books story arc work #litchat -1:29 PM Jul 9th, 2010

joannetombrakos RT @ClaireCookbooks: @rebeccadiann It just hit me like a ton of bricks that I might live my whole life without once going for it. #litchat -1:29 PM Jul 9th, 2010

titangirl09 I like that-RT @DebraMarrs: All good story arcs = Transformation. Reinvention. Either/both are what make books story arc work #litchat -1:29 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks Change is hard, so I think being miserable is good incentive. #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 9th, 2010

SeanPWallace New Blog Post: We all tell stories ~ <http://darkmess.com/2010/07/09/we-all-tell-stories> #amwriting #writechat #writegoal #litchat #fridges -1:30 PM Jul 9th, 2010

rebeccadiann RT @ClaireCookbooks: @rebeccadiann It just hit me like a ton of bricks that I might live my whole life without once going for it. #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod @DawnMariaAZ Fair enough. I guess it's a sliding scale, you can reinvent totally, or some part of you. #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 9th, 2010

joannetombrakos Isn't reinvention a form of transformation? #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod "Change is hard, so I think being miserable is good incentive." - that's the spirit! #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 9th, 2010

titangirl09 RT @ClaireCookbooks: Change is hard, so I think being miserable is good incentive. #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @DawnHerring Characters who transform or emerge changed engage me the most #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks I think there's a point in your life that you want to keep all the good parts, but also get everything else before it's too late. #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CathrynLouis @ClaireCookbooks know the feeling - glad u went 4 it #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 9th, 2010

kgirl77 RT @Writers_Life: People Who Need People... Get Writer's Block - Psychology Today <http://ow.ly/1FLY1> #Writers_Life #amwriting #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod Reinvention is a personal transformation? I think they're interchangeable. #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CathrynLouis RT @DebraMarrs: All good story arcs = Transformation. Reinvention. Either/both are what make books story arc work #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnHerring @DebraMarrs Oh, yes. That's what makes the story worth reading. Growth! #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @ClaireCookbooks LOL Change is so hard but so is staying the same in misery #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 9th, 2010

Uonlygetone @DebraMarrs I agree! me too #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 9th, 2010

LitChat @ClaireCookbooks Did you begin other stories/novels prior to the one that you wrote in minivan while waiting for your daughter? #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 9th, 2010

evictoriaflynn RT @megwaiteclayton: There is something to be said for letting go of pride and settling into comfort. #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks Tomato, tomahto. Reinvention, transformation. Whatever you call it, it gets you where you need to go. #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CathrynLouis RT @ClaireCookbooks: I think there's a point in your life that you want to keep all the good parts, but also get everything else before it's too late. #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @davemcleod Yes, I meant it that way too RT: Reinvention is a personal transformation? I think theyre interchangeable. #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnMariaAZ @DawnHerring I'm a character driven reader too. What I discovered that in my novel, I had too much plot, not enough w/characters #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @evictoriaflynn: RT @megwaiteclayton: There is something to be said for letting go of pride and settling into comfort. #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks @DebraMarrs For me the procrastination became more painful than actually writing a book. #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks @LitChat I majored in film and creative writing in college, then totally choked. I hid from it for over two decades. #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AllieDillon At home we're being forced into reinvention. My husband as cancer. We're not quite ready to reinvent. New normal doesn't fit. Yet. #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 9th, 2010

Uonlygetone @DawnMariaAZ Good point. #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @DawnMariaAZ Good for you for recognizing plot had taken over characters early to correct #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnHerring @DawnMariaAZ It's sometimes hard to keep a balance between character and plot; as lons as it's a good story. #litchat -1:34 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnMariaAZ @ClaireCookbooks That's the point I got to Claire, six years ago. I'm really glad I stopped dreaming & started writing. #litchat -1:34 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @AllieDillon Allie, I'm SO sorry to hear your news. Hard to let go of old norm so suddenly #litchat -1:34 PM Jul 9th, 2010

Uonlygetone @AllieDillon My cancer caused the same feelings at our home. #litchat -1:34 PM Jul 9th, 2010

carleenbrice RT @ClaireCookbooks: Tomato, tomahto. Reinvention, transformation. Whatever you call it, it gets you where you need to go. #litchat -1:34 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @ClaireCookbooks Wow, with degree + procrastination, you must have been super miserable. Glad you got the fix :-) #litchat -1:35 PM Jul 9th, 2010

LitChat @AllieDillon Wow, that's tough. Sounds like you are holding your head high, despite the challenges. #litchat -1:35 PM Jul 9th, 2010

carleenbrice RT @DebraMarrs: @ClaireCookbooks LOL Change is so hard but so is staying the same in misery #litchat -1:35 PM Jul 9th, 2010

sarahjio Really good advice for writers from bestselling author @ClaireCookbooks dished out over at #litchat -1:35 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod Reinvention-the process is as important as the end.Someones reinvention can fail, and still be worthwhile, for the sound and fury. #litchat -1:35 PM Jul 9th, 2010

titangirl09 Even for nonwriters! RT @sarahjio: Really good advice for writers from bestselling author @ClaireCookbooks dished out over at #litchat -1:36 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks Hi Carleen! Hi Sarah! Hi everybody! #litchat -1:36 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod That is, you try to break out of something, and even if you end up somewhere else, or don't, you tried... hmm #litchat -1:36 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CathrynLouis RT @carleenbrice: RT @DebraMarrs: @ClaireCookbooks LOL Change is so hard but so is staying the same in misery #litchat -1:36 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks @DebraMarrs I did really creative things for lots of years. But I was hiding in the wrong pond. #litchat -1:36 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @carleenbrice Hey, Carleen. Where have you been! #litchat -1:36 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnMariaAZ @AllieDillon The fact that you're here today, being there for your writing, in the midst of everything is great. #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AllieDillon Same pond Claire. I was in the other row boat! Sorry for the splashes by the way. #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass What caused your 20-year-choking? Did something force a literary heimlich on you? #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod Something inspiring about someone who makes the run for their dream, no matter what? Sad romance of the failed writer, eg? #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks @titangirl09 That's how my reinvention workshops started. Nonwriters wanted to come to my writing workshops. #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @ClaireCookbooks Oh, dear. Pls. say more abt this: I was hiding in the wrong pond #litchat -1:38 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks @AllieDillon We could have hung and been miserable together! #litchat -1:38 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnMariaAZ @DawnHerring @DebraMarrs Staring next week, you'll notice some cranky revision Tweets! Consider yourselves warned! #litchat -1:38 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AuthorWilliam #litchat LOL-This may be! You'll have to share why you feel that way already. :) RT @ClaireCookbooks @AuthorWilliam We SO don't think alike! -1:38 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @CarolyBurnsBass Gr8 Q: @ClaireCookbooks What caused your 20-year-choking? Did something force a literary heimlich on you? #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass ♥ (Me) @ClaireCookbooks: I did really creative things for lots of years. But I was hiding in the wrong pond. #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks @DebraMarrs I think creative people are good at lots of things, but it's not the same as going after the thing you're most... #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 9th, 2010

titangirl09 Laughing!! RT @CarolyBurnsBass: What caused your 20-year-choking? Did something force a literary heimlich on you? #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks ...afraid of and also want more than anything. #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnHerring @DawnMariaAZ I haven't gotten to the revision process yet. Reading Between the Lines. Still have to read ms start to finish. #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @DawnMariaAZ That's ok by me. We can take your crankiness as long as you keep writing, tweetmate #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 9th, 2010

myotherhand now I am reinventing myself after some years of depression. now it's time to hit the water! #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 9th, 2010

cj_willis RT @megwaiteclayton: There is something to be said for letting go of pride and settling into comfort. #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Make a big splash! RT @myotherhand: now I am reinventing myself after some years of depression. now its time to hit the water! #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks I'd gotten by on potential and suddenly I actually had to do something. #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod Why do we get to the place in life where we need to reinvent? What were we thinking? #litchat - 1:41 PM Jul 9th, 2010

marirandomities You go girl! :D RT @myotherhand: reinventing myself after some years of depression. now its time to hit the water! #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @ClaireCookbooks Creatives always find place to play but in end, is it a place that matters most in big scheme of things #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 9th, 2010

myotherhand @CarolyBurnsBass ohh yea, I will, I will. now i feel reborn! #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 9th, 2010

tericoyne power of wanting can sometimes paralyze - can't it? RT @ClaireCookbooks: ...afraid of and also want more than anything. #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnHerring @DawnMariaAZ That's what we're here for. :) #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod To put it another way, what were you thinking and doing at 21? Would you change it? #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AuthorWilliam ROCK ON! :-)) RT @myotherhand now I am reinventing myself after some years of depression. now it's time to hit the water! #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks @davemcleod I don't think it happens only once a lifetime. They say every 7 years you become a completely new person... #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks ...which would be the theme of Seven Year Switch, if I recognized themes! #litchat -1:42 PM Jul 9th, 2010

myotherhand @AuthorWilliam yes I will mister. ohh, nice to "hear" you! I missed out chatting:D #litchat -1:42 PM Jul 9th, 2010

myotherhand @marirandomities splash splash! :D #litchat -1:42 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks Hindsight 20/20 I think I had to live my life so I had something to write about. #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnMariaAZ @myotherhand As much as I want to be published, the important part is that I'm working toward it. #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod @clairecookbooks Oh, but They say lots of things ;) I'm sure one can 'get it right' early on... #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @ClaireCookbooks @CarolyBurnsBass Funny how we make our own misery thru choices #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 9th, 2010

joannetombrakos RT @ClaireCookbooks: Hindsight 20/20 I think I had to live my life so I had something to write about. #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod Hindsight 20/20... but were we doing things we thought were a bad idea when we did them? Or did we make genuine misjudgements? #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CathrynLouis Looks like sometimes reinvention is finally expressing what's been repressed. #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnHerring @ClaireCookbooks I do find personal experience to be terrific writing fodder. #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks What was I thinking at 21? Hmm...what's that guy's name? #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 9th, 2010

myotherhand @DawnMariaAZ damn, that's the spirit! just keep on going, it's soooo important! write bcz you love it! #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AllieDillon RT @CathrynLouis: Looks like sometimes reinvention is finally expressing whats been repressed. #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnHerring RT @CathrynLouis: Looks like sometimes reinvention is finally expressing what's been repressed. #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 9th, 2010

myotherhand #write bcz you love it and your readers will know that you Reinvented yourself #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @myotherhand You go girl. You have a lot of support in the boats that surround you #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks I have no regrets. All the mistakes I made in my life really help my writing! #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @CathrynLouis: Looks like sometimes reinvention is finally expressing whats been repressed. #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod RE Personal experience as fodder - "The best fiction is far more true than any journalism." - William Faulkner. #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @myotherhand Nice to "see" you too! :-) #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass ♥ RT @CathrynLouis: Looks like sometimes reinvention is finally expressing whats been repressed. #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod Point being, that it's always a good idea to feed writing with real life. Let characters live through you, etc etc :) #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks I'm loving all this overthinking! Some of you are definitely going to be characters in my next novel! #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 9th, 2010

marirandomities All "bad" choices too. Agreed! RT @ClaireCookbooks: I have no regrets. All the mistakes I made in my life really help my writing! #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 9th, 2010

myotherhand @DebraMarrs support and high spirits it's all I need. And i know i can count on you my dears. #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @davemcleod @ClaireCookbooks Really... what were we thinking? #litchat -1:47 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @ClaireCookbooks I have no regrets. All the mistakes I made in my life really help my writing! #litchat <<<spot-on-powerful! -1:47 PM Jul 9th, 2010

writercendrinem RT @AuthorWilliam: RT @ClaireCookbooks I have no regrets. All the mistakes I made in my life really help my writing! #litchat <<<spot-on-powerful! -1:47 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnHerring RT @davemcleod: RE Personal experience as fodder - "The best fiction is far more true than any journalism." - William Faulkner. #litchat -1:47 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CathrynLouis RT @marirandomities: All "bad" choices too. Agreed! RT @ClaireCookbooks: I have no regrets. All the mistakes I made in my life really help my writing! #litchat -1:47 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks @DebraMarrs Ha! That was my way of joking about how some of us love to analyze and others are more seat-of-the-pants writers! #litchat -1:47 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @ClaireCookbooks Hand's raised; pick me! RT: Some of you are definitely going to be chars in my next novel! #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 9th, 2010

LitChat Tell us a bit about Jill Murray, your protagonist in SEVEN YEAR SWITCH. #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 9th, 2010

marirandomities :D RT @myotherhand: @marirandomities splash splash! :D #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 9th, 2010

joannetombrakos Agreed! It's all research! RT @ClaireCookbooks: I have no regrets. All the mistakes I made in my life really help my writing! #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks If I analyze too much, my writing goes flat. #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs @myotherhand Talking to the queen of positivity here :-) #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 9th, 2010

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| ClaireCookbooks @DebraMarrs Okay, you're in! #litchat -1:49 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| davemcleod I use the Wittgenstein plan-spend my thoughts thinking ideas, life, people, truth, lies, all of it - then write unconsciously. #litchat -1:49 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs Listen to this, writers! RT @ClaireCookbooks: If I analyze too much, my writing goes flat #litchat -1:49 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| CarolyBurnsBass Are you a PLOTTER or a PANTSTER? RT @ClaireCookbooks: some of us love to analyze and others are more seat-of-the-pants writers! #litchat -1:49 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| myotherhand wow, nice!! :D RT @DebraMarrs: @myotherhand Talking to the queen of positivity here :) #litchat -1:49 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| marirandomities RT @DebraMarrs: Listen to this, writers! RT @ClaireCookbooks: If I analyze too much, my writing goes flat #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DawnHerring RT @ClaireCookbooks: If I analyze too much, my writing goes flat. #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks @LitChat Jill Murray's life didn't turn out quite the way she planned. Her husband took off and 7 years later.... #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @ClaireCookbooks Yay, I win!?!? So kewl. Make me thinner and prettier, okay? Or give me time to reinvent self LOL #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| myotherhand @ClaireCookbooks yes, that happens. I found my way through that:D #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DawnHerring @ClaireCookbooks I notice that sometimes too. I love to write from the heart. #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks ...he's ba-ack. Proving he can't even run away reliably! #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| davemcleod Think about life, not writing - writing's about life anyway. The ideas you have - they're your writing. #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam @CarolyBurnsBass Is that a question for all of us? :) #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| CarolyBurnsBass @ClaireCookbooks: What do you mean "writing goes flat"? Loss of conflict? Characters deflate? Story arc collapses? #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| myotherhand RT @DawnHerring: RT @ClaireCookbooks: If I analyze too much, my writing goes flat. #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| davemcleod hmm - I'd happily hand my life over to someone for seven years, and pick up where they left off afterwards! #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs RT @CarolyBurnsBass: ♥ RT @CathrynLouis: Looks like sometimes reinvention is finally expressing whats been repressed. #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks I think it's great to be analytical and critical during revisions. But in the first draft, you have to feel it, not think it. #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| CarolyBurnsBass Eek. I meant it for our esteemed guest. (Sorry) RT @AuthorWilliam: @CarolyBurnsBass Is that a question for all of us? :) #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| davemcleod There's a thought - soul leasing. Renting out your body and life, and giving someone a second chance for a while. #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks Robert Frost said, "No surprise in the writer, no surprise in the reader." Some of the best parts of my books were unplanned. #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| davemcleod But that's just thinking outloud. But it's a twist on the Seven Year Switch idea. Sometimes we just want a change. #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |

ClaireCookbooks @CarolyBurnsBass It gets boring. Or forced. It loses it's natural rhythm. #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnMariaAZ RT @ClaireCookbooks: If I analyze too much, my writing goes flat. #litchat // I love writing straight through, shitty first draft style!! -1:53 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod RT @Clairecookbooks "No surprise in the writer, no surprise in the reader." - Robert Frost. #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @ClaireCookbooks: I think its great to be analytical/critical during revisions. But in 1st draft, u hv 2 feel it, not think it. #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 9th, 2010

GlendaBurgess tru! RT@ClaireCookbooks its gr8 2 B analytical & critical during revisions. But in the 1st draft, U have 2 feel it, not think it. #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 9th, 2010

tericoyne RT @ClaireCookbooks: it's great 2 b analytical & critical during revisions. But in first draft, u have 2 feel it, not think it. #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AllieDillon RT @ClaireCookbooks:Robert Frost said "No surprise in the writer, no surprise in the reader." #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod @clairecookbooks Kerouac famously wrote on the road in 3 weeks, from scratch. Not overplanning works :) #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 9th, 2010

myotherhand RT @ClaireCookbooks: R.Frost"No surprise in the writer,no surprise in the reader" some of the best parts of my books were unplanned #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @ClaireCookbooks: Robert Frost: "No surprise in the writer, no surprise in the reader." Some of best parts of my books unplanned #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 9th, 2010

davemcleod @clairecookbooks Of course, he happened to have lived the plot he was writing. But it's similar! #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks Every writer finds the way that works for her or him. There really aren't any rules. If there were, we'd all have a book! #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 9th, 2010

AuthorWilliam I may be the lone plotter in here. Thus I am compelled to assure that "plotter" is not synonymous with being "over analytical" :) #litchat -1:55 PM Jul 9th, 2010

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DebraMarrs RT @ClaireCookbooks: Every writer finds way that works for her/him. There aren't any rules. If there were, we'd all hv a book! #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass ★ @ClaireCookbooks: ... There really arent any rules. If there were, wed all have a book! #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 9th, 2010

Wiswell @ClaireCookbooks Speaking of all having books, what do you think of the new media explosion and so many writers on the web? #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 9th, 2010

CathrynLouis RT @AuthorWilliam: I may be the lone plotter in here. Thus I am compelled to assure that "plotter" is not synonymous with being "over analytical" :) #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 9th, 2010

jbeemills RT @ClaireCookbooks: Robert Frost said, "No surprise in the writer, no surprise in the reader." Some of the best parts of my books were unplanned. #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 9th, 2010

ClaireCookbooks Lots more about reinvention at <http://ClaireCook.com>. There's also a writing page there. #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 9th, 2010

myotherhand truee! RT @CarolyBurnsBass: ★ @ClaireCookbooks: ... There really aren't any rules. If there were, wed all have a book! #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 9th, 2010

DawnMariaAZ @AuthorWilliam Aren't you in the fantasy genre? I get the need for more plotting in genre fiction. #litchat -1:57 PM Jul 9th, 2010

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| DebraMarrs @AuthorWilliam Some very good writers "engineer" their books thru plotting :-) #litchat -1:57 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| linc0lnpark RT @ClaireCookbooks: Every writer finds the way that works for her or him. There really aren't any rules. If there were, we'd all have a book! #litchat -1:57 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs Writers, for YOU RT @ClaireCookbooks: Lots more about reinvention at http://ClaireCook.com . Theres also a writing page there. #litchat -1:57 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AllieDillon @ClaireCookbooks Thanks Claire! #litchat -1:57 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| Wiswell @AuthorWilliam Not alone! I'm on a rigorously plotted story right now. Sometimes I feel, sometimes I plot. #litchat Go with what works. -1:57 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| megwaiteclayton Love 1st of that Frost quote 2: "No tears in the reader, no tears in the writer." Comfort when sobbing on my pages #litchat -1:57 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks @Wiswell There are other writers on the web?? (Kidding.) I guess I'm too busy trying to keep up with it all to think about it. #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| LitChat In the last few minutes, please tell us a bit about Jill Murray, your protagonist in SEVEN YEAR SWITCH. #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| myotherhand @whocoolich :)) cum de s-a subtiat in halul ala? :)) (urmaresc #litchat ca vorbim despre carti si autori) -1:58 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| tericoyne @ClaireCookbooks Thanks for a great chat! #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @DawnMariaAZ Good advice/recognition to @AuthorWilliam that genre fiction needing more plotting. #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam @DawnMariaAZ Hi! My book is somewhat of a genre hybrid and doesn't follow a strict fantasy paradigm. I plot for different reasons #litchat -1:59 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| whocoolich @myotherhand :) vad si eu...Nu e problema. S-a subtiat pentru ca la mine in lista e ca la Junimea ;) #litchat -1:59 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam RT @DebraMarrs: @AuthorWilliam Some very good writers "engineer" their books thru plotting :-) #litchat -1:59 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks Thank you, everybody! I'll follow you all! And if you're on Facebook, friend me at http://facebook.com/ClaireCookbooks . #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| myotherhand @whocoolich vezi ma asa se intampla cu unii mare in.ro :) #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| CathrynLouis Being in a profession that rewards being analytical, I'm enjoying the freedom of writing freely. Sounds redundant , I know... #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks @tericoyne Thank you, Teri! I really enjoyed it! #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| carleenbrice @DebraMarrs I've been around, but mostly hiding out #litchat #amwriting -2:00 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| titangirl09 @ClaireCookbooks Thank you so much for your time!! #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam RT @ClaireCookbooks: Thank you, everybody! I'll follow you all! And if you're on Facebook, friend me at http://facebook.com/ClaireCookbooks . #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| LitChat We are enormously grateful to @ClaireCookbooks for visiting with us today. Let's give her a big hand of {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| carleenbrice Amen! RT @linc0lnpark: RT @ClaireCookbooks: Every writer finds the way that works for her or him. There really aren't any rules. #litchat -2:01 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| titangirl09 RT @LitChat: We are enormously grateful to @ClaireCookbooks for visiting with us today. Lets give her a big hand of {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:01 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |

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| ClaireCookbooks @LitChat Thank you for having me! I had a great time!! #litchat -2:01 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DawnMariaAZ #litchat Well I am going to have to get over here more often! Very fun today. Thank you Claire for being here & sharing. -2:01 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AllieDillon @LitChat woohooooo! Thanks LitChat too. #litchat -2:01 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| CathrynLouis This has been a great convo. Thanks @ClaireCookbooks & @LitChat. Glad I could join. Have a gr8 wkend all, #litchat -2:01 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| myotherhand @LitChat yes... good job @ClaireCookbooks #litchat -2:01 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @ClaireCookbooks Thx SO much. Gr8 convo with you here on today {{APPLAUSE}} #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks @titangirl09 My pleasure! #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| LitChat Please check out SEVEN YEAR SWITCH, as well as @ClaireCookbooks 6 other novels. Let us and know what you think. #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| titangirl09 Agreed! RT @AllieDillon: @LitChat woohooooo! Thanks LitChat too. #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks @AuthorWilliam Thank you for the RT! #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @AllieDillon Enjoy your first time in #litchat? Hope you'll be back. #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks @DawnMariaAZ Thanks, Dawn! #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| write12b RT @carleenbrice: Amen! RT @linc0lnpark: RT @ClaireCookbooks: Every writer finds the way that works for her or him. There really aren't any rules. #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs RT @ClaireCookbooks: Thx, everybody! Ill follow you all! And if on Facebook, friend me at http://facebook.com/ClaireCookbooks . #litchat -2:03 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam @ClaireCookbooks You are most welcome. Bravo to you! #litchat -2:03 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks Don't miss the giveaway at http://ClaireCook.com - enter to win beach bag filled with all 7 of my novels! #litchat -2:03 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| LitChat Thank you to everyone who joined in chatting with @ClaireCookbooks today. We chat every M-W-F, 4-5pmET. Join us anytime. #litchat -2:03 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @titangirl09 Hope to see you in #litchat next week too #litchat -2:03 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks @AllieDillon Thanks, Allie! #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AllieDillon @DebraMarrs thanks for remembering! I enjoyed the group immensely. Once I settled in and didn't fret about the flow... #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DawnHerring #LitChat Nice meeting you, Claire. Enjoyed the chat immensely! -2:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| BookingIt @LitChat Thanks to you and @ClaireCookbooks ! I enjoyed following along. #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| myotherhand our time is up on #litchat? :(nooooo -2:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam Thanks @LitChat for another great week of discussion! #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| titangirl09 @DebraMarrs I plan on it! #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| LitChat Next week Frank Delaney @FDbytheWord joins us to talk about his wonderful new book, VENETIA KELLY'S TRAVELING SHOW. #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @LitChat Thank YOU for all YOU do for the reading/writing community here in #litchat -2:05 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @titangirl09 Yay! see you then and around in the meantime #litchat -2:05 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |

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| ClaireCookbooks @myotherhand Thank you! #litchat -2:05 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
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| ClaireCookbooks @DawnHerring Nice meeting you, too! Glad you enjoyed it! #litchat -2:06 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @carleenbrice Good for you for #amwriting. We'll see you back here in author seat soon for #litchat -2:06 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| ClaireCookbooks @BookingIt Thank you! #litchat -2:06 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
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| LitChat bwhowe @CarolyBurnsBass I'm a plantster LOL... start off with a plot and then lose the thread and pants it the rest of the way :) #litchat -2:07 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| LitChat @bwhowe @CarolyBurnsBass I'm a plantster LOL... start off with a plot and then lose the thread and pants it the rest of the way :) #litchat -2:07 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| BookingIt @ClaireCookbooks I'm downloading the audio of Life's a Beach now, that was the fastest I could get one :-). #litchat -2:09 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| marirandomities RT @ClaireCookbooks: Dont miss the giveaway at http://ClaireCook.com - enter to win beach bag filled with all 7 of my novels! #litchat -2:10 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |
| LitChat We'll post chatscrip of @ClaireCookbooks to www.litchat.net later this weekend. #litchat -2:10 PM Jul 9th, 2010 |