



## LitChat July 23, 2010

Topic of the Week: Endings

Guest Host: Carolyn Parkhurst, author

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: @CParkhurst1

LitChat Are you ready for #litchat today? Join us momentarily with guest host @CParkhurst, Carolyn Parkhurst. - 12:58 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

LitChat Today in #litchat we have @CParkhurst, author of THE NOBODIES ALBUM and 2 other novels. Please welcome, Carolyn Parkhurst. -1:00 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 Hi there! I'm happy to be here. #litchat -1:00 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

GloriousPaper RT @LitChat: Today in #litchat we have @CParkhurst, author of THE NOBODIES ALBUM and 2 other novels. Please welcome, Carolyn Parkhurst. -1:01 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

LitChat Thank you so much for joining us today @CParkhurst1. We've had excellent convo all week talking about ENDINGS. #litchat -1:01 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @CParkhurst1 Hi back atcha. Looking forward to your tweets today #litchat -1:01 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t Hi, guys! Here for @LitChat today. :) Happy to have you here, @CParkhurst1! #litchat -1:02 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @LitChat Sorry to hv missed this week's convo on ENDINGS. One of my fave topics #litchat -1:02 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 For those who don't know, my latest novel THE NOBODIES ALBUM, is about an author who rewrites the endings of all her books. #litchat -1:02 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CathrynLouis RT @LitChat: "Are you ready for #litchat today? Join us momentarily with guest host @CParkhurst, Carolyn Parkhurst." -1:02 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

FrankDiCesare Welcome to #litchat, Ms. Parkhurst. -1:03 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t RT @LitChat: Today in #litchat we have @CParkhurst, author of THE NOBODIES ALBUM and 2 other novels. Please welcome, Carolyn Parkhurst. -1:03 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CathrynLouis Hi all! #litchat -1:03 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

kbshee I read THE NOBODIES ALBUM last week and loved it! #litchat #litchat -1:03 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

LitChat One of the questions we asked during Weds chat was, Have you ever regretted or considered changing an ending to pub'd book. #litchat -1:03 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam Hey all, William, Published Indie Author. #Grateful to have @CParkhurst1 here with us today in #litchat! -1:03 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @sticky\_t Hi Tanya. Nice to meet you. My friend lives 1/2 yr in Cornville, 1/2 in Flagstaff #litchat -1:04 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @LitChat Oh lord, is it THAT Time again? I will get nuthin done today. #litchat -1:04 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @CathrynLouis Hi Cathryn. Good to see you too #litchat -1:04 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

LitChat While everyone is gathering, we'll ask @CParkhurst whether SHE (not protag) ever considered changing ending to pub'd book. #litchat -1:04 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @AuthorWilliam Hey, my main man. Sorry to hv missed #litchat on Mon-Wed. #litchat -1:05 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @LitChat Not really--part of what interested me about the idea was that I like to think a book is \*done\* when it's published. #litchat -1:05 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

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katmagendie RT @LitChat: Thank you so much for joining us today @CParkhurst1. Weve had excellent convo all week talking about ENDINGS. #litchat -1:05 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @CathrynLouis Hey there! #litchat -1:05 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
GeneDoucette oy, I'm already exhausted. What am I doing in another chat? #litchat -1:05 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs @LitChat Gr8 question: asking @CParkhurst whether SHE (not protag) ever considered changing ending to pubd book. #litchat -1:05 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
katmagendie RT Today in #litchat we have @CParkhurst, author of THE NOBODIES ALBUM and 2 other novels. Please welcome, Carolyn Parkhurst. #litchat -1:05 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @LitChat this topic makes me think of "A Clockwork Orange" 19th Chapter dropped from 1st run and film, then added back later #litchat -1:06 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 Actually, in THE NOBODIES ALBUM, there's a murder, and I changed the murderer pretty late in the game. More like revision, though. #litchat -1:06 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs @GeneDoucette Chatting away, eh? Means no writing but lots of type type tapping time on Twitter :- ) #litchat -1:06 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CathrynLouis @AuthorWilliam Hey urself! #litchat -1:06 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @CParkhurst1 I loved the conversation your protag had with another character about changing recorded/published work. #litchat -1:06 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 When I look at earlier books, I don't see them as perfect, but I look at it as a snapshot of the writer I was then. #litchat -1:07 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
kbshee Oh @CParkhurst1, can you tell us who you originally planned to have as the murdered? #litchat -1:07 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
kbshee Oops meant murderer. #litchat -1:07 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
laurelruesswurm @CParkhurst1 Did you change the murderer or did you character rebel? #litchat -1:07 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
David_Heb Good evening folks, and hello to @CParkhurst1 #litchat -1:07 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @CParkhurst1 @LitChat hi, hoping to listen in on #litchat as much as possible -1:07 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @CarolyBurnsBass It's interesting how in diff art forms, some things translate and some don't. I love a new take on an old song. #litchat -1:07 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
GeneDoucette @DebraMarrs I might be going cross-eyed. #litchat -1:08 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs @TaoJoannes Nice to meet you. Seems you and @GeneDoucette have not writing today in common :- ) #litchat -1:08 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @CParkhurst1 Wow, you changed the murderer? Did first draft have a different murderer? #litchat -1:08 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @kbshee Don't want to say, because I imagine not everyone has read the book. I'll tell anyone who sends me an email, though. #litchat -1:08 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @DebraMarrs Hey! It's been too long! :- ) #litchat -1:08 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes For Burgess, I think adding the last chapter on the re-issue helped drive a huge resurgence of sales. #litchat -1:08 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 BTW, I can be reached thru my website: <a href="http://bit.ly/cUfcdW">http://bit.ly/cUfcdW</a> #litchat -1:08 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
katmagendie @David_Heb Good Evening! #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @DebraMarrs yes, we are both victims of the timeline. and I have pressing projects, lol! #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @laurelruesswurm Interesting question. More like: I thought something would work and it didn't. #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @CParkhurst1: When I look at earlier books, I dont see them as perfect, but I look at it as a snapshot of the writer I was then. #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @DebraMarrs pleasure to meet you as well. #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre Who owns digital rts to bks published b/4 ebooks? Wylie made a smart move, in MO. <a href="http://gu.com/p/2thhp/tw">http://gu.com/p/2thhp/tw</a> #litchat #scifichat -1:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
sticky_t @DebraMarrs Oh, cool! How neat. I just love Flagstaff. Nice to meet you too. #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
laurelruesswurm @CParkhurst1 whew... Thank you.... I hate spoilers! #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
David_Heb @CParkhurst1 Have you ever been tempted to change the ending of a book or story after it's been published? #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs @TaoJoannes I hear you. I have a deadline today but hv missed too many #litchats not to b here today #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @CarolyBurnsBass Yes, though the time between 1st and 2nd drafts was brief. My editor helped a lot with re-figuring the details. #litchat -1:10 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs @sticky_t TY. We'll hv to catch up away from here another time #litchat -1:10 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
katmagendie @CParkhurst1 Do you read reviews? or would you rather not? or somewhere in between (let publicist or friends send reviews!) #litchat -1:10 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @katmagendie I do read reviews, and think I always will. But it's hard not 2 take bad ones more srsly than good ones. #litchat -1:11 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @katmagendie I have to say: Look, I was happy with the book yesterday, *before* I read this review... #litchat -1:11 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @CParkhurst1: @katmagendie I do read reviews, and think I always will. But it's hard not 2 take bad ones more srsly than good ones. #litchat -1:12 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs @GeneDoucette Crossed eyes, so unattractive, mate. Cause headaches too :-)) You'll find time for everything, right? #litchat -1:12 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass All I can say was the finished story really worked. Much guessing up until the end. #litchat -1:12 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
Writers_Life Me too - Hi everyone! RT @agnieszkasshoes: @CParkhurst1 @LitChat hi, hoping to listen in on #litchat as much as possible -1:12 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @CParkhurst1: @katmagendie I have to say: Look, I was happy with the book yesterday, *before* I read this review... #litchat -1:12 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 But my feeling about endings is: there has to be a stopping point, or you'll drive yourself nuts. You can rewrite forever. #litchat -1:13 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @CarolyBurnsBass Thank you! #litchat -1:13 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
katmagendie @CParkhurst1 I have to say: Look, I was happy with the book yesterday, *before* I read this review >>>True! #litchat -1:13 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
kbshee I agree with @CarolyBurnsBass...thought I figured it out early on but then about 2/3 of the way through started questioning myself! #litchat -1:14 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs @CParkhurst1 Can you say more abt your relat. w/your editor? How he/she helped you w/perspective? #litchat -1:14 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
FrankDiCesare RT @CParkhurst1: there has to be a stopping point, or you'll drive yourself nuts. You can rewrite forever. #litchat >>>Excellent point. -1:14 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

laurelruesswurm Years ago I talked to a writer who wouldn't use a computer because he figured he would never finish. #litchat -1:14 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @kbshee Glad to hear it! The murder was the part of the book I was least comfortable with, so I was worried abt how it would work. #litchat -1:14 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @CParkhurst1: my feeling abt endings: there has 2B a stopping point, or youll drive urself nuts. You can rewrite forever. #litchat -1:14 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @Writers\_Life Hi! #litchat hmm, that coffee in your avvie looks particularly appetising tonight - 1:14 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @DebraMarrs I've worked with 2 diff editors--one on 1st 2 books, diff one this time. Both have been great. #litchat -1:15 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

LitChat TNA includes original and revised endings to protag's pub'd books. Are you compelled to write these full stories in future books? #litchat -1:15 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @DebraMarrs despite my alleged gender-based disadvantage, I am multitasking, cruisin the chat and fixin the blog simultaneously #litchat -1:15 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie @CParkhurst1 When you recv'd ur author copies in the mail, did you dance around with it and put it by your beside to stare at? ;-D #litchat -1:15 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @laurelruesswurm I missed something. How does not using computer stall finishing? #litchat -1:15 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @DebraMarrs It's a tough balance, for an editor to make suggestions w/o taking over, but if they "get" what you're trying to do... #litchat -1:16 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

cindymariej Just checking into #litchat ! -1:16 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

fantasytalk Be sure to join us on Thursdays from 2-4 EST for #fantasytalk! This week's topic : Trends. #scifichat #litchat #YAlitchat -1:16 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @TaoJoannes You're a multi-tasking master, man. Awesome! #litchat -1:16 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

cindymariej @DebraMarrs too easy to edit every time you write? #litchat -1:16 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @laurelruesswurm Interesting. I met someone at a writers conf who writes w/the screen turned off so he won't self-censor. #litchat -1:16 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta #litchat Even Proust found a way to end the story. So too should we. -1:17 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

kjhatch RT @fantasytalk: Be sure to join us on Thursdays from 2-4 EST for #fantasytalk! This week's topic : Trends. #scifichat #litchat #YAlitchat -1:17 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @katmagendie Pretty much. :) Seeing it as a finished book--an object, a tangible item--is awesome. #litchat -1:17 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

laurelruesswurm YES! RT @robynmcintyre Who owns digital rts to bks published b/4 ebooks? Wylie made a smart move, in MO. <http://gu.com/p/2thhp/tw> #litchat -1:17 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @latta Right--everything in writing has to do with making choices. #litchat -1:17 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @CParkhurst1 Thank you. Is a fine balance w/editorial input vs. taking over. Reasons for changing editors? #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CathrynLouis @CParkhurst1 Have you experienced where an ending that didn't work 4 a book suggested a different story? #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie @CParkhurst1 \*smiling\* Seeing it as a finished book--an object, a tangible item--is awesome>>yes; like, I DID this! Look at it! :-)) #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @DebraMarrs For me, my decision to change pub houses had nothing to do with being unhappy with editor. But it's important you click #litchat -1:19 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @cindymariej aha! thx for enlightening me on computer = many rewrites per @laurelruesswurm tweet. Got it! #litchat -1:19 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @DebraMarrs Like with choosing an agent, it may be hard to tell at first how well you'll work with someone. #litchat -1:19 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @katmagendie And there's nothing like being able to \*show\* it to people. :) #litchat -1:20 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

techtigger stopping in a little late - hi everyone! \*waves\* #litchat -1:20 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @techtigger: stopping in a little late - hi everyone! \*waves\*//me too, waving along with you #litchat -1:20 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

Writers\_Life I have iced cold press for real, yum RT @agnieszkasshoes: @Writers\_Life Hi! #litchat that coffee in your avvie looks particularly appetising -1:21 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @CathrynLouis Not exactly--each book feels kind of self-contained, so ideas don't always translate well. But all goes into the mix. #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @CParkhurst1 TY. Good relationships (editorial and otherwise) make better work w/happy endings too :) #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

ErikaRobuck RT @CParkhurst1: @laurelruesswurm Interesting. I met someone at a writers conf who writes w/the screen turned off so he won't self-censor. #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @DebraMarrs Absolutely. #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie @CParkhurst1 and seeing it on your own bookshelf! #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

Writers\_Life @techtigger @TwinkleChar Hi ladies - \*passing iced coffee\* #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie @techtigger \*waving at you!\* #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes RT @CParkhurst1: @latta Right--everything in writing has to do with making choices. #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @katmagendie Or someone else's. :) #litchat -1:23 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

techtigger @Writers\_Life @TwinkleChar hello! I've already got some iced tea :) #litchat -1:23 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

techtigger @katmagendie hee! hi there! #litchat -1:23 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @CParkhurst1: @DebraMarrs Like with choosing an agent, it may be hard to tell at first how well you'll work with someone. #litchat -1:23 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @litchat stupid question, what's the schedule for these? Mon, Wed, Fri 4-6? #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

techtigger what kind of endings are we discussing? one for a particular book, or just writing endings, in general? #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @techtigger I think it's open. My new book contains lots of endings--my character rewrites hers and they're included in story. #litchat -1:25 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

laurelruesswurm @DebraMarrs Computers = easily re-write forever. In the bad old typewriter days changing a word meant retyping a whole page #litchat -1:25 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

David\_Heb @CParkhurst1 I should rephrase my question - have you ever wished you could rewrite an ending after publication? #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @TwinkleChar @techtigger @Writers\_Life \* \* waving hi \* \* to you. Too hot for coffee here but joining you in friendship #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 It was a confusing structure to juggle, but I kind of like writing beginnings and endings. It's the middles I'm not crazy about. #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @laurelruuswurm Yes, so true re: ease of changing things with computers. If ur a fiddler finangler, makes writing a snare #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

LitChat @TaoJoannes W are always M-W-F, 4pmET. Monday & Weds is open chat on topic, Friday is guest host. #litchat -1:27 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @David\_Heb No. There's always tinkering right up until the very last minute, but I figure once it's pub'd, it's out of my hands. #litchat -1:27 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam \*waves\* to @techtigger and @twinklechar #litchat -1:27 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

techtigger @laurelruuswurm @DebraMarrs I got a netbook so I would quit scribbling out and re-writing in the margins, hard to figure out later! #litchat -1:27 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @CParkhurst1: Confusing structure to juggle, but I kind of like writing beginnings and endings. Middles Im not crazy about. #litchat -1:27 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @David\_Heb And I've never wanted it to be otherwise. #litchat -1:27 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta @carolyburnsbass carolyn, i'm confused--is everyone just throwing things at lovely @CParkhurst1? or is there a question list today? #litchat -1:27 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 It's like when you see a "director's cut" of a movie and you think, "Hmm, those deleted scenes were deleted for a reason." #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

techtigger @katmagendie @AuthorWilliam hey, great to see you two! :) #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

Writers\_Life @DebraMarrs Hi ya, I have iced coffee, maybe just ice for you in the heat wave - nice to see you and everyone! #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

TwinkleChar @DebraMarrs Thanks. You are very kind--always. And HI back to @AuthorWilliam. Enjoying watching @CParkhurst1 insights. #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta @CParkhurst1 in view of your ending, are you an outliner who allows room for spontaneity w/in that, or a seat-of-the-pantser? #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @latta As far as I know, it's more of a throwing situation. :) #litchat -1:29 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

laurelruuswurm @CParkhurst1 I agree... I wish George Lucas would too (I am still annoyed I can't get a "Star Wars" DVD of the movie I saw in '77) #litchat -1:29 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CarolBMTbooks Oh, dear, here I am, late again! Hard to join on time at the office! Apologies, everyone! #litchat -1:29 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

techtigger \*lol\* RT @CParkhurst1: Its like a "directors cut" of a movie & you think, "Hmm, those deleted scenes were deleted for a reason." #litchat -1:29 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie RT @LitChat: @TaoJoannes W are always M-W-F, 4pmET. Monday & Weds is open chat on topic, Friday is guest host. #litchat -1:29 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @latta I've always wished I could outline, but I usually can't see farther ahead than a chapter or two. I work it out as I go. #litchat -1:29 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

LitChat @latta On Fridays when we have a guest host, all attention is give to guest w/o a prepared list of questions. #litchat -1:29 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie RT @CParkhurst1: Its like when u see a "directors cut" of a movie & u think, "Hmm, those deleted scenes were deleted for a reason." #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @CParkhurst1 Interesting abt ur beginnings, middles, endings. I like writing beginnings and middles. Less so the endings #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @CParkhurst1: @latta ...I usually cant see farther ahead than a chapter or two. I work it out as I go. YAY! Another Pantser! #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta RT @CParkhurst1: @latta I've always wished I could outline, but I usually can't see farther ahead than a chapter or two. I work it out as I go. #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @latta Usually, I have a few vague ideas about where I'm heading. But (like with the murderer) I'm not always right. #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
laurelruesswurm @CParkhurst1 I could never get to the end without one, but an outline doesn't have to be written in stone either. #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
Writers_Life @CParkhurst1 I agree with you on the middle being really hard - I seem to be able to get the beginning & end (to some extent) #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
techtigger Make that three! :) RT @TwinkleChar: @CParkhurst1 YAY! Another Pantser! #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @laurelruesswurm Right--I imagine that even writers who swear by them allow for a little flexibility. #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 "Pantser" is an excellent phrase. #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
21stCscribe RT @CParkhurst1: I've always wished I cld outline, but I usually can't see > ahead than a chapter or2. I work it out as I go. #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Ah, gives me hope for my WIP. RT @CParkhurst1: Usually, I have a few vague ideas about where Im heading. #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
AAHarper6 What does Pantser mean? #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @CParkhurst1 Seeing beyond your headlights on a dark road is more an adventure for you that a worry? #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
TwinkleChar @CParkhurst1 Would you describe writing as a joy or a laborious labor? I get the feeling you have fun writing. (I do.) #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @Writers_Life Yeah, the whole "plot" thing is harder for me than setting everything up and winding it down. #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
latta @CParkhurst1 flexibility, even w/outlines, is key.you can't always see into own creations far as necessary until more developed #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
techtigger @AAHarper6 short for seat-of-the-pants writing :) #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
katmagendie @techtigger Make that three! :) RT @TwinkleChar: @CParkhurst1 YAY! Another Pantser! >>>FOUR! :-D #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
21stCscribe RT @AAHarper6: What does Pantser mean? #litchat / seat of the pants writer I suspect -1:33 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @AAHarper6 Figuring out plot "by the seat of your pants," rather than w/an outline, etc. #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Writing by the seat of one's pants. (opposite of Plotter.) RT @AAHarper6: What does Pantser mean? #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CathrynLouis RT @CParkhurst1: "@latta Usually, I've few vague ideas about where I'm heading. But (like with the murderer) I'm not always right. #litchat" -1:33 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
AAHarper6 Oh, great, thanks! haha #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @CParkhurst1: When I look at earlier books, I don't see them as perfect, I look at it as a snapshot of the writer I was then. #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs Yay! Staples just delivered carton of paper. I can write and print drafts again! #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
katmagendie @AAHarper6 Writing by the seat of our pants - no outlines, etc :) #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
AAHarper6 Shout out to @dsider1 and #rschat #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @CarolBMTbooks Oh, god, it's both. I spend a lot of time saying, "What exactly do I think I'm doing here?" #litchat -1:34 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
21stCscribe #litchat the references to movies makes me think it's particular to that medium that there has to be full closure. Not in books necessarily -1:34 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DavidRozansky If anyone at The Wylie Agency is seeing my tweets, say Hey! #ebooks #books #kindle #wylieagency #publishing #litchat -1:34 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @TwinkleChar Again, both. Some days fun, some days slow death. #litchat -1:34 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
cindymariej @katmagendie @techtigger @TwinkleChar @CParkhurst1 Have you all seen the TED talk-he describes "one buttock playing" for musicians? #litchat -1:34 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs @CarolyBurnsBass You a plotter? Nah! Takes all the fun out of surprise where we're going here, doesn't it? #litchat -1:34 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
latta #litchat and don't confuse "plotter" with "plodder," please. rt @CarolyBurnsBass Writing by the seat of one's pants. (opposite of Plotter) -1:34 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
David_Heb @CParkhurst1 Do you always know what the ending of a story is going to be before you start writing? #litchat -1:35 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @CParkhurst1 I develop a detailed scene outline & change it as needed. #litchat -1:35 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @21stCscribe Well, there's something imp't about having a shared experience with someone else who's seen/read the work in question. #litchat -1:35 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
TwinkleChar @cindymariej Where do I find the TED talk? It think I'm in love. :) #litchat -1:36 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs Plotting works very well *after* first seat-of-pants draft to assess what you have; can rewrite/remap after that #litchat -1:36 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @CarolBMTbooks It's so interesting how many diff approaches there are to writing. And they all work for somebody... #litchat -1:36 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @David_Heb Not at all, but I may know the answers to some of the important questions, and that (usually) doesn't change. #litchat -1:36 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DawnHerring RT @DebraMarrs: Plotting works very well *after* first seat-of-pants draft to assess what you have; can rewrite/remap after that #litchat -1:36 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
katmagendie @cindymariej @techtigger @TwinkleChar Have u all seen the TED talk-he describes "one buttock playing" for musicians?>>> *laughing!* #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @DebraMarrs Right--you do have to plot sometime. :) #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @CParkhurst1: @CarolBMTbooks so interesting how many diff approaches there r to writing. And they all work for somebody/yep #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @CParkhurst1 Don't we all wonder if it's great lit or crap? #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
Writers_Life Benjamin Zander on music and passion - TED talk - one buttock playing <a href="http://ow.ly/2fPEl">http://ow.ly/2fPEl</a> #litchat I love TED -1:37 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DawnHerring @DebraMarrs I love that idea, Debra. I may end of doing that with my ms. I used paragraph outlining, but didn't use all of it. #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CathrynLouis RT @CParkhurst1: "@CarolBMTbooks It's so interesting how many diff approaches there are 2 writing. & they all work 4 somebody... #litchat" -1:38 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @CParkhurst1 Everyone develops his/her own way of discovery. #litchat -1:38 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @CarolBMTbooks Yes--often I swing back and forth between the two several times a day. #litchat -1:38 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @CParkhurst1 Loved how you wove protag's previous endings into revelation of the story. Any chance you'll write any of those books? #litchat -1:38 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
katmagendie @CParkhurst1 @DebraMarrs Right--you do have to plot sometime. :) >>>we do? oh oh *laughing!* :-D #litchat -1:38 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
TwinkleChar @Writers_Life Thank you for link. Will read when we're done here. Lure of one buttock playing is strong, but I RESIST! #litchat -1:38 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @CarolyBurnsBass My mom thinks I should--voila! Fourth novel! #litchat -1:38 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @CParkhurst1: @CarolBMTbooks It's so interesting how many diff approaches there are to writing. & they all work for somebody... #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
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DebraMarrs @techtigger I like combo of hard copy and netbook. Back and forth. I hear you on the scribbles tho! #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
libraryj Each book revision so interesting. Found myself wondering how character would alter each to fit the main plot. @CParkhurst1 #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DawnHerring @sticky_t I assume you mean the city in Arizona? Love that place;lived there once. Gorgeous. #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
Writers_Life @TwinkleChar you will really enjoy it - he is such a wise soul #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @CarolyBurnsBass But probably not--feel like I'm probably done with those characters/situations. #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @CarolBMTbooks: @CParkhurst1 Dont we all wonder if its great lit or crap?//Nah. I just hope it's a good story. #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @DebraMarrs oh jeez, I don't think I could do that. I need to have the structure to fill in or it's a mess. #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
cindymariej "How fascinating!" <a href="http://bit.ly/anEuso">http://bit.ly/anEuso</a> @cindymariej Where do I find the TED talk? It think I'm in love. :) #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @libraryj I couldn't always explain in a logical way why she made the changes she did, but I had a sense of what would be "right". #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
heididurrow How do you balance the promotion part of book writing and the writing part of writing? #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @CParkhurst1 Awww. Some of those story scenarios were very compelling. #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DawnHerring RT @CParkhurst1: But my feeling abt endings is: thr has 2 B a stopping point, or U'll drive yourself nuts. U cn rewrite forever. #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @CarolyBurnsBass Well, I'm sure some of the ideas and themes will come back into play. Some say we write same book over and over. #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
heididurrow BTW: I enjoyed your talk at #ala10 author tea! #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @heididurrow Hi Heidi! I have trouble doing more than one thing at a time, so sometimes I focus on promotion and sometimes not. #litchat -1:42 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @heididurrow Thanks! I thought yours was great. #litchat -1:42 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Ooooh. What do you think? RT @CParkhurst1: Some say we write same book over and over. #litchat -1:42 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs @CarolBMTbooks LOL Great lit or crap? The best part is in the discovery, and assessing which. All good for *writing play dates* #litchat -1:42 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
katmagendie @heididurrow Hello you! #litchat -1:42 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DawnHerring RT @CParkhurst1: @latta Right--everything in writing has to do with making choices. #litchat -1:42 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
LitChat @CParkhurst1 You're doing great focusing on all of these tweets! #litchat -1:42 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @CarolyBurnsBass I think there's some truth to it--clearly, we all have concerns and obsessions that keep popping up. #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
laurelrusswurm @techtigger i write on computer but proof & edit on paper. #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
WritingInCrayon Hello everyone! @CParkhurst1 When does one stop editing/rewriting the story - especially the ending? #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
sticky_t @LitChat Yeah, I was just thinking that. Wow. #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @CarolyBurnsBass In terms of themes, yeah. Like painters cn stick w/ 1 subject for quite a while. #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs @DawnHerring Mapping/outlining/plotting *after* dump drafts creates a cohesive whole #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
katmagendie RT @DawnHerring: RT @CParkhurst1: @latta Right--everything in writing has to do with making choices. #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs @DawnHerring It's so nice to take a few min. to chat w/you today. Hv been so busy. Miss connecting w/you! #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @LitChat Thanks! I feel a little scattered, but I'm mostly following everything... #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs @DawnHerring It's so nice to take a few min. to chat w/you today. Hv been so busy. Miss connecting w/you! #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
sticky_t @DawnHerring Yep, that's the one. I live about an hour away, and I never get tired of the drive. #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @WritingInCrayon: Hello everyone! @CParkhurst1 When does 1 stop editing/rewriting the story- especially the ending?//When I sigh #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
techtigger @laurelrusswurm i think part of my problem was atrocious handwriting. Netbook solved that :D #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
heididurrow @katmagendie Hello! #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
CParkhurst1 @WritingInCrayon Hard to say. Helpful if you have a deadline that's not self-imposed--I've used both pregnancy and book contracts. #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
DebraMarrs @laurelrusswurm I do some of both RT: @techtigger i write on computer but proof & edit on paper. #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
latta #litchat link to zander's book on 'the art of possibility,' which, though abt music,is valid equally for writers. <a href="http://amzn.to/cadaP6">http://amzn.to/cadaP6</a> -1:45 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
TwinkleChar @sticky_t Hey you! Good to see that Sticky T show up. #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre "Great lit or crap" in the eye of the beholder. Some Pulitzer winning bks I just don't get. #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DawnHerring @DebraMarrs I've done each characters story arc so I've been able to see the parallels in their places. Once I read it through... #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @CParkhurst1 Your protag feels professional competition with another author she went to grad school with. Can you talk about this? #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie @CParkhurst1 You are doing a great job following along! #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @WritingInCrayon But it's helpful to have a deadline, even if you have to set it yourself. #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DawnHerring @DebraMarrs It's great to chat w/ you too, Debra. :) Thanks for the tip! #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @heididurrow Hi Heidi, good to see you in the house today #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t @TwinkleChar Hi! Yeah, for a while there I kept spacing on @LitChat days. But I'm back in the swing of things now. #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie RT @CParkhurst1: @WritingInCrayon But its helpful to have a deadline, even if you have to set it yourself. #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

heididurrow @CParkhurst1 Thank you! And yes, just one thing at a time. #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @robyncintyre DOES the emperor have clothes???? #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @Writers\_Life That ice is working its magic. Thx. May go for that cuppa in a few minutes to cap off #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @CarolyBurnsBass Most of my best friends are writers, and I get so much out of that, but I think it's hard to avoid some competition #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DawnHerring @sticky\_t I also love the Sedona area and Oak Creek Canyon. #litchat -1:47 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

heididurrow @AuthorWilliam Hi! :) #litchat -1:47 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @CarolyBurnsBass With Octavia, I took my own least flattering impulses and magnified them. :) #litchat -1:47 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

laurelruesswurm @techtigger i hear you... my awesome proof reader too... when I asked about some line notes he couldn't read 'em :) #litchat -1:47 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @CParkhurst1: @CarolyBurnsBass With Octavia, I took my own least flattering impulses and magnified them. :)//Gutsy and ouch. :) #litchat -1:47 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta that is often said of poets, as well, rt @CarolyBurnsBass RT @CParkhurst1: Some say we write same book over and over. #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

robyncintyre @CParkhurst1 You're lucky; the only writers I "talk" to are here on #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DawnHerring I've heard it once said that a book is never really finished once it's been published. #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

robyncintyre @TaoJoannes Guess that can be in the eye of the beholder, too. Definitely I've seen sm ppl I've mentally DRESSED with my eyes. #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @TwinkleChar I'm generally a nice person, but we all have darker impulses, and I'm interested in that. #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta RT @CParkhurst1: @latta Usually, I have a few vague ideas about where I'm heading. But (like with the murderer) I'm not always right. #litchat -1:49 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

robynmciintyre RT @CParkhurst1: @CarolyBurnsBass With Octavia, I took my own least flattering impulses and magnified them. :) #litchat -1:49 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @robynmciintyre The internet has been great for connecting people who wouldn't otherwise meet. #litchat -1:49 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta RT @CParkhurst1: @TwinkleChar I'm generally a nice person, but we all have darker impulses, and I'm interested in that. #litchat -1:49 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie @CParkhurst1 @robynmciintyre The internet has been great for connecting people who wouldn't otherwise meet. >>>>yes, so true! #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @DawnHerring Never finished, even after publication? How so? #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

AngieLedbetter RT @katmagendie: RT @CParkhurst1: @WritingInCrayon But its helpful to have a deadline, even if you have to set it yourself. #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs The story keeps going once a book is published bec. now it's part of the reader's \*dream\* experience #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @CParkhurst1: @TwinkleChar Im generally a nice person, but we all have darker impulses, and Im interested in that.//Relatable. #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DawnHerring @AAHarper6 Someone who writes a book 'by the seat of their pants' meaning w/out an outline. #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

Writers\_Life We are so lucky todayRT @CParkhurst1: @robynmciintyre The internet has been great for connecting people who wouldn't otherwise meet. #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t Yep, I love that. RT @CParkhurst1: @robynmciintyre The internet has been great for connecting people who wouldnt otherwise meet. #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t So true! RT @DebraMarrs: The story keeps going once a book is published bec. now its part of the readers \*dream\* experience #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

21stCscribe RT @CParkhurst1: @TwinkleChar I'm generally a nice person, but we all have darker impulses, and I'm interested in that. #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @DebraMarrs Oh, interesting. It's weird how it feels like a book is \*yours\* when you write it. After pub, it belongs to anyone. #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DawnHerring @CParkhurst1 I've heard of many writers say after seeing their book in print, oh I should have changed this or that. #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta #litchat i think that whenever you read your own "finished" work later on, your eye sees something it woujld like to alter. -1:51 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @CParkhurst1 @DawnHerring My writing mentor always talks abt bk never done til reader experiences ur \*dream\*-where ur chars go #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @CParkhurst1 @DawnHerring My writing mentor always talks abt bk never done til reader experiences ur \*dream\*-where ur chars go #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

Marinarichards RT @DebraMarrs: The story keeps going once a book is published bec. now it's part of the reader's \*dream\* experience #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

WritingInCrayon @CParkhurst1 Thanks. But even when I know I'm finished, I'm not finished. Is it just me? #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

Writers\_Life Yay! RT @DebraMarrs: @Writers\_Life That ice is working its magic. Thx. May go for that cuppa in a few minutes to cap off #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

techtigger I might never have gotten into writing without the internet - was NaNoWriMo that got me hooked #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta #litchat i think that it is not like being able to step into the same river twice--i'm not the same person as the one who wrote 10 yrs ago. -1:52 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t @DawnHerring Me too - Sedona's my hometown. :) And Oak Creek Canyon, one of my fave places. #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

laurelruesswurm I'd drop "dream" RT @DebraMarrs: The story keeps going once a book is published bec. now its part of the readers \*dream\* experience #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CathrynLouis 2 tru - me 2! RT @CParkhurst1: "@TwinkleChar I'm genrly a nice person, but we all have darker impulses, and I'm intrsted in that. #litchat" -1:52 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @CParkhurst1 After a family tragedy, that other author tells her "at least you've found your story." Have you found yours? #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t You're a NaNo too? RT @techtigger: I might never have gotten into writing without the internet - was NaNoWriMo that got me hooked #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @CParkhurst1 The books I enjoy most are those that cause me to keep \*dreaming\* experiencing them after last word on page #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

laurelruesswurm @DebraMarrs once readers read and connect it is part of their real lives #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @WritingInCrayon No, but I guess I'd say that you have to force yourself to stop and be happy with the result at some point. #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

Writers\_Life Amazing, me too! RT @techtigger: I might never have gotten into writing without the internet - was NaNoWriMo that got me hooked #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DawnHerring @sticky\_t Hubby drove through there during an autumn season and the view was breathtaking in the canyon. #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @DawnHerring That sounds like a distressing feeling. I'd rather let publication "document" that moment in the artists body of work #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

techtigger @sticky\_t yep, did it for a few years - this year, it's #wesewrimo (for web series :) #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre RT @InternAmie: 2 tired cliches: opening your novel w/ a wake-up scene, or a descriptin of nature. You hv bn warned. #queryslam #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie RT @CParkhurst1: @WritingInCrayon No, but I guess you have to force yourself to stop and be happy with the result at some point. #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @laurelruesswurm Really? Drop 'dream'? Thinking that we enter a dream state when we read. Leave this world, enter author's #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @latta Right. It's like if you look at someone you dated when you were younger, or a friend you wouldn't choose now. #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t @techtigger Oh, cool - I'll have to check into that. #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

21stCscribe It's because I write that I can remain a nice person in daily life. Otherwise, the dark side would prevail #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DawnHerring @AuthorWilliam I'm sure it is distressing. The English language is so vast, there are so many word choices. #litchat -1:55 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

techtigger @DebraMarrs i know for me, writing is like being in a kind of dream state #litchat -1:55 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t @CParkhurst1: True - I had a similar experience recently with a poem I wrote a while back. #litchat -1:55 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @laurelruesswurm Agree. Good pt RT: @DebraMarrs once readers read and connect it is part of their real lives #litchat -1:55 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @AuthorWilliam I agree. Your opinion of your work will keep changing, but you have to let it go and move on. #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

laurelruesswurm @DebraMarrs the culture we share is real whether its a book or a song or a movie. #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie RT @21stCscribe: Its because I write that I can remain a nice person in daily life. Otherwise, the dark side would prevail #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

Writers\_Life Yes RT @21stCscribe: It's because I write that I can remain a nice person in daily life. Otherwise, the dark side would prevail #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

techtigger @sticky\_t <http://www.wesewrimo.org/> here you go :) #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t @21stCscribe Ha, I'd probably be that way too. #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @techtigger Isn't that the BEST state? When it flows RT: i know for me, writing is like being in a kind of dream state #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

21stCscribe RT @sticky\_t: @21stCscribe Ha, I'd probably be that way too. #litchat/ No doubt it's therapy at some level -1:57 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta #litchat oh no, our convo on endings is ending! @litchat -1:57 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t @DebraMarrs I know that's when I'm at my writing best. #litchat -1:57 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

techtigger @Writers\_Life it's amazing how many people NaNo has hooked into this wonderfully mad writing business :D #litchat -1:57 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

LitChat Two more minutes to ask @CParkhurst1 questions. Go ahead and let them roll. #litchat -1:57 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

Writers\_Life yes, real & surreal RT @techtigger: @DebraMarrs i know for me, writing is like being in a kind of dream state #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @CarolyBurnsBass Without psychoanalyzing myself too much...I know there are some early life experiences that had a big effect. #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie RT @LitChat: Two more minutes to ask @CParkhurst1 questions. Go ahead and let them roll. #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @DawnHerring With all the work we do to improve a work, Pub should be the moment the defense rests. We promote and create again. #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta @CParkhurst1 thank you so much for being here today. i greatly enjoyed your #litchat. and thanks to @litchat for bringing us together. -1:58 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 And if you asked one I didn't answer, ask again--the pace got a little dizzy here at the end. #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie @CParkhurst1 Do you now consider yourself a success? #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre RT @latta: #litchat oh no, our convo on endings is ending! @litchat -1:58 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @CParkhurst1Your books feel like you write for all of us too, even if you claim as "yours" - belong to us too, I mean #litchat -1:59 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta @CParkhurst1 whose repsonisibiliity are any typos and so on in published books? #litchat -1:59 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

techtigger @CParkhurst1 thanks for volunteering to 'herd the cats' here at litchat :) You did a great job! #litchat -1:59 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

21stCscribe RT @latta: @CParkhurst1 thank you so much 4 being here 2day. i greatly enjoyed your #litchat. and thanks to @litchat 4 bringing us together. -1:59 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @katmagendie Yes, but I don't think that's a minus-sum game. (Is that the phrase?) Lots of levels of success. #litchat -1:59 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

Writers\_Life yes, thanks! RT @techtigger: @CParkhurst1 thanks for volunteering to 'herd the cats' here at litchat :) You did a great job! #litchat -1:59 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DawnHerring @AuthorWilliam I would agree. Once it's out there, we can enjoy the satisfaction of a job well done. No second guessing. #litchat -1:59 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @latta Ultimately mine, though it's amazing how many things slip thru so many levels of editing. #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

pulizertweets RT @robynmcintyre: "Great lit or crap" in the eye of the beholder. Some Pulitzer winning bks I just don't get. #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @CParkhurst1 You said something earlier about a point has to come when we decide its finished. I like that alot. #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @AuthorWilliam: @DawnHerring With all the work we do to improve a work, Pub should be the moment the defense rests. We promote and create again. #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

WritingInCrayon I enjoyed participating in #litchat today. @CParkhurst1 Thank you. -2:00 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 Thanks so much for having me, everyone--it's been a pleasure talking to you. I'll stick around for another 10-15 minutes. #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie @CParkhurst1 Lots of levels >>>yes. Was thinking of "I wish..." we play inside our heads, then get the I wish & then wish for more! #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

laurelrusswurm me 3... NaNo gave me deadline/focus to get back into writing RT @sticky\_t: Youre a NaNo too? RT @techtigger ... #litchat is great too -2:01 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DawnHerring RT @CParkhurst1: @WritingInCrayon But it's helpful to have a deadline, even if you have to set it yourself. #litchat -2:01 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre Ditto. RT @latta: @CParkhurst1 thnk you so much 4 being here 2day. i greatly enjoyd yr #litchat & thanks to @litchat 4 bringing us together. -2:01 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @AuthorWilliam Yes, I think you have to create an endpoint and stick to it--otherwise, you drive yourself crazy. #litchat -2:01 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @laurelrusswurm Feel dreamy when in that state of shared culture. Yours/mine/ours = a certain state of bliss #litchat -2:01 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie @CParkhurst1 Enjoying chatting with you! Good luck with your books and all levels of success! Enjoy all the moments! #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @katmagendie Exactly. Think of the most "successful" writer you can imagine & I'm sure they still have goals they haven't met. #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

SusanCushman My blog just received a 2010 Best Creative Writing Blog award: <http://tinyurl.com/2cbkcru> #amwriting #litchat #writechat #writing -2:02 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @katmagendie Thank you! Good luck with your work, too! #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta @CParkhurst1 @authorwilliam many poets rework a pub'd piece 4yrs. i agree you have to let yr baby go out in the world and move on. #litchat -2:03 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

katmagendie @CParkhurst1 You are so right - there is always another "something" -! #litchat -2:03 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 Oh! "Sum-zero game" is the phrase I was looking for earlier. Not "minus-sum." #litchat -2:03 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t @CParkhurst1 I've been wondering, how did the ending for Dogs of Babel come about? Did you plan that at all? #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @CParkhurst1 Thx for awesome-tastic convo today. Enjoyed ur perspectives very much. Wishing u much success! #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre RT @SusanCushman: My blog received a 2010 Best Creative Writing Blog award: <http://tinyurl.com/2cbkcru> #amwriting #litchat #writechat -2:04 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

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CParkhurst1 Thanks for having me! It's been a pleasure. #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

laurelruesswurm @CParkhurst1 i'll look out for your book (i love trying to guess the murderer :) #litchat -2:05 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @laurelruesswurm Thanks! Apparently, so do I. :) #litchat -2:06 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

LitChat Before everyone scatters into a lovely Friday night, let's give @CParkhurst1 a big round of {{{APPLAUSE}}} for joining us today. #litchat -2:06 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta @CParkhurst1 thanks for answering that. i did not mean to imply i had found errors in your texts--was asking in general. #litchat -2:06 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @latta @CParkhurst1 Yes. The rev/edit process is hard work. It's easier to give it our all if we know it's not going to be forever #litchat -2:06 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

laurelruesswurm {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:07 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t @CParkhurst Yes, thanks so much for coming. :) #litchat -2:07 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @latta Oh, I didn't take it that way. There \*are\* errors, mostly found by readers. :) #litchat -2:07 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @DebraMarrs: @CParkhurst1 Thx for awesome-tastic convo today. Enjoyed ur perspectives very much. Wishing u much success! #litchat -2:07 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CathrynLouis Wonderful as always. Have a great weekend! #litchat -2:07 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam BRAVO to @CParkhurst1! Thanks for coming in and being a part of our discussion. #litchat -2:07 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta @AuthorWilliam @cparkhurst1 can you imagine how many more ABD PhDs there'd be if there were never no actual end? #circleofhell #litchat -2:08 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre RT @LitChat: let's give @CParkhurst1 a big round of {{{APPLAUSE}}} for joining us today. #litchat -2:08 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 Thanks to everyone for coming and asking questions. Keep writing! #litchat -2:08 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

LitChat Be sure to come back next week for more #litchat. Topic is YOUNG AUTHORS, Friday guest host is @JacobRitari. #litchat -2:08 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @AuthorWilliam My pleasure. :) #litchat -2:08 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t @LitChat Awesome, one of my favorite topics. #litchat -2:08 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @latta Yes! That's exactly the kind of trap I'm talking about avoiding. Don't skimp on revision time, make it as good as you can. #litchat -2:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @LitChat: Be sure to come back next week for more #litchat. Topic is YOUNG AUTHORS, Friday guest host is @JacobRitari. #litchat -2:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @latta But then STOP. #litchat -2:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

kriheli @LitChat [applause] and for those who are interested in startup litmags, keep your eyes peeled for @splitquarterly ;D #litchat -2:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs {{ APPLAUSE }} for @Cparkhurst1, author of THE NOBIDIES ALBUM & 2 other novels #litchat -2:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @LitChat: Be sure to come back next week for more #litchat. Topic is YOUNG AUTHORS, Friday guest host is @JacobRitari. #litchat -2:09 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta @CParkhurst1 when i read an author that has an enormous # of errors, it does take the lustre off for me & makes att'n shift. #litchat -2:10 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DawnHerring @DebraMarrs I love the kind of stories where I wish it didn't end because I've gotten attached to the characters. #litchat -2:10 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sharifwrites RT @DebraMarrs: RT @LitChat: Be sure to come back next week for #litchat. Topic is YOUNG AUTHORS, Friday guest host @JacobRitari. #litchat -2:10 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

CParkhurst1 @latta I agree--no excuse for sloppy editing. But somehow, there are always \*some\* that get by... #litchat -2:11 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

LitChat And if you enjoy smart mysteries with compelling characters, be sure to buy THE NOBODIES ALBUM by Carolyn Parkhurst. #litchat -2:11 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta #litchat and don't forget that @litchat wants your feedback on the forthcoming @litchat retreat... -2:11 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

sticky\_t RT @LitChat: Be sure to come back next week for more #litchat. Topic is YOUNG AUTHORS, Friday guest host is @JacobRitari. #litchat -2:12 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @LitChat:if you enjoy smart mysteries with compelling characters, be sure to buy THE NOBODIES ALBUM by Carolyn Parkhurst. #litchat -2:12 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta #litchat rt @DebraMarrs {{ APPLAUSE }} for @Cparkhurst1, author of THE NOBIDIES ALBUM & 2 other novels -2:14 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

techtigger is there a link? RT @latta: #litchat and dont forget that @litchat wants your feedback on the forthcoming @litchat retreat... #litchat -2:14 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @DawnHerring Oh, me too! RT: I love the kind of stories where I wish it didnt end because Ive gotten attached to the characters. #litchat -2:14 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

laurelruesswurm @DebraMarrs that's why i almost never buy skinny books... if i like 'em they end too soon :) #litchat -2:15 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs Thanks to everyone who made this a gr8 convo today. It takes all your input and energy to make successful. Thx! #litchat -2:16 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @laurelruesswurm That's why I never go to movies. Why mess up exper. of reading immersion for 3-7 days for spoiler in 1-2 hrs. #litchat -2:17 PM Jul 23rd, 2010

latta #litchat whenever i am able to do #litchat, i generally get a mini-jolt of creative reinvigouration, the same i would get at a conference. -2:21 PM Jul 23rd, 2010