



## LitChat August 2 & 4, 2010

Topic of the Week: Men in Love

Open Chat

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.

### MONDAY: August 2, 2010

LitChat This is Monday and a new week in #litchat. We're discussing MEN IN LOVE. Please join us for the next hour in #litchat. -1:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

Pamreader RT @LitChat: The new week in #litchat begins in 10 minutes. Join us in our discussion of MEN IN LOVE--men who write love stories. -1:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

LitChat Easy way to follow #litchat is at <http://bit.ly/MH5Qs>, login w/Twitter and you're ready to chat. -1:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

bigreader101 RT @RasoirJ: Overrated #novel of year: Wolf Hall <http://tinyurl.com/255ypvd> #litchat #writetips #fiction -1:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

PitchMyNovel RT @LitChat: This is Monday and a new week in #litchat. We're discussing MEN IN LOVE. Please join us for the next hour in #litchat. -1:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

LitChat Please introduce yourself while everyone is gathering, but please hold the personal pitches and blog links until after the chat. #litchat -1:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @LitChat: This is Monday and a new week in #litchat. We're discussing MEN IN LOVE. Please join us for the next hour in #litchat. -1:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

homeconfessions @LitChat this is my first time joining a litchat discussion so I hope I don't goof up protocol! #litchat -1:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

LitChat Familiarize yourself with our topic of the week here: <http://bit.ly/6rvjzD>. #litchat -1:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

FrankDiCesare Frank DiCesare -- Freelance journalist and fiction writer. #litchat -1:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

LitChat Welcome, Jess! RT @homeconfessions: @LitChat this is my first time joining a litchat discussion so I hope I dont goof up protocol! #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett Robert, newbie author. #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam William, published indie author of THE DARK PROVINCE. Locked and loaded for #litchat! -1:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

alisonwells RT @LitChat: This is Monday and a new week in #litchat. We're discussing MEN IN LOVE. Please join us for the next hour in #litchat. -1:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @ChrisPaternoste hi! I'll see you over at #litchat - that's tonight's topic -1:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GeneDoucette Hi Gene Doucette, author of upcoming IMMORTAL, a few humor books, and a blog I'm not pitching right now, I swear. #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

latta RT @LitChat: This is Monday and a new week in #litchat. We're discussing MEN IN LOVE. Please join us for the next hour in #litchat. -1:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

LitChat Who will be our Halloween Horror week guest host. RT @robertjbennett: Robert, newbie author. #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JulieBritt Hi, litchatters. I'm a journalist and fiction writer. #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CathrynLouis I was early this time for a change... #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

homeconfessions Men in love--what a great topic. #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

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| GLHancock I'm Georganna, originator of "A Writer's Edge" blog and site to help beginning writers. I'm a 4-decade veteran of the word wars. #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 2nd, 2010            |
| cindymariej @LitChat Hi, I'll be listening in. Storyteller and various other things. #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| JulieBritt RT @LitChat: This is Monday and a new week in #litchat. Were discussing MEN IN LOVE. Please join us for the next hour in #litchat. #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010         |
| agnieszkasshoes @LitChat hi, I'm here for Men in Love - I write literary love stories, with casts of overwhelmingly female characters #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                 |
| JMoncktonSmith Hi all am I right that we are discussing men in love? #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| LitChat In terms of this week's chat, we are not discussing genre romance specifically. Think love stories that break thru genres. #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                    |
| GLHancock Must admit I don't understand the topic today, tho I read the ref. Are we discussing a book, an author, men in love or writing? #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010             |
| AuthorWilliam RT @LitChat: In terms of this week's chat, we are not discussing genre romance specifically. Think love stories that break thru genres. #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| homeconfessions Love by its very nature breaks boundaries, rules, genres, whatever. #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam RT @homeconfessions: Love by its very nature breaks boundaries, rules, genres, whatever. #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| bigreader101 bigreader101 spectator #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| homeconfessions @AuthorWilliam obvious, yes? #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| pussreboots Webproducer, freelance writer, book blogger and soon to be MLIS student. Hello! #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam YES! RT @homeconfessions Love by its very nature breaks boundaries, rules, genres, whatever. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| LitChat From the LitChat blog: "This week in #litchat we'll discuss love stories written by men." -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| agnieszkasshoes @GLHancock men who write about love! (Like me!) #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| GLHancock I think it's even more difficult for women to write about men in love. Must understand the psychology. As well as physiology. #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010               |
| CathrynLouis Any favorite love stories written by men? #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| sticky_t Hi, everyone! Here for @LitChat today, just a little late. :) #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| JulieBritt @GLHancock I think we're discussing men who write about love, not necessarily in romance novels. #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam @homeconfessions Absolutely. #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GeneDoucette @CathrynLouis You mean since Shakespeare? #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| fesgirlie Hey everyone ^.^ this is my first #litchat #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| CathrynLouis @GLHancock You are so right about that! #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| LitChat Why does it seem as if women own the market on stories about love and romantic relationships? #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| agnieszkasshoes @homeconfessions yes, it does. On the other hand many books ABOUT love don't! #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robertjbennett One of my favorite writers who does love so well is John le Carre, though you might not expect it. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                     |
| AuthorWilliam @homeconfessions Can't put it in a box. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |

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| CathrynLouis @GeneDoucette ...or in addition to, instead of, what have you... #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| LitChat Welcome! Please jump right in. RT @fesgirlie: Hey everyone ^.^ this is my first #litchat #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| JMoncktonSmith RT @GLHancock: I think its even more difficult for women to write about men in love. Must understand psychology and physiology. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010    |
| JulieBritt Ian McEwan comes to mind. His stories vary, but the ones I've read had a love story. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| pussreboots William Shakespear and Homer both come to mind immediately. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| bookaliciouspam Three words: Gabriel Garcia Márquez #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| homeconfessions I think men write about love whether it's obvious or not. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| CathrynLouis @LitChat I think there's a confusion between the romance genre and a 'love story'. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| fesgirlie Definitely Nicholas sparks #litchat #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| JulieBritt @bookaliciouspam Good one. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| homeconfessions @LitChat You really think so? I think I respectfully disagree (but I like to be sort of oppositional) in a friendly way! #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010          |
| sticky_t Yep, for me too. RT @pussreboots: William Shakespear and Homer both come to mind immediately. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| FrankDiCesare F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote about love with great profundity in Gatsby. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam I think its a fine idea to acknowledge that contemporary men have something to say about love ;- ) #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                  |
| robertjbennett The Little Drummer Girl is an exquisite love story, though it's wrapped within espionage. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| CarolyBurnsBass @homeconfessions Yes, men write about how love affects their whole life, rather than a separate part of the heart. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                |
| bigreader101 are men so rarely in love that it makes it all a bit tricky? #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| JoLynneValerie Well hello there, #litchat #tweeters, saw the topic and feel... sucked in. :) -1:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| CathrynLouis RT @robertjbennett: The Little Drummer Girl is an exquisite love story, though its wrapped within espionage. <-- one of my favs #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010      |
| robertjbennett @LitChat Part of it might be that we're still straining to move away from the perception that love is "unmanly." #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                   |
| bigreader101 RT @robertjbennett: @LitChat Part of it might be that we're still straining to move away from the perception that love is "unmanly." #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| homeconfessions @CarolyBurnsBass hmmm. A separate part of the heart. Please explain what you mean. That's intriguing. #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                             |
| AuthorWilliam @LitChat I think because it reflects culture. Men are believed to be widely emotionally out of touch. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                               |
| JulieBritt Ernest Hemingway. Richard Yates. More recently, Charles Baxter. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |

AdAstraSociety RT @LitChat: Easy way to follow #litchat is at <http://bit.ly/MH5Qs>, login w/Twitter and you're ready to chat. -1:18 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @LitChat I don't think they do at all, do they - maybe "romance" but #litchat isn't about genre-specific today, so that doesn't count -1:18 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

bookaliciouspam Gabriel Garcia Marquez writes books that are immersed in love. He uses flowery language and prose perfectly. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock love stories written by men...not necessarily capital R romances, right? #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @homeconfessions I think many women compartmentalize their heart. They have areas reserved for kids, parents, friends, home --> #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JulieBritt Men write about love all the time, but there's usually something else going on too, murder, mayhem, work angst, war. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JMoncktonSmith the evidence shows that men are perhaps more strongly affected by deep emotional love #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CathrynLouis I think men are very romantic - they just express it differently. I learn much from their points of view. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GeneDoucette Men don't READ romances; doesn't mean they don't write them. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe I have a love story about a moll in exile from her gangster husband who put contract on her life. Still loves him 4 his power tho #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @robertjbennett think I disagree - why is it that men have to write about what is "manly"? #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @homeconfessions @CarolyBurnsBass Yes, Carolyn do explain, that does sound interesting :- ) #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

FrankDiCesare Love can't possibly be "unmanly." The toughest guy in the world has the potential to die of loneliness. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

homeconfessions Jon Clinch's new novel, Kings of The Earth, delves into love in a huge way. You all must read this. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock I'm wondering if a love story (not Romance) written for men would satisfy women readers? Would it differ? #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CathrynLouis @JulieBritt as in life. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GeneDoucette @JulieBritt isn't there always something else going on in a love story? It's what happens during a plot, not the plot by itself. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @CarolyBurnsBass Ahhh #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett A good love story is really about characters, and how they intermingle. An author who's good w/characters will prob be good w/love. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

alisonwells There's a big difference between romance and love #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JulieBritt I agree. RT @homeconfessions: Jon Clinch's new novel, Kings of The Earth, delves into love in a huge way. You all must read this. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

sticky\_t @GeneDoucette Was just thinking that, heh. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

pussreboots RT @GeneDoucette: Men don't READ romances; doesn't mean they don't write them. #litchat My husband reads romances. -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe Life doesn't have happy or unhappy endings. It is a continuum with minor fluctuations. This impacts on how we tell love stories #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

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| CathrynLouis Very true RT @alisonwells: Theres a big difference between romance and love #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| agnieszkasshoes @robertjbennett don't have 2 argue sthing "manly" 2 say that men can write on it #litchat I wouldn't know manly if it slapped me in the face -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                    |
| GeneDoucette My gender is beginning to feel offended by the implications of this chat. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| bigreader101 some authors may be in love with the idea of being in love and their writing may reflect this? #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robertjbennett @agnieszkasshoes I agree that it's a silly perception, but it may be the affecting factor when it comes to love stories. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                |
| AuthorWilliam RT @alisonwells: There's a big difference between romance and love #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| JulieBritt @GLHancock It worked for Eric Segal. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GLHancock RT @GeneDoucette: My gender is beginning to feel offended by the implications of this chat.    How so? #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| JMoncktonSmith RT @GeneDoucette: My gender is beginning to feel offended by the implications of this chat. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| CathrynLouis @GeneDoucette Why? #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GeneDoucette @pussreboots fair enough; I stand corrected. However, men are not the "target audience" whatever that means. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| SamSykesSwears RT @robertjbennett: A good love story is really about characters, and how they intermingle. An author who's good w/characters will prob be good w/love. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| pussreboots @GLHancock I'm a woman and I read love stories written by men all the time. So yes, they are satisfying. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| mangolisa all the love stories I like are by men. Murakami, Marguez, Kundera, Auster. Straining to think of a woman's love story I like #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                |
| CarolyBurnsBass --> @homeconfessions Conversely, I think men don't generally categorize emotions, tho they easily separate love from sex. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                              |
| agnieszkasshoes @21stCscribe "continuum" sounds remarkably close to "metanarrative" #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| homeconfessions Richard Ford another contemporary M-A-L-E writer who writes about love--whether you agree with his version of love or not. #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                             |
| 21stCscribe Romance must be all about the emotions. Either UR happy 2 grow old together & continue 2 share, or admit U may have got it wrong #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                           |
| GeneDoucette @GLHancock The more I see "men don't.." and "men only..." the more I want to say "what if I reversed the sexes and said the same? #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                         |
| agnieszkasshoes @robertjbennett do you think it stops men writing, stops people reading, or stops publishers publishing? #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| bookaliciouspam Someone I have never read but writes primarily love stories is Nicholas Sparks. #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| pussreboots @GeneDoucette Target audience or not, he's not the only man I know who reads them. #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| alisonwells Romance is cruise liners, Love has pain/loss at its reverse #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |

21stCscribe RT @agnieszkasshoes: @21stCscribe "continuum" sounds remarkably close to "metanarrative" #litchat /don't mean it thus -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

FrankDiCesare RT @JulieBritt: @GLHancock It worked for Eric Segal. >>>>How so? Love Story was incredibly bad. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JMoncktonSmith @GeneDoucette I agree with you Gene #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock @pussreboots Read my tweet. I didn't say "written by men" I wrote "written for men". Who cares about the author's gender? #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

quietriot\_girl @21stCscribe or somebody kills somebody else. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett @GeneDoucette That's a brilliant writing exercise - reversing genders for chars. S. King endorses it. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CathrynLouis I find that many times in love stories, men portray women more realistically than women portray men. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe RT @agnieszkasshoes: @21stCscribe "continuum" sounds remarkably close to "metanarrative"#litchat /Just not arcs is all -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe @quietriot\_girl like I say, my moll still loves the power of the man who condemns her to death... #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett @agnieszkasshoes I think it may be all three. I can't say for sure but I do think that perception still lingers, even in these days #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

nathanhenrion I wrote a romance once...the main characters were a guy named Ted, a slab of bacon, and football #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock @FrankDiCesare Oh! You're so bad...wasn't going to point out that author is a joke in the writing/publishing industry... #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

FrankDiCesare RT @CathrynLouis: I find that many times in love stories, men portray women more realistically than women portray men. >>>Amen! #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @GeneDoucette @pussreboots - but we're specifically NOT talking about romance, but love in general, esp across boundaries #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

mangolisa @GLHancock a good writr don't write to male or female. Good writing is universal. #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GeneDoucette @robertjbennett it DOES sound like a good exercise, doesn't it? #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

bigreader101 Have we mentioned E.M. Forster yet? #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AlexTardiff RT @nathanhenrion: I wrote a romance once...the main characters were a guy named Ted, a slab of bacon, and football #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

bobbydevito RT @nathanhenrion: I wrote a romance once...the main characters were a guy named Ted, a slab of bacon, and football #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

homeconfessions @FrankDiCesare Hi, Frank. Can you explain what you mean by realistic? thx. #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

quietriot\_girl @21stCscribe how romantic in the literary sense! #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GeneDoucette @agnieszkasshoes I'm aware. But that doesn't mean the statement "Men usually write about love like so..." isn't overly general.. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock RT @mangolisa: @GLHancock a good writr dont write to male or female. Good writing is universal. || Didn't specify "good writing". #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe We can't be saying that men can't write women & women can't write men surely? #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

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| robertjbennett @GeneDoucette There's a character in my book coming out in Feb I WISH I'd made female... would've been so much more fun #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 2nd, 2010             |
| homeconfessions @CathrynLouis oops. Cathryn, can you explain what you mean by realistic? I thought Frank said this. #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                |
| KevSparrow71 Greetings #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| bookaliciouspam When women write love stories they tend to have the perfect man. When a man writes a love story the faults are evident in spades. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| homeconfessions @CathrynLouis or argue that romance is a kind of love. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| CarolyBurnsBass Curious. More about his version of love... RT @homeconfessions: Richard Ford... whether you agree with his version of love or not. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| agnieszkasshoes @21stCscribe 2 people? That's unusually proscriptive of you #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| 21stCscribe RT @AuthorWilliam: @21stCscribe That wld be an unfortunate assertion #litchat /it's always there bubbling under as stick 2beat writers with -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010     |
| AuthorWilliam @bookaliciouspam Interesting! #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GeneDoucette @jennIRL yeah, I'm conceding the "men don't read romance" point as a loser right away. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| CathrynLouis @homeconfessions true... #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| DaveBartlett1 It's hard for a young man to portray love between two older people, though a woman writer seems to manage it reasonably well. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010        |
| jennIRL and i'll bet he read them, too. #litchat RT @csummie: @jennIRL a very famous male author wrote harlequins til he made it big -1:30 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                        |
| JulieBritt @krieheli War of the sexes. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| KevSparrow71 On my blog are some tales that I wrote for a girl I loved. A special special spirit #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre Men tend to tk action to shw hw they feel, rathr thn talk abt it. My late DH NEVER used endearments, but gv me foot rubs evry nite! #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| thedaisyharris Hey- sorry to hop in. What was the topic/question? #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| homeconfessions @CarolyBurnsBass saying that people perceive love differently and experience it differently. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                       |
| 21stCscribe @agnieszkasshoes I said relationship(s)... #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| pussreboots @agnieszkasshoes I realize that. But it was mentioned that men don't write or read romance and I pointed out that's not true. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010          |
| CathrynLouis @robertjbennett Lols - I can relate - I have to work very hard to make sure my male characters aren't women in disguise. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010              |
| bookaliciouspam @thedaisyharris male author penned love stories. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| sticky_t @DaveBartlett1 Although I do love how Nicholas Sparks portrays Noah and Allie's relationship in The Notebook. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                             |
| GLHancock What difference does it make if the author of a love story is male or female? To the story? To other writers? To readers? #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                |
| homeconfessions @CathrynLouis funny! #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| thedaisyharris @bookaliciouspam Thanks! #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| agnieszkasshoes @DaveBartlett1 may I ask why? #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| homeconfessions @GLHancock makes zero difference to me. #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |

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| bigreader101 Edmund White can be tender at times #litchat #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre And are we talking romantic love or love in general? #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| thedaisyharris Of course "some" men read romance novels... but would anyone argue that the audience is 50/50? #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| GLHancock How will knowing a list of male authors of love stories inform YOUR writing? (let's hope, too, improve it) #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| 21stCscribe @CathrynLouis My woman existed in a male gangster world, she toughened up pretty fast, got part-masculinised #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| FrankDiCesare RT a very famous male author wrote harlequins til he made it big >>I'd rather be stoned to death -- al Qaeda style! #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                               |
| agnieszkasshoes @pussreboots indeed! Apologies for jumping in on half a conversation #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| pussreboots I just listened to two men talking about their relationships in a coffee shop today for an hour. Men do talk about feelings #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                         |
| robertjbennett I do find the idea that a difference in chromosome can completely alter the way a person experiences love disappointing. #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                         |
| robertjbennett It's similar to saying the way another race experiences love is hardcoded in them. Which is just absurd. #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| 21stCscribe I love Jeanette Winterson's poetic views of romance/love in her novels #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| agnieszkasshoes @21stCscribe indeed - a single relationship can involve many lovers - Uneearable Lightness of being/Henry & June #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                |
| DaveBartlett1 @agnieszkasshoes Don't know why. I'm not trying to state a rule, just telling it how I've found it in books I've read. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                            |
| robertjbennett It may be that the way our societies balkanize gender roles leads to profoundly different outlooks on the same thing. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                            |
| JulieBritt @DaveBartlett1 I don't think we can generalize that men can do this better and women can do that better. It's talent, not gender. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                    |
| 21stCscribe @robertjbennett disappointing maybe, but that's how chromosomes tend to programme us! #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| agnieszkasshoes @21stCscribe gawd, I agree with you! (on Winterson) #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam So much to say about this topic I don't even know where to start. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| CathrynLouis @21stCscribe Could you say she found her strength? Why would that masculinize her? #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam RT @JulieBritt: @DaveBartlett1 I don't think we can generalize that men can do this better and women can do that better. It's talent, not gender. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| 21stCscribe @agnieszkasshoes oh gawd, not Henry & June please! #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robynmcintyre @pussreboots It definitely happens more now than when I came up. #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| alisonwells @21stCscribe Men seem to like Jeanette Winterson's work full stop. I have another male friend who chooses her books #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                 |
| thelivingpoet @GLHancock I feel like there's a lot of anxious masculinity in love stories written by men. #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |

bookaliciouspam Take 'Love in the Time of Cholera' a male writer took a life time of love from a mans perspective. Even in old age. Very tender. #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

DaveBartlett1 @JulieBritt I'm not generalizing. I'm saying that AS I'VE FOUND it, women writing about love tend to do a better job than male... #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JulieBritt Sorry for the repetition. I'm having tech difficulties. #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock @robertjbennett How about a difference in sexual orientation? Does that make a difference? How and to whom? #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

Figmentfiction All of my potential comments rely on gender stereotypes. Like "Manwriters would include less tears and retail therapy". #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam Generalizations are a double edged sword when dealing with gender. On one side it's language that culture understands..... #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

DaveBartlett1 @JulieBritt ...writers, especially when writing about relationships that are unfamiliar to themselves. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

thelivingpoet @GLHancock A lot of 'yeah I love her but it was totally about the sex honest...' #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JarikaJohnson @LitChat it's not regulated to books.mags like Cosmo have mainly female staff. Maybe it's easier to sell love 'by' women to women? #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam ...and on the other hand It's a fast ticket to being wrong about a score of individuals. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

thelivingpoet @GLHancock But maybe I just haven't read enough male romance authors? #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GeneDoucette @robertjbennett I feel that way whenever I read humor blogs with subjects like "why men want the tv remote." Please. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

alisonwells @agnieszkasshoes Surely you are going to mention Murakami? #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

thedaisyharris Before my daughter was born, I thought I would raise her gender-neutral. I bought black onesies and unisex toys #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CathrynLouis Looks like tweetchat may be down #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GeneDoucette I just lost tweetchat, #litchat people; anyone else? -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe @CathrynLouis she is caught between operating well in male world thru her strengths, but also kept apart by being female #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett @GLHancock I really don't think so. The human experience is the human experience. It's something common to all of us. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @21stCscribe The Anais Nin diaries not the Philip Kaufman film #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett @GLHancock And love is very much a part of that. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

thedaisyharris By the time she was three, everything in my house was pink. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

Figmentfiction This conversation also makes me think about the line of NASCAR romances from Harlequin. Not sure why... #oddpairings #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam Many men feel love in so many places and so many ways and then wrestle with how they "should" love. That conflict creates a POV #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

inkgypsy @thedaisyharris Did you find girls are girls and boys are boys? (I did same thing) #litchat #sneakingin -1:37 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

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| thedaisyharris @GeneDoucette Yeah, same happened to me. #battleofthesexes broke twitter. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| agnieszkasshoes @alisonwells yes!! thank you. Murakami writes love amazingly - esp in South of the Border West of the Sun & Sputnik Sweetheart #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                    |
| 21stCscribe @thelivingpoet Good point. the anxiety comes from not having well established outlets for exploring maleness & attendant feelings #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                     |
| JulieBritt @GeneDoucette I lost it too. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robertjbennett RT @AuthorWilliam: Many men feel love in so many places and so many ways and then wrestle with how they "should" love. That conflict creates a POV #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| homeconfessions @JulieBritt me, too #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| LitChat It's not you, it's Twitter. RT @JulieBritt: Sorry for the repetition. Im having tech difficulties. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robertjbennett @AuthorWilliam Yes. The way you are and the way you're "supposed" to be is the big obstacle here, I feel. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| homeconfessions @AuthorWilliam Great point (of view). #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| CathrynLouis @21stCscribe I see. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| LeahPetersen @AuthorWilliam There aren't many things that turn me off faster than gender generalizations--I don't care how often they're true #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                     |
| nathanhenrion men don't have the stamina to make it to the end of a romance novel...I'm usually finished by page 2 #litchat hey ohhhhhhh! -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                  |
| thedaisyharris @inkgypsy Ab-so-lutely! Boys and girls are just different (despite all that free-to-be-you-and-me stuff I grew up with.) #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                           |
| CarolyBurnsBass @GLHancock A good story is a good story, no matter the gender of the author. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| 21stCscribe RT @alisonwells: @agnieszkasshoes Surely you are going to mention Murakami? #litchat / Busted & nailed in one! Priceless alison -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                |
| homeconfessions I love E. White! how he writes about love and his yearning for it #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| BryanThomasS @AuthorWilliam John Wells who produced ER, West Wing, etc. told me he writes his women characters like men, w/ a few adjustments #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                     |
| thelivingpoet @21stCscribe Agreed! I don't think it's an inherent difference in the way men experience romance, just a lot of cultural pressure. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                  |
| AuthorWilliam @robertjbennett Agreed. For the author who can access that conflict there a unique and potent perspective may await him. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                            |
| alisonwells @bookaliciouspam Yes, agree, Love in the Time of Cholera, very tender, even 'Memories of my Melancholy Whores' celebratory of love #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                    |
| robertjbennett Generalizations are easy. Easy often sells. So they self-perpetuate. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| 21stCscribe @robertjbennett yes, but novels tend to centre on the individual... How to make the individual speak universally... #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                   |
| bigreader101 RT @homeconfessions: I love E. White! how he writes about love and his yearning for it #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| homeconfessions Got to mention Zola in this hour. He's all about love and its variations. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |

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| 21stCscribe @agnieszkasshoes Nin yes, Miller, most definitely no #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam I think that's a difficulty for both sexes. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| inkgypsy @robertjbennett Esp in the post-feminist age. Confusion abounds for both genders as to 'how to be'. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre Romances tend to the "idea" of TRUE LOVE, not relationships, I think. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| homeconfessions @robertjbennett Ooooh. That's a scary thought. I want you to be wrong but you're probably right. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robertjbennett @inkgypsy There's an interesting article out called "The End of Men" abt how its hard to be "manly" in the post-industrial age #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                    |
| CathrynLouis RT @robertjbennett: Generalizations are easy. Easy often sells. So they self-perpetuate. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| AuthorWilliam @LeahPetersen I feel you. Unfortunately they don't go away, possibly because of how frequently they are mediated or affirmed. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                      |
| agnieszkasshoes @21stCscribe "How to make the individual speak universally" no!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I fell into the trap didn't I? #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                      |
| robertjbennett @inkgypsy It says the qualities we identify as masculine don't have as much application in the modern workplace, essentially. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                     |
| joshtaylor61 men don't have the stamina to make it to the end of a romance novel...I'm usually finished by page 2 #litchat hey ohhhhhhh! -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                  |
| robynmcintyre @BryanThomasS I like that, since I do the same for guys. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| GLHancock Does this "how to be/act" affect how an author depicts characters? Is that what you think about when you dev. a character? #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                             |
| thelivingpoet RT @AuthorWilliam: Many men feel love in so many places and so many ways and then wrestle with how they "should" love. That conflict creates a POV #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| GeneDoucette and back #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| thedaisyharris @robynmcintyre I agree. Romances are about fantasy love, not necessarily real love. But that doesn't make them any less fun. ;-) #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                  |
| inkgypsy @thedaisyharris Completely. Of course we have diff bodies, diff hormones, going to affect more than just outside. #litchat Funny thing is.. -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                      |
| AuthorWilliam @BryanThomasS Yes - I believe I heard that from him in a writers room once. Assisted a writer on one of his shows. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                 |
| homeconfessions @robertjbennett qualities such as? #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre RT @robertjbennett: Generalizations are easy. Easy often sells. So they self-perpetuate. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robertjbennett How many romantic comedies have we seen where the entire point of a girl's existence is to get married? #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam @robynmcintyre I believe that without hesitation. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| CathrynLouis @robertjbennett Really? Not in my world... :) #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| gamesafoot @thedaisyharris But some romance writers do try to strive for some sense of authenticity. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |

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| robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam Don't be feeling me, now. You're a married man! LOL #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| 21stCscribe @agnieszkasshoes we'll never agree on this one #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| CarolyBurnsBass @robertjbennett What is "manly" anyway? Is it akin to "girly"? #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| gamesafoot @robertjbennett I hate those comedies, but I also wonder how many of those screwball comedies are about common women. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                            |
| thedaisyharris @gamesafoot I would argue that authentic is not necessarily the same as true. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| AuthorWilliam I had a friend once who I loved but couldn't place how I loved her. So I feared my affection for her. I didn't want to lose her... #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 2nd, 2010            |
| inkgypsy @thedaisyharris Yes i lost the hashtag - sorry! #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robynmcintyre @thedaisyharris Nope, just as vampires and fairies can be fun. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GLHancock Don't writers control their characters; try to avoid cliches and generalizations? #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| CathrynLouis That's why I like multiple POVs in a love story. It balances the female vs male perspectives. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| homeconfessions @AuthorWilliam Now there's a book! #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| AuthorWilliam @robynmcintyre ROFL! :-D #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| MizMisk Romance is fantasy, but a love story is not necessarily romantic or written by a woman. Unbearable Lightness of Being... Lolita... #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                  |
| gamesafoot @robertjbennett "Bringing up Baby" and "My Man Godfrey" - both early screwball comedies that inspired others - are upper class. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                  |
| inkgypsy @robertjbennett Can see how that would be. It's tough for all to find place & be comfortable with themselves. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                      |
| bigreader101 do gay authors write about feelings particularly well ? #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robertjbennett @CarolyBurnsBass Pretty much. It's a cartoonish example of what you're supposed to be, I feel. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| GLHancock @AuthorWilliam Friends w/o benefits? Scares some people who don't know how to relate to others w/o sex involved. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                  |
| CarolyBurnsBass Good writers do. RT @GLHancock: Dont writers control their characters; try to avoid cliches and generalizations? #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                            |
| BryanThomasS He said it helps avoid stereotypical weak fem char & makes them mre interesting. He got an award fr a women's grp 4 his female char #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010            |
| 21stCscribe 1 of my fav books is "Skin Lane" by Neil Bartlett - the best representation of male desire (for another male) I've ever read #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                    |
| KevSparrow71 @gamesafoot @robertjbennett <a href="http://bit.ly/qs3Je">http://bit.ly/qs3Je</a> - Not for me was the point. Love was the overarching factor. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| CathrynLouis @AuthorWilliam I hope you resolved it... #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam @homeconfessions Thanks for saying that! Working on it. Have already begun it as a memoir style. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| JulieBritt Got TweetChat back. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| gamesafoot @thedaisyharris "True" also implies nonfiction. Romances are fictional, but many writers spend countless hours researching. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                      |

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| robertjbennett @GLHancock Generalizations and baseless perceptions are invisible to the person doing the writing. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                |
| BryanThomasS @AuthorWilliam We are alumni from the same school. He helped me get my start out in LA #litchat Great guy -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                    |
| thelivingpoet @CathrynLouis Can you give examples of good love stories with multiple points of view? #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| CarolyBurnsBass Echo that. RT @homeconfessions: @AuthorWilliam Now theres a book! #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| 21stCscribe @CarolyBurnsBass I think 'manly' is less reflected upon, more taken for granted & assumed. A cultural assumption as 'normal' #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 2nd, 2010         |
| MsMartha Sometimes writing from POV of who we are not (male/female) can yield great results. James Tiptree Jr comes to mind. #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                     |
| thedaisyharris @robertjbennett Yeah, but is the desire for marriage somehow less "noble" than the desire for unconditional acceptance? #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 2nd, 2010           |
| AuthorWilliam @CathrynLouis She died, actually. Of a rare disease in her late 20's. I was devastated. Have been writing about it to heal. #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 2nd, 2010        |
| homeconfessions @AuthorWilliam Cool. I hope you work it out. #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| GLHancock @robertjbennett That's why we have editors! #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| JulieBritt @GLHancock Some writers don't. #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robynmcintyre @thedaisyharris I think "authentic" is as close to truth as anyone not a god can get. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| AuthorWilliam @BryanThomasS Right on! I agree. I learned a lot from that room. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| CarolyBurnsBass Absolutely. RT @MsMartha: Sometimes writing from POV of who we are not (male/female) can yield great results. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                    |
| BryanThomasS I actually read women writer's books w/ fem leads 2 help me get inside the fem head fr time 2 time. Not sure if it works, but I try #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| marirandomities Hope I'm not tool late. Can someone tell me this week's topic? :) #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| thelivingpoet @robertjbennett Entirely too many! So many stories revolve around the woman trying to trap/trick the man into marrying her. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010        |
| JulieBritt @marirandomities Men writing about love. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| gamesafoot @robynmcintyre I like to write from men's POV in my romances, I spend a lot of time talking to guys and reading their writing. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010        |
| homeconfessions This twitter hour is an example of "men in love" --a billion talk/viewpts all at once! No one thing. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                             |
| gamesafoot @marirandomities Romances written by men. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| LitChat We are discussing love stories penned by men. RT @marirandomities: Hope Im not tool late. Can someone tell me this weeks topic? :) #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010       |
| robertjbennett @thedaisyharris I don't think so. But it's that line between what we want, and what we're told to want. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                           |
| AuthorWilliam @CarolyBurnsBass Thanks Carolyn! Much appreciated. That story is a...turbulent one to work on. #litchat #gratitude -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                          |
| CathrynLouis @AuthorWilliam I'm so sorry, William. I lost my best friend on an oil rig helicopter accident. Didn't even get to say goodbye. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010      |

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| 21stCscribe @marirandomities romance versus love stories & role of gender, if any #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| gamesafoot @BryanThomasS Wow! I do the opposite: I love to read men's POV on relationships. It's fascinating. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GLHancock @BryanThomasS You might do better developing friendships w/women for a more valid type of research on feminine perspectives. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                           |
| UncompletedWork RT @21stCscribe: Life doesn't have happy or unhappy endings. It is a continuum with minor fluctuations. This impacts on how we tell love stories #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| BryanThomasS @gamesafoot I read Nicholas Sparks a lot and I've been told he represents women well. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| quietriot_girl I only follow #litchat to keep up with the @21stcscribe v @agnieskzshoes 'discussions' but I would prefer mud wrestling -1:49 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                    |
| inkgypsy #litchat has a lot of diverse conversations right now! -1:49 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| CathrynLouis @AuthorWilliam I hope you write that story... #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| thedaisyharris @robertjbennett Do you mean that women are "told" to want marriage? #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam @CathrynLouis Thanks for your kind words. And I'm sorry too. I have her on my mind a lot now, as my author event Wed is in her town #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                |
| JulieBritt @inkgypsy Yeah. I'm lost. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre @gamesafoot W/ poor ppl, "Bringing up baby" becomes "Penny Serenade" Easier to be poor if you cn laugh at the rich. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                |
| inkgypsy @homeconfessions LOL! #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| thelivingpoet @thedaisyharris Healthy desire for marriage should be defined by desire for understanding/acceptance/respect/etc.- Love essentially #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                |
| GeneDoucette packing up, gang. See you all later. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| gamesafoot @BryanThomasS I read David Weber's Sci Fi series, Honors Harrington to get his perspective on women. I learned a lot. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                 |
| AuthorWilliam @CathrynLouis I am writing it now. I have started it several times in several formats. I get closer to breaking through each time. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                 |
| robertjbennett @thedaisyharris I think in some ways, yes. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| gamesafoot @robynmcintyre That was, in part, the purpose of those screwballs. (I got an A in my film history class). ;-P #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre @BryanThomasS I assume - however wrongly maybe - that everyone thinks abt similar things, just in slightly different ways. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                         |
| robertjbennett @thedaisyharris Several girls I knew went to college specifically to find husbands. That was The Reason you went. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                 |
| inkgypsy @JulieBritt It's supposed to be men writing about love but that quickly devolved (or perhaps evolved - depends on your POV!) #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                            |
| 21stCscribe @quietriot_girl U think me & Dan wouldn't prefer mud wrestling? #litchat I'm not precious about my clothes, except when dressed as a woman -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                    |
| AuthorWilliam @inkgypsy Indeed. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| gamesafoot @GeneDoucette TTFN! #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| thelivingpoet @JulieBritt Original question: are love stories different when written by men vs. women. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |

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| AuthorWilliam Some of what I am reading makes me think of how important writing relationships are to writing love. Simple but needs to be said. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robymcintyre @AuthorWilliam So sorry. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| jadettepaige @GLHancock I wonder too, GL. Sort of like Bridges of Madison County type story. something to think about. #litchat romance readers -1:52 PM Aug 2nd, 2010            |
| robymcintyre @marirandomities Men writing love stories #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| LitChat Apologies for the ping-pong convo today. Let it develop naturally, rather than direct specific questions. Sorry. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                          |
| 21stCscribe @AuthorWilliam Only writing relationships matters. Do that write, U must have got both protagonists right be extension #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                |
| marirandomities RT @LitChat: We are discussing love stories penned by men. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| bigreader101 Some authors (Hemingway) construct masculinity, the ones who don't are probably better with love #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                     |
| MizMisk #litchat Talking to myself... lol -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| CathrynLouis @LitChat I think it's been illuminating. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| gamesafoot @LitChat I came late - but I like how you moderate: very organic. It's why I learn so much. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| kashicat Does this question also revolve partly around how well each gender can get into the other's heads and POVs? #litchat (Already covered?) -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010           |
| robymcintyre @gamesafoot Really? Well - how smart am I!? #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| marirandomities Me too! Learned a lot from male friends. RT @gamesafoot: @BryanThomasS I love to read mens POV on relationships. Its fascinating. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam @robymcintyre Thank you, Robyn. :- ) #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GLHancock @jadettepaige Now, there's a sloppy sentimental one that I must admit I LOVE! (Bridges) #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robertjbennett Again, love stories are about characters. Chabon writes GREAT love stories. But you don't immed. think of them as such. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010            |
| 21stCscribe @bigreader101 Hemingway constructed 1 version of masculinity. 1 that looks tired these days #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| CathrynLouis I guess I'm not getting why love = not masculine... #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| LitChat Let's finish today by looking at whether love stories penned by men are different than those written by women. What do you think? #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010         |
| gamesafoot @robymcintyre Well. Very smart if you figured out the origin of screwballs without a professor! #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| gamesafoot @robymcintyre You're so cool. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| bigreader101 RT @21stCscribe: @bigreader101 Hemingway constructed 1 version of masculinity. 1 that looks tired these days #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                         |
| robertjbennett He achieves that through great use of character. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| GLHancock @LitChat Exactly what I have been asking in various ways: in writing, to readers, to other writers? What's the diff? #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                    |
| gamesafoot @LitChat The story told by men tends to cover a longer period of time vs. women's stories that seem to take place in days or weeks. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 2nd, 2010    |
| robertjbennett @CathrynLouis Love is perceived as unmanly because it requires vulnerability and self-reflection. Neither of which are manly. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 2nd, 2010      |

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| CathrynLouis I studied men a lot for my novel. It's fascinating. My perspective is so different. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| homeconfessions @LitChat I think: of course because authors differ and people differ and men differ from men who differ from women. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                               |
| robynmcintyre @gamesafoot *blush* #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam @LitChat They can differ, if for no other reason than because of the different lenses we're raised to see ourselves through. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                        |
| alisonwells Personally I don't notice a difference, once the authors are accomplished, character, motives believable #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| quietriot_girl RT @21stCscribe: @quietriot_girl U think me & Dan wouldn't prefer mud wrestling? #litchat I'm not precious about my clothes, except when dressed as a woman -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| gamesafoot @CathrynLouis Men are so precious when it comes to discussing their views on love: it's very enlightening. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robertjbennett @gamesafoot That's a really interesting perspective. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| GLHancock @robertjbennett Unmanly or unspoken by men? #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre Aren't all stories abt love and relationships in the end? What and how you love defines who you are. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robertjbennett RT @AuthorWilliam: @LitChat They can differ, if for no other reason than because of the different lenses we're raised to see ourselves through. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010    |
| quietriot_girl @21stCscribe @agnieszasshoes who said anything about clothes? #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| CathrynLouis @robertjbennett Yet - men do very 'manly' things because of love. What reason is there to protect if not for love? #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                   |
| homeconfessions Real men love. #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| agnieszasshoes @LitChat I don't think so. But I tend to like authors who are unlike anyone else at all #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| JulieBritt @homeconfessions Real men write about love. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robertjbennett @CathrynLouis That becomes difficult when the object of affection doesn't want/need protection. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| 21stCscribe @robynmcintyre yes, except most novels are from 1 POV, so relationship is only from 1 side of it #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GLHancock What is a "real man"? #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| gamesafoot I wish men would write more romances: their perspective is so valuable in that genre. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| homeconfessions RT @JulieBritt: @homeconfessions Real men write about love. Yeh, baby. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| JarikaJohnson If the talent is different, so is the writing. Otherwise, there's no reason a love story written by a man isn't just as good. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                       |
| 21stCscribe @quietriot_girl we'd need those belts that hold in our girths... #litchat Even Sumo wrestlers have them -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robertjbennett A good writer knows a bit about human nature, regardless of gender, and so should be able to write love. #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| thedaisyharris @thelivingpoet On #litchat, or do you mean in RL? -1:59 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| 21stCscribe @quietriot_girl also we'd both be hamstrung by our short-sightedness once our specs go flying #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |

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| JulieBritt @GLHancock George Clooney #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robymcintyre @21stCscribe Well, when you're living a relationship, that's all you ever see, right? #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| 21stCscribe RT @GLHancock: What is a "real man"? #litchat one who strips away the illusive realities -2:00 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GLHancock As always, your writing will be better if you know what you're writing about, via personal experience OR research. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                   |
| CathrynLouis @robertjbennett Oh - I meant protect in a general sense. Men are traditionally the hunters/protectors - perhaps love is a driver. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                 |
| gamesafoot Yes. RT @robertjbennett: A good writer knows a bit about human nature, regardless of gender, and so should be able to write love. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                   |
| robertjbennett @thedaisyharris Ha, both my sisters-in-law are the reason I think that. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| GLHancock RT @21stCscribe: RT @GLHancock: What is a "real man"? #litchat one who strips away the illusive realities    Sounds like a shrink #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                    |
| 21stCscribe Why can you market romance to women, but less so to men? What does that say about cultural constructions of the market? #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                            |
| JulieBritt RT @alisonwells: Personally I dont notice a difference, once the authors are accomplished, character, motives believable #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                            |
| robymcintyre @CathrynLouis Action (providing/protecting) is historically how men showed love. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| marirandomities It seems I'll have to jump in early on Wed. Convo is great but I simply can't follow. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| 21stCscribe @robymcintyre yes but we've talked of writing it from multi POV. Most novels stick with individual #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| gamesafoot @21stCscribe Harlequin once claimed that at least 10% of their readers were male. I think it's higher now thanks to ebooks. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                         |
| GLHancock As with rules, there are no "shoulds" either. Just good practices that lead to success. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| JulieBritt @21stCscribe I think you'd have to remove the pink covers with handbags and shoes and flowers and such to market them to men. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                       |
| robertjbennett @CathrynLouis It's an interesting idea. But how do we satisfy those drives in these days of abundance? #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robymcintyre @21stCscribe I think because fantasy love (romance novels) tend to be goeey. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| thedaisyharris @robertjbennett Hm. interesing. I'm just sayin I don't think there's anything "unhealthy" or "shallow" abt wanting to gt married. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010               |
| ThomasRaymond #litchat Good writers understand that love in real life generally equals ambivalence at some level. -2:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| 21stCscribe @GLHancock Men are not encouraged to be self-reflective. man is assumed to just be, rather than explore its cultural construction #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                  |
| CathrynLouis I agree! RT @robymcintyre: @CathrynLouis Action (providing/protecting) is historically how men showed love. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                       |
| alisonwells RT @21stCscribe: @GLHancock Men are not encouraged to be self-reflective. man is assumed to just be, rather than explore its cultural construction #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |

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| homeconfessions Thanks all--my first tweetchat. #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GLHancock Some continue to confuse Romances with love stories. Romances are formulaic fantasies. Love stories are more about reality. #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                  |
| robertjbennett @thedaisyharris I completely agree with that. I had a big discussion w/1 sister-in-law abt the numerous advantages to marriage. #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010         |
| AngelaDove @GLHancock Down with 'shoulds' in any venue! #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robynmcintyre @21stCscribe I use multi point of view, though not usually in the same scenes. But I don't write romance. #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                |
| 21stCscribe @gamesafoot still 9 to 1. Romance like any genre is a marketing label. Therefore it targets its market #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                     |
| robertjbennett @thedaisyharris Many of which have nothing to do with love, naturally. #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| alisonwells RT @ThomasRaymond: #litchat Good writers understand that love in real life generally equals ambivalence at some level. -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                              |
| AuthorWilliam @homeconfessions Good to meet you. Thanks for going us today. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| thelivingpoet Trying to find a place to jump back into the the #litchat conversation. It's moving pretty fast today. -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| AngelaDove @thomasraymond love = ambivalence? Huh? #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| LitChat Hot topic, this MEN IN LOVE. We're at the end of the hour, but feel free to continue the convo. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| FrankDiCesare RT @thomasraymond: #litchat Good writers understand that love in real life generally equals ambivalence at some level. >>>Nice! -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                   |
| cynditefft RT @GLHancock: Some continue to confuse Romances with love stories. Romances are formulaic fantasies. Love stories are more about reality. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| CathrynLouis @robertjbennett I don't know how to satisfy those drives, but romantic suspense is a natural genre in which to write about it. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010            |
| gamesafoot @21stCscribe Which is why more writers are writing the male perspective. Mary Balogh & Lisa Kleypas focus more on men than women. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010           |
| thedaisyharris @21stCscribe My husband loves war movies. Is that cuz he's a guy, or because war movies are marketed to men? #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                            |
| JarikaJohnson I've enjoyed this...will def be back! #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GLHancock Men not self-reflective? What gender are most famous philosophers, critics, psychologists? #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| jadettepaige @GLHancock Yep, now something like that would be much better than BB MT, don't you think? #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| 21stCscribe @robynmcintyre no, I don't write romances either #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| cynditefft @GLHancock It's too bad "Love Stories" isn't a genre unto itself, tho. #litchat It would make things much easier IMHO. -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                               |
| thelivingpoet RT @21stCscribe: Why can you market romance to women, but less so to men? What does that say about cultural constructions of the market? #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
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| LitChat Convo today was more conceptual, on Wednesday, we'll get more into specifics. We'll talk authors and titles. Do come back for more #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010             |

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| robertjbennett @CathrynLouis Maybe our perception of how men react to and sustain love will have to change. Who knows? #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                   |
| AngelaDove @robynmcintyre I love multiple POV because you get to play with each characters biases and foibles. #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam Thanks all for the great chat. To me the "ping pong" nature of today's talk speaks to how the founding issue causes us to "vibrate" #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010        |
| robynmcintyre I wonder if good writers are all philosophers in the mind? Another topic perhaps. #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| inkgypsy RT @LitChat: Convo today was more conceptual, on Wednesday, we'll get more into specifics. We'll talk authors and titles. Do come back for more #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| robertjbennett Unfortunately, I can't come to the Weds #litchat. Hope it's as fun as this one's been! -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| KevSparrow71 Love comes from the heart, from the soul. Gender differences are a moot point when it is soulful. Remember, accept. #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                         |
| gamesafoot Bye everyone - I hope I'm on time Wednesday. #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| CathrynLouis @robertjbennett I don't really have a built-in perception. I study, record and try to write what I see. #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                                     |
| GLHancock @jadettepaige Candy is bad for you, too, but I still love Godiva and Bridges! #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| AuthorWilliam @LitChat Will be there. Bravo to you today. #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| AngelaDove @GLHancock Are those men self-reflective or just holding forth in blowhard fashion? LOL #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| RaeBeta RT @21stCscribe: Why can you market romance to women, but less so to men? What does that say about cultural constructions of the market? #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010         |
| 21stCscribe @thedaisyharris you'd have to find what it is exactly he likes about them. The military commands male bonding, as do team sports #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010             |
| CathrynLouis This is so much fun! Sorry to have to leave. See you on Wednesday! #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| BryanThomasS @robynmcintyre I don't think that's wrong. In Western culture, we tend to distinguish between sexes rather than individuals. #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                |
| 21stCscribe @GLHancock reflective externally about the world around them (in order to conquer/colonise usually). Not about manhood #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                       |
| BryanThomasS Which is why stereotypes are the easy way out. They may be relatable but they are hardly accurate and not very interesting #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                  |
| CarolyBurnsBass RT @GLHancock: [Don't] confuse Romances with love stories. Romances are formulaic fantasies. Love stories are more about reality. #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 2nd, 2010        |
| robynmcintyre We all have everything within us, just in different increments and priorities. #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| 21stCscribe @LitChat more conceptual- ha ha sorry about that! Thanks for gr8 Chat #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robynmcintyre @BryanThomasS Indeed. That particularly chafed my butt in the 1960s. #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| alisonwells Thanks a lot! @LitChat Will put thinking cap on re specific authors for Weds #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |

GLHancock RT: @cynditefft: @GLHancock It's too bad "Love Stories" isn't a genre unto itself, tho. #litchat Nooo, love is soooo mainstream! -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett @CathrynLouis One of the best things to do in writing, though, is to examine why we think the way we think. We can play around. #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

LitChat The floor is open now. Pitch away those blogs, books and other links about reading and writing. #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

BryanThomasS @GLHancock I do have friendships w/ women. My wife & female betas also contrib, but sometimes I need a boost 2 get in the mindset #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe @robynmcintyre philosophy has dried up with no real insights for 50-60 years? An arid discipline now #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam Yes - I think today we will ALL have some meat to continue chewing on. #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JulieBritt Bye, y'all #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

BryanThomasS @robynmcintyre I am widely travelled, so I put my stereotypes aside decades ago, although I enjoy employing them for humor #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes thanks everyone for a super #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

BryanThomasS Totally unrelated, but holding the first ARC of my first novel which just came in the mail. Feels good. #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

sticky\_t Thanks for the chat, everyone! Fun listening in, as always. #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @LitChat Extremely interesting chat today. Great moderation. #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

inkgypsy @21stCscribe No, no. Just has a new platform. Called 'blogging'. ;) #litchat (re philosophy dried up) -2:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

teetate Is there a link for #litchat transcripts? I missed it yet again. :( -2:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

kriheli @LitChat (applause) #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @21stCscribe I agree, I think. But that doesn't make what came before irrelevant. #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Follow her folks, she's one sharp writer. RT @homeconfessions: Thanks all--my first tweetchat. #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JulieBritt Some of my fiction here: <http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt> <http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt2> <http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt3> #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam Always illuminating talking with you! #litchat #follow -2:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe @robynmcintyre but where has it got us? God gone. Descartes duality gone. marx's scientific materialism discredited #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock For practical writing help, visit my Amazon bibliography <http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B002X0CX50> #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

bobbydevito blog on my new book BURNED at: [bobbydbook.tumblr.com](http://bobbydbook.tumblr.com) - a rock and roll fairy tale. have at it #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

LitChat Thanks. Many great voices in the convo today. RT @robynmcintyre: @LitChat Extremely interesting chat today. Great moderation. #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @BryanThomasS Not unrelated. I hope to do so myself one of these days. #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe @robynmcintyre we are no nearer defining emotions. Field shifted to scientific study of mind #litchat -2:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

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| robynmcintyre @inkgypsy I like that blogs=philosophy development #litchat -2:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| michaelmhughes #litchat my collection of short horror stories, "Invocation of the Incisor and Other Dark Tales" ebook: <a href="http://bit.ly/9LtOXk">http://bit.ly/9LtOXk</a> -2:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| cynditefft #litchat Blog pitch "Love Stories" 'Cuz I do. :) <a href="http://ctefft.blogspot.com">http://ctefft.blogspot.com</a> -2:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GLHancock Latest article: writing articles the slacker way -- <a href="http://www.amazon.com/Articles-Slacker-Successful-Writer-ebook/dp/B003XKNFW4">http://www.amazon.com/Articles-Slacker-Successful-Writer-ebook/dp/B003XKNFW4</a> #litchat -2:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| robynmcintyre @21stCscribe Evolution takes a long time, so do ideas. You keep lking & sharing wht you find. There's no definitive answer, anywy. #litchat -2:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| LitChat This week's chats will be posted Sunday. You can read archives: <a href="http://bit.ly/RmCtO">http://bit.ly/RmCtO</a> . RT @teetate: Is there link for #litchat transcripts? -2:16 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| michaelmhughes @bobbydevito #litchat downloading a sample of BURNED now... looks interesting! -2:16 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| Madison_Woods @robynmcintyre my blog is sometimes philosophical. Sometimes writerly or funny, too. <a href="http://madsionwoods.wordpress.com">http://madsionwoods.wordpress.com</a> . #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robynmcintyre @Madison_Woods Thanks! Will read. #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| 21stCscribe @robynmcintyre my problem with fiction is that it doesn't actually try & get to grips with human emotion for all its protestations #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| inkgypsy @robynmcintyre Seriously - where else do you see mass 'consideration'? Many actually have smthing to say. Forums too are important. #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GLHancock Today's book review on "A Writer's Edge" is debut novel of horror & ... wow! <a href="http://awritersedge.posterous.com/review-of-deleeuw">http://awritersedge.posterous.com/review-of-deleeuw</a> #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010                          |
| michaelmhughes My thoughts on "book smell" and other arguments against e-readers: <a href="http://michaelmhughes.com/wordpress/?p=454">http://michaelmhughes.com/wordpress/?p=454</a> #litchat -2:18 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam The feeling is more than mutual, Robyn, thank you :) RT @robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam Always illuminating talking with you! #litchat #follow -2:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| 21stCscribe @robynmcintyre That too many authors failing 2 have anything worth sharing. Novels need 2 update 2current sensibilities & go deeper #litchat -2:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| inkgypsy RT @GLHancock: Today's book review on "A Writer's Edge" is debut novel of horror & ... wow! <a href="http://awritersedge.posterous.com/review-of-deleeuw">http://awritersedge.posterous.com/review-of-deleeuw</a> #litchat -2:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010            |
| robynmcintyre @21stCscribe Probably because language is really a clumsy vehicle for doing so. #litchat -2:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| homeconfessions Thanking #LitChat for today's talk about men writing about love. -2:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| Madison_Woods @robynmcintyre I'd love to have you stop in for a spell. Lemme know and I'll brew up some coffee or pour us some wine :) #litchat -2:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| thelivingpoet @21stCscribe You really don't think that fiction tries to authentically deal with human emotions? #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| GLHancock @cynditefft True, too, that love stories can appear within a genre piece. Mean "love" is so much a part of real life-mainstream. #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robynmcintyre @inkgypsy You're right. It's something that was niggling at me but the light didn't come on til you said that. #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| 21stCscribe @robynmcintyre Aha now we're getting to crux. And what ought writers to be dealing in? Language. By & large, they don't explore it #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GLHancock @inkgypsy TY You're so kind! #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |

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| bobbydevito the novel i am writing now goes nowhere, explains nothing, and dawdles in postmodern malaise. #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GLHancock @michaelmhughes Did you know "smelly" e-readers invented for college students? #litchat -2:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robertjbennett @21stCscribe It's extremely tough to talk about. How do fish discuss water? #litchat -2:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| bobbydevito how baroque and ornate does language have to be? don't you want average uneducated culturally illiterate folk to like your book? #litchat -2:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre @GLHancock Maybe so much a part that we have overlapping limitations in seeing it well? #litchat -2:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robynmcintyre @bobbydevito Sounds like my life on toast. #litchat -2:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| inkgypsy @michaelmhughes Nice post! Must add that smell is the longest, most potent 'memory' we have - important. ;) #litchat -2:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| inkgypsy RT @michaelmhughes: My thoughts on "book smell" and other arguments against e-readers: <a href="http://michaelmhughes.com/wordpress/?p=454">http://michaelmhughes.com/wordpress/?p=454</a> #litchat -2:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010      |
| bobbydevito how many book customers have college degrees and have studied lit theory and cultural studies? and do those grads buy books? #litchat -2:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre RT @michaelmhughes: My thoughts on "book smell" and other arguments against e-readers: <a href="http://michaelmhughes.com/wordpress/?p=454">http://michaelmhughes.com/wordpress/?p=454</a> #litchat -2:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010 |
| 21stCscribe @thelivingpoet I don't think it does terribly gd job. Can't comment on authenticity #litchat Emotions are non-linear, Lit is linear #litchat -2:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| GLHancock @robynmcintyre Uh, what are "overlapping limitations"? All we know is all we know. #litchat -2:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010   |
| bobbydevito i mean, i already feel like a culturally elite total f#\$cking snob because of my education. i don't want to flaunt it to readers #litchat -2:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| WSCreations @robynmcintyre So, do you think I should consider changing my artistic direction from making bookmarks? LOL #litchat -2:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| robynmcintyre @GLHancock Sorry; didn't mean to be convoluted. I am thinking abt they way societal expectations hv influencd the way we see things #litchat -2:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| thelivingpoet @21stCscribe There's non-linear lit out there. Several postmodern authors are trying to address that exact problem. #litchat -2:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| 21stCscribe @robertjbennett we gotta try though right? In an intelligent way ... Metaphor is way of trying to illuminate & metaphor is literary #litchat -2:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| 21stCscribe @bobbydevito horses for courses. Language needs to be deconstructed sometimes #litchat -2:25 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| bobbydevito being mentored by Randy Wayne White taught me a LOT. Randy WORKS. 4am-noon EVERY DAMN DAY. i was intrigued and scared #litchat -2:25 PM Aug 2nd, 2010  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY: August 4, 2010</b>   |
| LitChat Greetings! We're beginning another hour of #litchat -1:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| JM_Kelley Breaking from the writing binge to follow #litchat -1:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| LitChat An easy way to follow #litchat is at <a href="http://bit.ly/MH5Qs">http://bit.ly/MH5Qs</a> . Login w/Twitter and introduce yourself. -1:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| GLHancock Checked my library. Can't find books classified "love story". Lotsa sci-fi, horror, classics, feminist, erotica, mainstream... #litchat -1:02 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |

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| GeneDoucette hey guess what? there is NOBODY in #litchat right now. #litchat -1:02 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| LexxClarke Good evening all,all round lit lover from the UK #litchat -1:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| JM_Kelley I think Nicholas Sparks is the most obvious current male writer of love stories #litchat -1:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| CathrynLouis Hi all! #litchat -1:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| mmj5170 Can't believe it. I am actually at my desk at the time of litchat! Hello again to all! #litchat -1:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| LitChat Let's keep the chat on topic today and save the personal pitches, blog posts, and off-topic questions for right after the chat. #litchat -1:04 PM Aug 4th, 2010        |
| PIBarrington RT @GeneDoucette: hey guess what? there is NOBODY in #litchat right now. #litchat Hey, just returned from RWA! Whaddya' want? -1:04 PM Aug 4th, 2010              |
| GLHancock is a publishing guide/editor/writer first published in 1964, but above all else, a veteran Reader. I read, thus I critique. #litchat -1:04 PM Aug 4th, 2010          |
| IanB022 Good evening all #litchat -1:04 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| LitChat @mmj5170 Howdy! Great to see you here. Please jump in with both feet. #litchat -1:05 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| PIBarrington RT @mmj5170: Can't believe it. I am actually at my desk at the time of litchat! Hello again to all! #litchat ~I know, me too!~~ -1:05 PM Aug 4th, 2010            |
| bobbydevito what is authenticity to you, and what does it mean to your writing? #litchat -1:05 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| titangirl09 Hi all. I don't really read any male writers on the topic of love. Maybe I'll be won over after this chat! #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 4th, 2010                         |
| JM_Kelley Hoping for some good recs to come of the chat. I love the male perspective. #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| LitChat @GLHancock We're using the term "love stories" in place of "romances," for reasons to keep away from genre confusion. #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 4th, 2010                  |
| thedaisyharris @GeneDoucette Don't tempt me. I'm trying to #amrevising. Anyway, I always stir up trouble. #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                      |
| FrankDiCesare Hello there, litchatters. Sorry I'm late. #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| LitChat @titangirl09 But first, perhaps you can tell us why you don't read male writers on topic of love. #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                      |
| _jude #litchat Do you think it's a myth that men tend to write love stories as tragedies? Like Nicholas Sparks. -1:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| michaelmhughes Best book about young love from male perspective: Endless Love by Scott Spencer. Seriously. Ignore the movie & read it #litchat #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010 |
| JM_Kelley I'm not usually a very emotional reader, but James Patterson's Suzanne's Diary For Nicholas turned me into utter goo. #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010                |
| GLHancock @LitChat Uh, we're actually discussing the Romance genre, then? This is so confusing! #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| AuthorWilliam William here, a bit late but locked and loaded for #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| FrankDiCesare @_jude No. It's a fact that dates back to Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| robynmcintyre Hay-lo, folkage - how's trix? #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |

titangirl09 @LitChat I'm not sure why I don't read from the male perspective. I think female writers are more emotional so I relate to that. #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LexxClarke @AuthorWilliam @robynmcintyre hi there! #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GeneDoucette @PIBarrington I mean I actually typed "itchat" into tweetchat and found only emptiness. #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM\_Kelley @GLHancock love stories and romance: not the same. Romance=happily ever after, love stories more in depth and not always end well #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @titangirl09 Interesting, why is that? #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010

wotv @JM\_Kelley As you might expect from him, James Patterson's latest love story is penned by someone else - a woman. #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GeneDoucette maybe I'm being dense but does anyone read books ABOUT love? #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LexxClarke Hmm interesting... RT @titangirl09: ...female writers are more emotional so I relate to that. #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010

Saffy Hi #litchat I don't tend to read lovestories or romance that much but I tend to prefer the ones written by men - they seem more real to me -1:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @LexxClarke Greetings, friend! #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GeneDoucette Isn't that like saying "I like reading books about laughter and anger" #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AustinMullen @GeneDoucette Romance novels? #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock @JM\_Kelley Back to "Bridges"? It's written by a man, and it's a love story. And I love it... #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM\_Kelley @wotv I'm hoping the book I mentioned is so old it predates the 'written by someone else' phase! #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010

FrankDiCesare I love understatement in literature, especially in love scenes. It keeps them from becoming cliché. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010

PIBarrington @bobbydevito ~Authenticity, for me, is being brutally honest w/myself as to whether I'm writing the best of my ability. ~~ #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @titangirl09 Oops, asked the same question while you were typing your answer. Thanks for your honesty. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010

inkgypsy RT @LitChat: @GLHancock We're using the term "love stories" in place of "romances," for reasons to keep away from genre confusion. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre I maintain that every story is a love story. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GeneDoucette @AustinMullen are romance novels about love? Or is love a component of romance novels? #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IreneZiegler Who was the guest Irish writer from a week or 2 ago, said all his stories are love stories? #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CathrynLouis Faulkner? Tennessee Williams? Do you consider some of what they wrote as love stories? #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat That could be very disturbing. RT @GeneDoucette: I mean I actually typed "itchat" into tweetchat and found only emptiness. #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LeahPetersen Someone want to throw the starting topic my way? #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AustinMullen @GeneDoucette Well, to be frank, romance novels are about sex. But more "about" than "featuring", I'd say. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat Yes! Frank Delaney @FDbytheWord. RT @IreneZiegler: Who was guest Irish writer from who said all his stories are love stories? #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 4th, 2010

\_jude @JM\_Kelley: @GLHancock love stories more in depth || not always, witness The Bridges of Madison County. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock RT @AustinMullen: @GeneDoucette Well, to be frank, romance novels are about sex. But more "about" than "featuring", Id say. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010

jessenovels RT @Saffy: Hi #litchat I don't tend to read lovestories or romance that much but I tend to prefer the ones written by men - they seem more real to me -1:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GeneDoucette @AustinMullen I agree with you completely. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre @CathrynLouis Unrequited love, searching for love, killing for love. There's always love. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM\_Kelley Ooh, Google saves me. Jane's House by Robert Kimmel Smith. Another oldie that slayed me. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat We're discussing love stories (novels) penned by men. RT @LeahPetersen: Someone want to throw the starting topic my way? #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JulieBritt Checking in late. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @AustinMullen I like the distinction between "about" and "featuring" - very nice. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010

\_jude RT @AustinMullen: @GeneDoucette romance novels are about sex. || not remotely true though sex is present in more romance now #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010

PIBarrington @PIBarrington ~And then there's versimilitude~~ #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010

PitchMyNovel RT @LitChat: We're discussing love stories (novels) penned by men. RT @LeahPetersen: Someone want to throw the starting topic my way? #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GeneDoucette @LeahPetersen men writing abt love. As soon as we define what "love" is and who "men" are. Pretty sure we get "writing" tho. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010

jessenovels I use to read, but it all seems kinda of dull and rehashed, that's why I stick manga and comics. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CathrynLouis I agree. RT @robynmcintyre: "@CathrynLouis Unrequited love, searching for love, killing for love. There's always love. #litchat" -1:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @GeneDoucette: @LeahPetersen men writing abt love. As soon as we define what "love" is and who "men" are. Pretty sure we get "writing" tho. #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LeahPetersen The most touching love story I ever read was a literary novel w/ a m/m relationship written by a straight man, Call Me By Your Name #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010

inkgypsy @GLHancock How about 'stories about love'? That doesn't equate with romance, not in the same way.#litchat -1:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010

\_jude The shallow presumption that tragedy in love stories means greater literary worth reminds me of Otto Penzler's theory on mysteries. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LexxClarke The book which comes straight to mind for me is Lady Chatterley's Lover #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks RT @GLHancock: is a publishing guide/editor/writer first published in 1964, but above all else, a veteran Reader. I read, thus I critique. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM\_Kelley @LeahPetersen define men? \*gets medical charts\* Now, if you direct your attention down here.... #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock @LitChat It occurred to me too that most novels are about love or contain love stories. But there's no category of books so named. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010

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| LexxClarke Bwahahaha RT @JM_Kelley: @LeahPetersen define men? *gets medical charts* Now, if you direct your attention down here.... #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                       |
| sjfbooks I say the more the merrier! #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| ingypsy Are we talking romantic love? #litchat Maybe talking Greek will help: <a href="http://bit.ly/181SAx">http://bit.ly/181SAx</a> -1:19 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| IreneZiegler Ian McEwan's First Love, Enduring Love, Atonement. All visceral and terrific. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| IreneZiegler @_jude Which is? #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| FrankDiCesare One of the best -- and most realistic -- love stories I've ever read is still Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms." #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| LeahPetersen @GeneDoucette what about not-very-girly women writing the male POV? with fistfights AND love scenes? #litchat :p -1:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| ingypsy @GLHancock I think that's because anytime you have a relationship some sort of love/anti-love occurs (see my Greek tweet). #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| TaoJoannes RT @ingypsy: Are we talking romantic love? #litchat Maybe talking Greek will help: <a href="http://bit.ly/181SAx">http://bit.ly/181SAx</a> -1:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010                              |
| GLHancock RT @FrankDiCesare: One of the best -- and most realistic -- love stories I've ever read is still Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms." #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010                              |
| JulieBritt I get the feeling we're arguing about something, but I'm not sure what. That's what I get for being late again. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| AustinMullen @smartbitches #Litchat can't seem to decide if romos are "about" love and/or sex, halp! -1:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| deannaschryer RT @Writers_Life: Dealing with Depression to access our Creativity <a href="http://ow.ly/1FLsX">http://ow.ly/1FLsX</a> #Writers_Life #amwriting #litchat #creativity -1:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010 |
| TaoJoannes My WIP is about Love. Basically the stupid things people do to get love, and the trouble it causes. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| GeneDoucette @GLHancock yah, that's what I've been saying. "Love" is entirely too general; it shows up in lots of places. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| GLHancock @FrankDiCesare Yes! I looked at my shelf of Papa's books and books about Papa and thought, there were love stories there. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                       |
| Saffy twitter is #twitterfail for me this evening :( #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| bigkafka Recently read a remake of The Little Prince as a male teenager getting lost in desert and finds love PPDA #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| TaoJoannes Each of the characters meets some misfortune due to their poor choices in acquiring love. #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| pursoot RT @LeahPetersen: @GeneDoucette what about not-very-girly women writing the male POV? with fistfights AND love scenes? #litchat :p -1:22 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| FrankDiCesare @GLHancock Papa teaches all of us writers today that a true love story must be balanced with the pain we all endure in life. #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                |
| TaoJoannes @bigkafka man that chapter, what is it, 21 of little prince, that's perfect #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| KimberlyFarris what is the difference between a love story and a romance? #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| _jude @IreneZiegler He felt women wrote fluff in mysteries, that men's focus on drunken damaged characters signalled a commitment to art. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                 |

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| robynmcintyre Men can definitely write about love, but are they good at writing w/ love as the main theme? Maybe that's wht we're driving toward? #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 4th, 2010 |
| GLHancock @FrankDiCesare The course of true love never runs smoothly? #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| IanB022 Add The Cement Garden to those RT @IreneZiegler: Ian McEwan's First Love, Enduring Love, Atonement. All visceral and terrific. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 4th, 2010            |
| TaoJoannes @robynmcintyre that's a bit sexist, isn't it? #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| GeneDoucette My MC's tend to be solitary characters not in relationships or necessarily looking for them. I've yet to write abt love other.. #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010      |
| GeneDoucette ...than subtextually. #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| AustinMullen @robynmcintyre Uhh, I'm pretty sure we are also capable of experiencing love ;P #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| IreneZiegler Every story is about love, it seems. Can you name one that isn't? So, not sure what we mean by writing "about love." #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010                 |
| TaoJoannes @KimberlyFarris a romance is porn for women, lol #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| CarolBMTbooks Hi, #litchat Chiming in now tho I've been lurking to be sure what the topic is. -1:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| GLHancock Just reread Miller's "Black Book" Definitely a love story -- with himself! #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| TaoJoannes @GLHancock a smooth relationship makes for very boring literature #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| AuthorWilliam Many of us here are writers perhaps an honest reflection of how we approach love in our writing? (What do you think @Litchat?) #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010      |
| JulieBritt @robynmcintyre Some men are. McEwan, Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Charles Baxter, @JonClinch. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| KimberlyFarris RT @TaoJoannes: @KimberlyFarris a romance is porn for women, lol//Ha #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| bobbydevito in writing non-fiction specifically memoirs or other true life stuff, what is the difference between libel & defamation? #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010              |
| LeahPetersen RT @TaoJoannes: @GLHancock a smooth relationship makes for very boring literature #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| pussreboots @robynmcintyre Richard Paul Evans writes nothing but books where love is the main theme. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| robynmcintyre @TaoJoannes @AustinMullen - not my belief. I'm just trying to clarify the question on the table. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                    |
| bigkafka Patrick Poivre d'Armor remakes The Little Prince w/ a love story. ... #litchat <a href="http://amzn.to/drwClr">http://amzn.to/drwClr</a> -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010          |
| CathrynLouis RT @KimberlyFarris: "what is the difference between a love story and a romance? #litchat" -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| SmartBitches @AustinMullen sorry what? Romos= romance novels or Tony Romo and his brother? #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| JM_Kelley @robynmcintyre Last time I checked, men had hearts as well. #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| GLHancock @CarolBMTbooks Your historical novel of Montana contains a lovely love story, but that isn't the main thrust (so to speak), right? #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010      |

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| Saffy @TaoJoannes @KimberlyFarris No erotica man! Romance is incipid where sex is concerned and I want sex sense personally #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                 |
| AustinMullen It's wrong to generalise, but in general, I've never read M/M love written by a woman I would consider to be realistic #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010                         |
| FrankDiCesare RT @TaoJoannes: @GLHancock a smooth relationship makes for very boring literature. >>>>Amen to that! #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| pursoot Love is a four letter word...so is lust, which comes first...the chicken or the egg? #litchat. -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| IreneZiegler @_jude I certainly prefer "character driven" stories—love & mystery stories included. I wonder if by "fluff," he meant plot driven. #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010            |
| GeneDoucette romance is a genre. Love story is a plot device. #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| TaoJoannes They met, and things were perfect, and they lived happily ever after and their children were doctors. #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| IreneZiegler RT @FrankDiCesare: RT @TaoJoannes: @GLHancock a smooth relationship makes for very boring literature. >>>>What he said! #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 4th, 2010                        |
| pussreboots @TaoJoannes Erotica is the porn for women. Romance is more focused on getting to the marriage or other happily ever after ending #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 4th, 2010                |
| titangirl09 So funny! RT @SmartBitches: @AustinMullen sorry what? Romos= romance novels or Tony Romo and his brother? #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                       |
| titangirl09 RT @GeneDoucette: romance is a genre. Love story is a plot device. #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| AuthorWilliam The point has been made that most stories are about love or have a love element. This is a good point to make. #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                |
| CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock No, it's not. It's a subplot. Gold Under Ice has the continuing subplot: Dan decides what is real love. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010                            |
| robynmcintyre @pursoot I'd say lust, since I don't have to love someone to desire him. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| sharifwrites RT @GeneDoucette: romance is a genre. Love story is a plot device. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| FrankDiCesare RT @titangirl09: RT @GeneDoucette: romance is a genre. Love story is a plot device. >>>>Well put. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| JLichtenberg RT @GeneDoucette: @LeahPetersen men writing abt love. As soon as we define what "love" is and who "men" are. Pretty sure we get "writing" tho. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010 |
| CathrynLouis RT @GeneDoucette: "romance is a genre. Love story is a plot device. #litchat" -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| LeahPetersen @pursoot right, and "love" as a word is so vague? "love" meaning biological responses to sensory stimuli? there's good data on that #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010            |
| jadettepaige @AuthorWilliam I want a HEA cause most of the time that doesn't happen in real life. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| TaoJoannes @pussreboots that's what I mean, women driven 4 relationships the way men driven 4 sex. vicarious happy marriage = anonymous sex #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010                 |
| JLichtenberg RT @AuthorWilliam: @AustinMullen I like the distinction between "about" and "featuring" - very nice. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| GLHancock @CarolBMTbooks Ooo! I can hardly wait! No other love stories in it? #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |

cynditefft #litchat I love it that everyone seems to have their own definition of "romance" versus "love story". It's why I'm changing my book to YA. -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AustinMullen @GLHancock Dismissing any genre wholesale is ill-advised at best and dangerous at worst #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GeneDoucette And to @Authorwilliam's question, my characters are usually outsiders alienated from a group. love stories don't come up often. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre I personally think men are just as capable of writing glorious love stories and sappy princess-finds-the-prince stuff as any woman. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010

SmartBitches .@AustinMullen Tony Romo and bro=no idea what they are about. Prolly sex. Romance novels:abt courtship, relationships, happiness. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam And we're discussing specific books by men that contain love as an element, right? #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @FrankDiCesare Papa teaches us if we can't learn it ourselves. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock RT @AustinMullen: @GLHancock Dismissing any genre wholesale is ill-advised at best and dangerous at worst || Yet, I don't hesitate! #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 4th, 2010

pussreboots @TaoJoannes Women are just as driven for sex as men are and men are as driven for relationships as women. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre @TaoJoannes Interesting thought. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @pussreboots theoretically, perhaps, but, naw, I don't buy it. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010

jadettepaige @AuthorWilliam true but alot of them are tragedies. Not a very happy ending. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM\_Kelley RT @AustinMullen: @GLHancock Dismissing any genre wholesale is ill-advised at best and dangerous at worst #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LeahPetersen @pussreboots Another argument for generalizations are never true. ;) #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock Isn't the classic plot boy meets girl, boy loses girl, etc.? Love story. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @pussreboots little girls look forward to their big wedding, little boys don't #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010

ReganCoomer @cynditefft #litchat I think everyone should change their books to YA. JK. But I do love YA lit. Usually a fun and carefree read. -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre @pussreboots I'd agree w/ that; just approaches are different. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes Maybe because "smooth relationships" are wishful thinking? #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @JulieBritt That's where we started however I think there is a significant discussion over how to define a love element happening #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 4th, 2010

Saffy @AustinMullen I wrote a M/M story which my male gay friends liked but I chickened out of sending it off, they said it was better... #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IreneZiegler Maybe men vs women's "love stories" (aha! Eric Segal!)is the difference between writing proactive or reactive stories. #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 4th, 2010

inkgypsy @cynditefft Um.. you'll still have to define what kind of YA it is though. #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre @TaoJoannes I never looked forward to mine (as in dreaming/planning for years). I had other stuff to do. #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 4th, 2010

rbwood RT @LeahPetersen The most touching love story I ever read was a novel w/ a m/m 'ship written by a straight man-Call Me By Your Name #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks hmm, but then that would make for great lit, right? vicarious experience? #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IreneZiegler Men like to do, women like to be done? (Ahem.) #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks instead, it's the thrilling, challenging, overcoming obstacle relationships we love #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 4th, 2010

Saffy @AustinMullen ... than my hubby's attempt as well which doesn't mean much as he's hetro I suppose #litchat you just need to talk to people;) -1:33 PM Aug 4th, 2010

\_jude @AustinMullen Amen, Austin! I wonder at people who display contempt and dismissal for genre fiction. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @robynmcintyre of course, many are different, but speaking broadly, many women do, and almost no men do #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 4th, 2010

pussreboots @TaoJoannes Then explain to me why my husband did all the wedding planning? #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes RT @IreneZiegler: Men like to do, women like to be done? (Ahem.) #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock Love stories can take so many forms: unrequited, love of your life, obsession, young, first, last ... what others? #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LeahPetersen @TaoJoannes Another argument for generalizations are never true. ;) #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 4th, 2010

pussreboots @TaoJoannes And the two guys I heard talking about their wedding plans with girlfriends (not present) that went on for 2 hours ? #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010

bigkafka @TaoJoannes - I thought theory was: women need to feel loved to enjoy sex, and men need sex to feel loved? #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010

inkgypsy @cynditefft I wish you luck - whatever it gets labeled! #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CathrynLouis LOLs! but not in my book... RT @IreneZiegler: "Men like to do, women like to be done? (Ahem.) #litchat" -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010

FrankDiCesare RT @IreneZiegler: Men like to do, women like to be done? (Ahem.) >>That's the BEST tweet I've read in a long time! Bravo! #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @GLHancock predatory love, controlling love, abusive love, unhealthy love, codependant love #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010

cynditefft Strangely enough, many people classify The Time Traveler's Wife as 'romance' but it's not. Romantic, but not romance #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre @IreneZiegler That's a valid viewpoint. Are women usually less proactive in female written romances? #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010

rbwood Men historically are 'visual' lovers. True men can 'feeling' lovers. Talented men write about those feeling eloquently. #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam I think we're discussing weddings now. #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010

cynditefft @inkgypsy #litchat Thanks! \*grin\* -1:36 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes Overcoming obstacles, challenging relationships are more interesting in real life, too. People write what they know? #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 4th, 2010

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| TaoJoannes @pussreboots a specific girlfriend, a specific wedding with a date in mind? Or fantasizing about "one day"? #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 4th, 2010                           |
| IreneZiegler @robynmcintyre It's my impression women are more reactive, yes. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| bigkafka #litchat - dichotomy love/sex must show very different between male authors and female authors. is that really so? -1:36 PM Aug 4th, 2010                               |
| GLHancock RT @TaoJoannes: @GLHancock predatory love, controlling love, abusive love, unhealthy love, codependant love    no wonder so popular! #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| _jude @robynmcintyre Entirely the opposite. Female written romance was where for years strong heroines could be found. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 4th, 2010                           |
| LeahPetersen RT @rbwood: Men historically are 'visual' lovers. True men can 'feeling' lovers. Talented men write about those feeling eloquently. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010 |
| robynmcintyre Yeah, I'd say there was a difference between romantic fiction and romance fiction. Perhaps a BIG difference? #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010                       |
| JM_Kelley If finding a definition of love that suits is difficult, then love stories aren't for you. Perhaps a lovely Ford Mustang manual? #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010       |
| CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock I like boy meets girl, boy gets girl, & they have to live with it. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| bigkafka Oscar Wilde "the importance of being earnest" -quite a treat! #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks So, maybe we don't WANT smooth relationships, life is a story we live, right? We make trouble, obstacles. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010              |
| pussreboots @TaoJoannes I've never heard any of my female friends fantasizing about weddings. EVER. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| GLHancock RT @robynmcintyre: Yeah, I'd say there was a difference between romantic fiction and romance fiction. Perhaps a BIG difference? #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010        |
| robynmcintyre @_jude Specifically, we were speaking of proactiveness w/ respect to sex. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| pussreboots @TaoJoannes It's a stupid generalization propagated by the wedding industry. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam RT @CarolBMTbooks: @GLHancock I like boy meets girl, boy gets girl, & they have to live with it. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                   |
| GLHancock RT @CarolBMTbooks: @GLHancock I like boy meets girl, boy gets girl, & they have to live with it.    LOL! Uh, but why? #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010                  |
| CathrynLouis @robynmcintyre Not always. I choose 2 read & write about proactive women. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes The human tendency to ruffle smooth waters? #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| TaoJoannes @pussreboots okay #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| cynditefft @robynmcintyre #litchat I wish there were a section of the book store for 'romantic fiction'. That's my fave kind! -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010                             |
| _jude @robynmcintyre Yes, I know. :) #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| IreneZiegler @pussreboots They probably didn't play with Barbie dolls, then. She started it. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |

Saffy @\_jude @robynmcintyre really? most thing I've read as romance by female authors made me want to scream and scoured my eyes out #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CathrynLouis RT @rbwood: "Men historically r 'visual' lovers. True men can 'feeling' lovers. Talented men write abt those feeling eloquently. #litchat" -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @JulieBritt fair enough lol #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks Like end of "the Matrix" 'the first 1 was a paradise, they rejected it` #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock Because that's what happens. #litchat More interesting to me than happily ever after. -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

Saffy @\_jude @robynmcintyre pre 1985 anyway and that wasn't supposed to be another genre with a love story in it #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock RT @Saffy: most thing Ive read as romance by female authors made me want to scream and scoured my eyes out #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre Has anyone perceived a trend in writing strong (focused, determined) heroines who suck at relationships? If so, who writes 'em? #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks RT @TaoJoannes: @CarolBMTbooks instead, it's the thrilling, challenging, overcoming obstacle relationships we love #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 4th, 2010

\_jude @Saffy I am always a little suspicious when people dismiss an entire genre. It makes me wonder how widely they really read. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IreneZiegler @TaoJoannes I think life (and by extension, relationships) is chaotic in its natural state. We seek harmony. That's the journey. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 4th, 2010

FrankDiCesare RT @IreneZiegler: @pussreboots They probably didnt play with Barbie dolls,then. She started it. >>Ah, Barbie! Ah, humanity! #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM\_Kelley RT @Saffy: @\_jude @robynmcintyre really? most thing I've read as romance by female authors made me want to scream and scoured my eyes out #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes Sorry, I haven't read or seen that. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock @robynmcintyre Yes. I've review a few in historical and like the strong woman -- like one who goes on to build a business empire #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

bigkafka the unbearable lightness of being - Kundera- what would have it been were Kundera a female? #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @pussreboots "I don't know anyone that voted for Nixon" #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @\_jude: @Saffy I am always a little suspicious when people dismiss an entire genre. It makes me wonder how widely they really read. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

\_jude @Saffy I agree that 25 years ago much fiction tended toward objectification and simplification of women. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock What about the daily adventure of long-term relationships? Or maybe there's not a novel big enough. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IreneZiegler @CarolBMTbooks I like boy meets girl, boy gets girl, boy loses girl, girl makes more money and self-actualizes. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre @pussreboots Maybe that was more true when marriage was supposed to be the 1st biggest event in a woman's life. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JulieBritt @robynmcintyre There's a lot of that in TV. Workaholic female cops, attorneys, single mothers, etc., who can't find love. Books? #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 4th, 2010

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| <p>pursoot How many out there prefer 'happy endings'? Personally if too happy, I'm disappointed. Fiction should reflect reality, a little. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>           |
| <p>TaoJoannes @IreneZiegler we like to THINK we seek harmony, but I think we seek tension &amp; conflict, look at lit, what do we fantasize? #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>         |
| <p>CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes So are those "love"? #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>robynmcintyre @cynditefft I like a big romantic element in stories, too. No matter what the genre. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>GLHancock @CarolBMTbooks Long-term relationship (successful one, anyway) is more boring than one with traps, rocks, defeats overcome. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>             |
| <p>Saffy @_jude I keep trying to read it as I found myself writing it :/ I found ones I liked where written by a man under a female pen name #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>         |
| <p>CarolBMTbooks @IreneZiegler If I only knew what self-actualizing meant. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>AuthorWilliam When I think of love stories I think romance as just one type. I think stories about friends, siblings, there're many love rel'shps #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p> |
| <p>JM_Kelley @pursoot I like the angst. Sometimes the unhappy ending makes me purr with joy. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks Matrix:(1) computers make virtual world for humans to dream so humans can be used as power source #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>                       |
| <p>JulieBritt @pursoot In general I don't care for books in which women get saved by a happy ending with a man. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>                                      |
| <p>GLHancock @pursoot You'd like European fiction! Lots of sad endings and loose ends. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks Matrix(2): World resembles 20th century LA, with crime, poverty, violence, etc #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>robynmcintyre @CarolBMTbooks Maybe you just need FB posts for that, if you're not trying to explain them. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>Madison_Woods @TaoJoannes in reality, harmony *is* tension - one side pulling equally on the other is what creates balance. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>                       |
| <p>_jude @Saffy Which did you love/hate? #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock Ah, but there's no long term relationship without overcoming traps, rocks, defeats. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>                                      |
| <p>Saffy @_jude I was the kind of teenager who felt sick reading Sweet Valley High but lapped up the 'relationships' in Point Horrors :/ #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>             |
| <p>robynmcintyre @JulieBritt Yeah, I was thinking specifically of TV &amp; wondered abt books. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>raspee @AuthorWilliam I hear you and agree as well! #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks Matrix(3) at end, villain program tells hero human that the first world created was perfect paradise, didn't work #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>       |
| <p>Saffy @_jude though they were chronic too! #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes Matrix: So that isn't the "real" LA? #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Also the married couple. There is love, not necessarily romance. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>robynmcintyre Happiness &amp; harmony are only satisfying when we have something to compare them to. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>  |

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| lanB022 @pursoot I like a 'resolved' ending - in a love story that implies some degree of happiness #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| IreneZiegler RT @pursoot: happy endings? Fiction should reflect reality>>Agree.But "unhappy" endings have 2 be satisfying in other ways. #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 4th, 2010                        |
| _jude @Saffy I never read either of those series. I was into the Hardy Boys and Encyclopedia Brown (even earlier). #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks it is, but point is that humans rejected the paradise world, preferring pain of real life #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| inkgypsy @bigkafka (rewinding a little) I'm not sure on 'need to feel loved' for women - 'wanted' perhaps. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| GLHancock The "romance" part of any love story doesn't last long. Hence, all the articles about "put the romance back in ..." #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                   |
| robynmcintyre @CarolBMTbooks I was born there - there is no REAL L.A. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock Live with it? Because they don't like the alternatives. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| latta #litchat i prefer broken, damaged people who somehow manage to carve out a slice of happiness w/oneanother, however fleeting. -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                      |
| IreneZiegler @robynmcintyre What do you mean by a big romantic element? #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam RT @JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Also the married couple. There is love, not necessarily romance #litchat <absolutely tho romance can b in play -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010               |
| robynmcintyre @_jude I read Sherlock Holmes and Andre Norton. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| CathrynLouis It's still story that's the driver, whether told by man or woman - who made the reader feel the love and emotion. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                  |
| TaoJoannes @Madison_Woods yes, but we seek the extremes and the swing back to center #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| CarolBMTbooks @Saffy That would be my reaction, too. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| inkgypsy RT @AuthorWilliam: When I think of love stories I think romance as just one type. I think stories about friends, siblings, there're many love rel'shps #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 4th, 2010 |
| cynditefft RT @robynmcintyre: Happiness & harmony are only satisfying when we have something to compare them to. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| CarolBMTbooks @robynmcintyre I've been there & I agree! LA is unreal. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre @lanB022 @pursoot I like a resolved ending in the sense most of the ppl involved are satisfied it had to be that way, if not happy. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010               |
| JM_Kelley RT @CathrynLouis: It's still story that's the driver, whether told by man or woman - who made the reader feel the love and emotion. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010                   |
| AuthorWilliam Of Mice and Men comes to mind comes to mind. Just on face value there is a brotherhood and a commitment between George and Lennie. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010                |
| TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks depends on what "love" is, isn't it? platonic ideal or gritty reality #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| JulieBritt Where is our moderator? Probably off reading a book. Or writing one. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |

\_jude @CarolBMTbooks: @Saffy That would be my reaction, too. | | Would? As in haven't read any? #litchat - 1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robymcintyre @CarolBMTbooks That's because everyone invents it for themselves. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock @AuthorWilliam Yes, of course many types of love, but I think the "love story" written by men we are considering is boy/girl sex. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam I also like the exploration of male/female friendships in love stories. How that is navigated. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes Sounds like two poles with much in between. Doesn't have to be either/or. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks RT @robymcintyre: @pussreboots Maybe that was more true when marriage was supposed to be the 1st biggest event in a woman's life. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 4th, 2010

\_jude @AuthorWilliam Any good examples of that exploration? #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robymcintyre @IreneZiegler Romantic in the sense of an idea or ideal, an overarching drive to complete smthing, regardless of outcome #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Also relationships between parents and child. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @\_jude Yup. Read a bunch to see if they might be for me. They aren't. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM\_Kelley @AuthorWilliam Big ditto> I also like the exploration of male/female friendships in love stories. How that is navigated. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock @AuthorWilliam Right! I didn't necessarily mean there had to be sex in the love story, just that it's the male/female one here, now #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks RT @AuthorWilliam: When I think of love stories I think romance as just one type. I think stories about friends, siblings, there're many love rel'shps #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks or even multibimensional, a continuum of healthy-unhealthy, fulfilling-empty, what have you.#litchat -1:52 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IanB022 Nick Hornby, High Fidelity RT @\_jude: @AuthorWilliam Any good examples of that exploration? #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 4th, 2010

KellyHitchcock Love in the Time of Cholera - not the love story I would have written, but if I were a man, maybe it would've been... #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 4th, 2010

\_jude @CarolBMTbooks Hard to imagine an entire genre has nothing of interest. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @\_jude Great Qn. Not sure of one in books. There are traces in some TV/movies. I'm working on a books that explores that right now. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam YES! RT@JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Also relationships between parents and child. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock When you all go off on tangents and include every type of relationship, you're talking about all fiction. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robymcintyre @AuthorWilliam Yes! & a sense the ending was somehow inevitable but the romantic quest 2 preserve the relationship was laudable #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @robymcintyre Besides we have moods & moods change. Perception often changes our idea of reality. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IreneZiegler @AuthorWilliam I think of Mice&Men & others as "buddy" stories (or movies) as opposed to love stories, but argumnt could B made. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 4th, 2010

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| <p>_jude @AuthorWilliam Keep me posted! I'd love to see what you come up with. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>TaoJoannes Or man and beast "Old Yeller" RT @JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Also relationships between parents and child. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>JM_Kelley @IanB022 Gah, great one! &gt;Nick Hornby, High Fidelity #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>ChristineBrant @AuthorWilliam I like exploration of male/female friendship in general, not just love stories, however I'm sucker for love stories #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>               |
| <p>KimberlyFarris So elements differentiate a love story from a romance? #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>mchanson714 Just joining- think there are 2 stories in 1 when a man &amp; woman tango- the love story &amp; the physical side both mastered hook reader #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>         |
| <p>AuthorWilliam @_jude I'll throw the X-Files out there. Mulder and Scully had strict boundaries that melted to f'ship and later melted to romance. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>               |
| <p>CarolBMTbooks @IanB022 Yes, or at least the potential for happiness and harmony. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>robynmcintyre @CarolBMTbooks Which is what L.A. is all about, even for us natives; it's abt perception more than any other city. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>                                |
| <p>JulieBritt @TaoJoannes Now I'm going to cry. Old Yeller, boohoo. I went bonkers when my parents took me to the movie. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>AustinMullen Confucius say: (no, really): There are 5 kinds of love: Friends, siblings, husband-wife, parent-child, ruler-subject, each unique #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>                  |
| <p>TaoJoannes @_jude closest I got to romance was VC Andrews #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>IreneZiegler @AuthorWilliam The tension is everything. As soon as they requite, our interest sizzles, IMHO. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>robynmcintyre @KimberlyFarris I would say so and maybe more so the approach to those elements. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>CarolBMTbooks @_jude It happens. Especially with formula fiction and lousy writing. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>TaoJoannes @JulieBritt but see! a powerful love story. love is intrinsically about the one who is loving, not the object #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>_jude @AuthorWilliam Right, it eventually explored romantic love. Does that invalidate what you want to explore? #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>mchanson714 RT @AustinMullen: Confucius say: (no, really): There are 5 kinds of love: Friends, siblings, husband-wife, parent-child, ruler-subject, each unique #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p> |
| <p>AuthorWilliam @_jude It's TV I know. But some of the better 1hr drama writing I've seen &amp; it the writing team was predominantly men incl CCarter. #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>           |
| <p>IreneZiegler RT @TaoJoannes: @JulieBritt but see! a powerful love story. love is intrinsically about the one who is loving, not the object #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>                      |
| <p>LitChat After 2 days of MEN IN LOVE topic, am convinced that men like to talk about love as much as write about it. Great stuff this week. #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>                      |
| <p>GLHancock RT @CarolBMTbooks: @_jude It happens. Especially with formula fiction and lousy writing.    Yes! Formula = nothing to discuss. #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>                        |
| <p>_jude @CarolBMTbooks Especially with formula fiction and lousy writing.    That being, of course, present across all categories of fiction. #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>                     |

CarolBMTbooks @latta That's another form of heroism. I also like the courage of ordinary people who have to have courage to love and be loved. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmccintyre @TaoJoannes Well, unless ur taking the omniscient pt of view, it's always abt the viewpoint of the lover, not the loved. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 4th, 2010

\_jude @TaoJoannes That definitely counts as some kind of romance. That was an odd cultural phenom, wasn't it? #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @LitChat LOL, this man, for sure, theme of WIP is "Everybody wants to be in love" #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IreneZiegler @LitChat Bye, LitChat. Thanks for another good topic. Best wishes to all, and your important work. #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @\_jude No. The show was 7 seasons and 2 movies. Romance didn't enter until much later. A lot of exploration of the boundaries prior #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JulieBritt @TaoJoannes Good point. There are lot of male-penned books about man's love for a sport or a war or adventure or some object. #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @\_jude You got it. #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AustinMullen I dare say it's not really a love story if the love doesn't change someone #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @\_jude Also think that the presence of romantic potential is a legit part of the exploration regardless of which direction it goes. #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @robynmccintyre I don't mean the POV, I mean the subject itself, the love itself, IRL and in lit #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @AuthorWilliam Surely you don't mean to say there's no romance in marriage? #litchat (Arguing by extension here.) -2:00 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat Now's the time to post your pitches and blog posts, tell us about your recent pub successes and just crow for yourself. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @IreneZiegler Agreed. Tension is powerful. Can be easily related to. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmccintyre There are asexual ppl in this world. I wonder what kind of love they look for? #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks RT @AuthorWilliam: Of Mice and Men comes to mind comes to mind. Just on face value there is a brotherhood and a commitment between George and Lennie. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmccintyre @TaoJoannes Ah. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock Good novel themes: Maslow's 7 (?) basic needs of human beings. Isn't one to be loved? #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IanB022 @LitChat Have to go - got a love story to write ;) #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

\_jude @AuthorWilliam I know it came late in the show, but it still came. The arc was long but there. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @Christinebrant Me too, as I was saying to @\_jude, The presence of romantic potential is very authentic for many m/f friendships. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat The hour ticked by so fast it was hard to keep up. You #litchattics are speed-readers, multi-task thinkers, and amazing people. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @LitChat Flash on my Blog "Blind Date" about a certain kind of love <http://taojoannes.com> #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robyncintyre Besides my blog, you can find me on Divine Caroline and Open Salon. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

\_jude @AuthorWilliam Agreed. To ignore it is artificial. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 4th, 2010

Rainbojangles RT @robyncintyre: Besides my blog, you can find me on Divine Caroline and Open Salon. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat Feel free to continue discussing MEN IN LOVE, but don't forget to come back on Friday for guest host @JeffStepakoff. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CathrynLouis C u Friday! Gotta go write about men in love. I get caught up in the restraint vs act conflict... #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM\_Kelley @litchat One crow before I go. www.jmkelleywrites & http://tinyurl.com/2dvklul on FB. Fun chat! Glad the boys came out to play! #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @robyncintyre that POV is so far removed from my psyche I can't even begin to speculate #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robyncintyre @LitChat Thanks, evry1 - you helped me clarify some thinking about romantic fiction today! #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @CarolBMTbooks No indeed. But I can't speak for @JulieBritt, the original author of the tweet. :-)) #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat Get to know Friday's guest host, @JeffStepakoff, author of FIREWORKS OVER TOCCA, now at http://bit.ly/6rvjzD. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes That's why love is fun to write as well as to live. Unlimiting, within the relationship. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robyncintyre @Rainbojangles Thank you for the RT #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock After 40 yrs in writing/editing/publishing, my goal is to go out with a bangup bestseller -- from a client! #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robyncintyre @LitChat This has proven to be a very lively subject for discussion! #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks primary motivator. God's first words "Go forth and multiply" The greatest commandment "Love God, and your neighbor" #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 4th, 2010

cynditefft #litchat Must be off. Thanks for an interesting chat! -2:05 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat Bravo. RT @GLHancock: After 40 yrs in writing/editing/publishing, my goal is to go out with a bangup bestseller -- from a client! #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 4th, 2010

ChristineBrant @AuthorWilliam True, I also like it when a character can maintain a m/f friendship while they cultivate a romance w/ another char. #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks RT @TaoJoannes: @JulieBritt but see! a powerful love story. love is intrinsically about the one who is loving, not the object #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks which is speaking purely of religion as evidence of primal psyche #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robyncintyre @GLHancock Nice! I hope that even after it's achieved, we'll still have the pleasure of your company. #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JulieBritt @CarolBMTbooks I meant there's a love beyond romance in marriage. Or not, in my case. :) #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @Christinebrant Absolutely agree #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @JulieBritt You're right. Love can be most enduring. #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock is ushering writers along the path to writing success via http://www.writers-edge.info Thanks to @LitChat, all participants today! #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010

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| AuthorWilliam This has been a powerful chat for me considering some of the things I am working on. Difficult at times but powerful. Thank you. #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes So abide faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love. (St. Paul) #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| TaoJoannes RT @IreneZiegler: @TaoJoannes I think life (and by extension, relationships) is chaotic in its natural state. We seek harmony. That's the journey. #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| JulieBritt @TaoJoannes But don't love your neighbor's wife. (Ex got that part wrong.) #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| TaoJoannes RT @bigkafka: @TaoJoannes - I thought theory was: women need to feel loved to enjoy sex, and men need sex to feel loved? #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| pussreboots @IreneZiegler @FrankDiCesare Only under extreme duress #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks precisely! #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| CarolBMTbooks In my experience, man can be supremely motivated by love of their families. #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| TaoJoannes RT @JulieBritt: @TaoJoannes But don't love your neighbor's wife. (Ex got that part wrong.) #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| GLHancock @TaoJoannes Inaccurate on the part of men. They need to feel they've solved problems for the woman in order to feel loved. #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| mchanson714 #litchat even in life it is so much better to find love than romance but if U find both in one person in UR life- it's better than fiction -2:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| TaoJoannes @JulieBritt u can love her, just don't LOVE her (like your pets) #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock Definitely, whether Maslow said it or not! #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| mchanson714 and can become a compelling fiction- writing what you know is the best thing to do in any format Fiction or Nonfiction #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| TaoJoannes @GLHancock not THIS man, lol, I could care less about solving a woman's problems, neverending battle, there #litchat -2:13 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| GLHancock @TaoJoannes It was a generalization, like all psychological and other theories. Variations abound. Perhaps you are "very unique". #litchat -2:14 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| LeahPetersen Oddly relevant to today's #litchat --> RT @GoCheeksGo: RT if you find yourself fantasizing about your wedding colors. #Prop8 -2:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock Problem-solving as loving or being loved? That's a complex motivator! #litchat -2:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| TaoJoannes @GLHancock 2 love & be loved, in hierarchy comes AFTER food, shelter, safety, BEFORE esteem, respect, creativity, morality #litchat -2:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| mchanson714 @GLHancock since most people generalize well- it's okay to generalize in writing to keep the masses engaged...WINK #litchat -2:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock @TaoJoannes Variations on a theme make wonderful music. #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| GLHancock @CarolBMTbooks Men (most, tend to) feel loved if a woman expresses appreciation to let him know he has solved a problem for her. #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| JulieBritt Gotta run. Please read my stuff. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt">http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt</a> <a href="http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt2">http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt2</a> <a href="http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt3">http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt3</a> #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010 |

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| TaoJoannes @GLHancock I can agree to that, lol, was just saying, for me, not motivated like that. #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| CarolBMTbooks #GLHancock gives writers a definite edge! #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| TaoJoannes RT @LeahPetersen: Oddly relevant to today's #litchat --> RT @GoCheeksGo: RT if you find yourself fantasizing about your wedding colors. #Prop8 -2:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010                              |
| GLHancock @mchanson714 Yeeeeesss -- don't they call that "universal themes"??? #litchat -2:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| JulieBritt Don't make gender generalizations at work. U could get sued. #litchat -2:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| TaoJoannes @GLHancock there's a great book "The Five Love Languages" that breaks those assumptions down into ways we recognize and show love #litchat -2:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                  |
| pussreboots @TaoJoannes You're right, I don't. All my friends are too young to have voted for him. #litchat -2:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| TaoJoannes @pussreboots it's a historical reference to perception bias #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| euqcaj RT @LeahPetersen: Oddly relevant to today's #litchat --> RT @GoCheeksGo: RT if you find yourself fantasizing about your wedding colors. #Prop8 -2:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                  |
| CarolBMTbooks Gold Under Ice: Dan Stark risks life and reputation to rescue family from poverty by trading gold during the Civil War. #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| TaoJoannes @GLHancock 5 Love Languages: Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, Physical Touch #litchat -2:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock Yess! My husband keeps my computers humming. Finds computing solutions for writing problems, like researching poker. #litchat -2:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010                                 |
| CarolBMTbooks RT @TaoJoannes: @GLHancock 5 Love Languages: Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, Physical Touch #litchat -2:22 PM Aug 4th, 2010                               |
| TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks I think that applies mainly to a man's sense of "being a man" men solve problems, it's our role #litchat -2:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| GLHancock @TaoJoannes 5 Love Languages: in what women's magazine is that? #litchat -2:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| montanabusiness RT @CarolBMTbooks: Gold Under Ice: Dan Stark risks life and reputation to rescue family from poverty by trading gold during the Civil War. #litchat -2:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010                    |
| CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes I'm grateful he's good at it! #litchat -2:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| TaoJoannes @GLHancock It's a #1 New York Times Bestseller <a href="http://bit.ly/95ba12">http://bit.ly/95ba12</a> , written by a man. :) I know a couple marriages it's saved #litchat -2:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010 |
| GLHancock @TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks And god forbid we women forget to thank them for taking out the garbage -- EVERY TIME! #litchat -2:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| CarolBMTbooks @montanabusiness Thank you for the RT! #litchat -2:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| TaoJoannes @GLHancock @CarolBMTbooks and for leaving the toilet seat down! ;P #litchat -2:27 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock @TaoJoannes I take out the garbage. He cooks. :-)) #litchat -2:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |
| CarolBMTbooks RT @TaoJoannes: @GLHancock @CarolBMTbooks and for leaving the toilet seat down! ;P #litchat -2:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010  |
| GLHancock @TaoJoannes Oh, yes! Gary Chapman has made an industry of mining marriage and divorce advice. #litchat -2:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010   |

GLHancock RT @CarolBMTbooks: @GLHancock @TaoJoannes I take out the garbage. He cooks. :-) ||  
Eeeewwww! #litchat -2:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @GLHancock it seems to work pretty well. :) #litchat -2:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes It works well. You and @GLHancock haven't tasted my cooking. That's the real  
Eeeewwww!! #litchat -2:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock Thanks, guys. Gotta go take care of LinkedIn group and Twitter account for professional group now.  
See ya' next time! #litchat -2:32 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @GLHancock @CarolBMTbooks LOL! I am, likewise, the usual cook in my relationships. #litchat -2:32  
PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes @GLHancock Time for me to go back to real life. Nice visiting with you! #litchat -  
2:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010

meghan78 argh, thanks to this stupid summer cold I slept through #litchat :( -2:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010