



## LitChat August 23 & 25, 2010

Topic of the Week: Confessions

Open Chat

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### MONDAY: August 23, 2010

LitChat A new week and a new topic in #litchat: CONFESSIONS. Welcome and please introduce yourself. -12:59 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @LitChat: A new week and a new topic in#litchat: CONFESSIONS. Welcome and please introduce yourself. -1:00 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

LitChat Twitter had some hiccups last week. Let's see if it's feeling better this week. Join us now for #litchat. -1:00 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam William, published indie author and birthday boy, locked and loaded for #LITCHAT! -1:00 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

elizabethkarr I'm here~Hello everyone. #litchat -1:01 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

LitChat @AuthorWilliam Yay, you're here. Missed you on Friday.#litchat -1:01 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JSLion #litchat Hi! Jonathan here. I have been away for weeks and am glad to have a few moments to catch up! -1:01 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

wwwgalelaurecom RT @LitChat: Twitter had some hiccups last week. Let's see if it's feeling better this week. Join us now for#litchat. -1:01 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

J\_GriffinB I'm griffin, published writer of some RPG materials, blogger, and hopeful SF novelist... #litchat -1:01 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

elizabethkarr @AuthorWilliam Happy Birthday! Mine coming up at the end of the month. :) #litchat -1:02 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt Hi, everyone. #litchat -1:02 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

twistedjamie #litchat Howdi peeps -1:02 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

nchsmith Greetings, writers. I'm Nancy joining from Silicon Valley where I confess I don't always put in 2 hours a day writing as planned #litchat -1:02 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

Pegge RT @apwpoet: Twitter for Writers, by Elizabeth S. Craighttp://bit.ly/bUKUHj @elizabethscraig #poettalk #amwriting#litchat #journchat #haiku #gogyohka -1:02 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

LetterMaster Hi everyone at #litchat - glad I could actually pop in this time. #litchat -1:02 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TonyNoland Hi, I'm Tony. Writer, blogger, & sometime poet.#litchat -1:02 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @LitChat Last week was a wild time. I often long for a schedule that doesn't constantly change. That's the pro artist life I guess. #litchat -1:02 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @elizabethkarr Thanks and Happy Birthday to you fellow #virgo! #litchat -1:03 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

4evermore Howdy, #litchat folks. I'm Everett, memoir and sci fi writer unextraordinaire. Oh, I write humor, too. What's our topic today? -1:04 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @nchsmith A confession! See you're already ahead of the game with the topic :- ) #litchat -1:04 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @LetterMaster Welcome #litchat -1:04 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

GeneDoucette Hi all. Gene Doucette, novelist, author of Immortal, due out on 10/1/10; screenwriter, playwright, humorist, blogger.#litchat -1:04 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @GeneDoucette Wow. That's soon. Excited much?#litchat -1:05 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam Hippo birdies two ewe! #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt I confess that I'm busy at work and may have to lurk today. #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
twistedjamie #litchat So confessions. What kind? I have a hunger for toe nails and bleach. Is that okay? LOL -1:06 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LetterMaster @GeneDoucette Very soon! How exciting! #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LitChat Follow #litchat the easy way at <a href="http://bit.ly/MH5Qs">http://bit.ly/MH5Qs</a> . Login w/ Twitter info and you're ready to discuss CONFESSIONS. -1:06 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
tec4_cleveland Good afternoon, I'm Janet, writer, blogger and occasionally artist, masquerading as an office worker #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
GeneDoucette @JulieBritt I feel like I SHOULD be. Excitement comes in small momentary bursts separated by long days of enh.#litchat -1:06 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katmagendie RT @LitChat: Follow #litchat the easy way at <a href="http://bit.ly/MH5Qs">http://bit.ly/MH5Qs</a> . Login w/ Twitter info and youre ready to discuss CONFESSIONS. #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
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katmagendie Afternoon everyone! #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
GeneDoucette @LetterMaster hoping to see Amazon preordering available within the next week or two. #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @GeneDoucette Sounds like my former marriage. #litchat-1:07 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass It's @AuthorWilliam's birthday! Hope it's a happy one. #litchat. -1:07 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @twistedjamie Testify! #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
GeneDoucette LOL RT @JulieBritt: @GeneDoucette Sounds like my former marriage. #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt Happy birthday, @AuthorWilliam! #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LetterMaster @GeneDoucette That's great :) #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
twistedjamie @robynmcintyre Thank you. #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katmagendie Happy Birthday to @AuthorWilliam - :) #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
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TaoJoannes Howdy #litchat, what it do? -1:09 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katmagendie RT @LitChat: This weeks topic is CONFESSIONS, inspired by @howard_normans WHAT IS LEFT THE DAUGHTER. Has anyone read it yet? #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
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PublishingLLC RT @katmagendie: Happy Birthday to@AuthorWilliam - :) #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
twistedjamie @LitChat *scuffs feet on the floor and whistles*#litchat -1:09 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
PublishingLLC RT @LitChat: This weeks topic is CONFESSIONS, inspired by @howard_normans WHAT IS LEFT THE DAUGHTER. Has anyone read it yet? #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre I confess - I'm not as harmless as I look. Think "Happy Bunny" #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @CarolyBurnsBass @JulieBritt Thanks! I began with attempting to comfort my inconsolable toddler for what felt like all night. :-) #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
PublishingLLC @LitChat Not yet #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LetterMaster @LitChat infortunately I Have not read it, but will do my best to keep up. #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
twistedjamie @AuthorWilliam Thanks for the follow fella. #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LitChat Let's begin by discussion what makes a confession. Is it just the telling of personal secrets to another person? #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @PublishingLLC @Katmagendie Thanks!!! :-)#litchat -1:10 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr are we doing mini bios-i'm film producer who works w/writers in development. Love writers/writing/process. #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LitChat It's okay, convo's not about book. RT @LetterMaster:@LitChat infortunately I Have not read it, but will do my best to keep up. #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
twistedjamie I think a confession is best told as a inner monologue moment. #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
thatgalkiki @LitChat Yes but more so, admitting it to yourself#litchat -1:11 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katmagendie @LitChat I don't see it as just telling personal secrets to someone -it's deeper than that. #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @LitChat I haven't read it. I guess the important thing is it starts with some sort of confession, right? #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katmagendie I've not read it either. #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @TwistedJamie Always great to connect with other writers, thanks to you as well. :) #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katrinalantznov RT @LitChat: This week's topic is CONFESSIONS, inspired by @howard_norman's WHAT IS LEFT THE DAUGHTER. Has anyone read it yet? #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
twistedjamie I think a confession is best told as an inner monologue moment. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
cindymariej @LitChat Cindy marie Jenkins here for the first 30 min, currently writing @TENScribeshop . I finally didn't schedule a mtg during #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LitChat Yes. RT @JulieBritt: @LitChat I havent read it. I guess the important thing is it starts with some sort of confession, right?#litchat -1:12 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katmagendie Maybe confessions you want to keep secret, secrets you want to tell #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katrinalantznov Confession includes telling secrets, but there has to be guilt behind the secret for it to be a true confession. #litchat-1:13 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TonyNoland @LitChat Not merely personal secrets, but shameful secrets, things with overtones of regret. #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
GeneDoucette implicit in the idea of "confession" is an unburdening. #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt Aren't many of Poe's stories confessions? #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
deegarretson I think of it as something that is difficult to reveal (middle grade fiction writer here, book comes out 8/31 from HarperCollins #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
AuthorWilliam I am SO dense, I just figured this out. lol Thanks! RT @robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam Hippo birdies two ewe!#litchat -1:13 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @TwistedJamie then that's not really a confession, though, is it? Unless it's the author confessing to the reader.#litchat -1:13 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr @LitChat Confession is spilling secrets & more. It costs the person/char something to divulge.Ramifications can beinciting incident #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Age is a bi#\$h. Hard to keep up.#litchat -1:14 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr @GeneDoucette implicit in the idea of "confession" is an unburdening.< True. And at what cost? That's where it gets interesting. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @GeneDoucette: implicit in the idea of "confession" is an unburdening. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katrinalantznov RT @elizabethkarr: @LitChat Confession is spilling secrets & more. It costs the person/char something to divulge.Ramifications can beinciting incident #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TheNewAuthor First, good afternoon #litchat. Second, a confession comes from a deep secret that generates regret and driven by strong emotions. -1:14 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
onbeyondwords Hi, I'm Megan - journalism background, writing a YA novel and a picture book which I propose to illustrate too. Haven't read that. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LetterMaster I really enjoy reading confessions in 1st person, esp. in a denial form (ex: Circling the Drain by Amanda Davis) #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @GeneDoucette So, when I put down the groceries, am I confessing I went to the store? #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
4evermore I'm a fan of the confession told to a safe person: dying person, toddler, picture of loved one... #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katmagendie Confessions imply trust & link the confessor to the confessed to #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katrinalantznov YES! RT @elizabethkarr It costs the person/char something to divulge. #litchat #confession -1:15 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
twistedjamie @TaoJoannes Yeah, that's the type of confession I meant. The inner confession before them confessing to someone else. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
GeneDoucette @robynmcintyre do you feel bad about the groceries? #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes Confessional Flash taojoannes.com: I Was A Teen Aged Cam Whore <a href="http://bit.ly/abFpJO">http://bit.ly/abFpJO</a> #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @katmagendie: Confessions imply trust & link the confessor to the confessed to #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr @TheNewAuthor a confession comes from a deep secret that generates regret and driven by strong emotions. < ooo Good description. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
4evermore @katrinalantznov #litchat Sure, because there's a reason the secret has been held back from others. -1:16 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LetterMaster @twistedjamie are confessions better when only confessed to self and reader is aware of the lies the protag. tells?#litchat -1:16 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
GeneDoucette Has anyone ever read The Murder of Roger Ackroyd? My favorite confession. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
GeneDoucette and that IS to the reader. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre Confession is also an acknowledgment of wrongdoing. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

katmagendie "I have a confession to make" sounds scarier than "Let me tell you a secret..." #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes And communication RT @GeneDoucette: implicit in the idea of "confession" is an unburdening. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TonyNoland @robynmcintyre If you were supposed to be getting the oil changed instead, sure. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
nchsmith I confess I have not read WHAT IS LEFT THE DAUGHTER, but it sounds like I should. (Happy Birthday @AuthorWilliam!)#litchat -1:16 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt Interesting if character confesses to the reader but others in book don't know, so mystery is will they find out.#litchat -1:17 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
twistedjamie @LetterMaster Yeah, I like that too. Adds more suspense. #Litchat -1:17 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr @katrinalantznov And sometimes the price is so high it is the confessor's undoing. Not to mention the collateral damage to others. #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
GeneDoucette I confess I feel like there is a word missing from the title "What is left the daughter" #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @katmagendie Confessions imply trust & link the confessor to the confessed to #litchat<<These kinds of confessions are rich. #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @TwistedJamie so, there's the confessional as in the author baring secrets, or of a character baring to another character#Litchat -1:17 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB The idea of it, in Catholic terms, is to seek absolution for transgressions against God, with a penance handed down from confessor #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
4evermore @LetterMaster #litchat It's all about the story being told. Either we want only the reader and secret holder to know, or we want fireworks. -1:17 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LetterMaster True. I like RT @katmagendie: "I have a confession to make" sounds scarier than "Let me tell you a secret..." #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre Confessions are about the self - secrets can be about someone else. #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JSLion #litchat so how would you write a confession scene to keep it interesting? -1:18 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
nchsmith I don't write memoir (too scary) so it's enough for me to confess that I have thoughts by writing them into fiction. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @GeneDoucette What is left to the daughter implied? Not sure. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
AuthorWilliam Someone mentioned confessions to self. It's a great point. When dealing with characters w/inner conflict this plays well. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
deegarretson good way to portray a shallow character-have them overconfess to things that aren't deeply felt by them #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
twistedjamie @TaoJoannes I like both, either and one after the other. Confessions however can make or break the readers thread.#litchat -1:18 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB the reward for which is a 'cleaned' slate. It lessens impact of confession if done to the inanimate or non-responsive. Hamlet ctm #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @katmagendie Yes. Sounds like there was wrongdoing somewhere. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

elizabethkarr Confession/Reveal of deep dark secret can also be restorative/life affirming. Think of PRINCE OF TIDES. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

LetterMaster @4evermore True. I guess it depends on the type of story as well. Even the genre. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TonyNoland @robynmcintyre Not necessarily wrongdoing. When a character admits to being an informant for the FBI? That's confessional. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

4evermore @rantyeditor #litchat unless the confession isn't whole, or misremembered, or misrepresented. confessions don't necessarily reveal truth. -1:19 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

katmagendie @AuthorWilliam <These kinds of confessions are rich >>>and would draw me in! #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @nchsmith I can understand that. I am working on a memoir piece and I think being really honest about some of the details is tough. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

onbeyondwords confessions to a reader could be in search of absolution - as in the Roman Catholic church #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TheNewAuthor I think what is more interesting then the confession is what brought about the confession and what follows the confession. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

nchsmith Very nice clarification @robynmcintyre, about confessoins being about the self and secrets being about others #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

GeneDoucette @JulieBritt or maybe some punctuation: "what is left? the daughter" or "what is, left the daughter" #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @JSLion How do you write anything? With craft. Check the link I posted for an example. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt RT @elizabethkarr: Confession/Reveal of deep dark secret can also be restorative/life affirming. Think of PRINCE OF TIDES. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

thatgalkiki Thanks! :0 @AuthorWilliam confessions to self. It's a great point. When dealing with characters w/inner conflict this plays well. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

rantyeditor @4evermore #litchat No, but for it to be a confession, the person confessing needs to feel that they've done something wrong. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre @J\_GriffinB Yes, w/ the side bene tht you get to tell another human w/o hurting those w/ most to lose. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TonyNoland @JSLion Have the confessor be confronted with something that forces them to reveal more than they wanted to.#litchat -1:20 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

rantyeditor @4evermore #litchat Which is to say that it's an admission of guilt, real or imagined. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

katmagendie @LetterMaster :) #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @GeneDoucette We may not be smart enough to read this book. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @TonyNoland it's relative to context. End of Reservoir Dogs, Tim Roth "I'm a cop" to Keitel who shot friends in his defense #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TheNewAuthor @AuthorWilliam Would confession to self be the last step in recognizing that someone is denying a true problem?#litchat -1:21 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre @TonyNoland In my family, that would be considered wrongdoing. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

4evermore #litchat There's also value to using confessions to reveal something else entirely. "You're not my son!" Then what happens? Journeys? -1:21 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

LetterMaster Are all confessions bad? I don't think so. I like the ones where it's just a truth. A fact that can't be denied. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @onbeyondwords or attention... #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

katmagendie @JulieBritt imagine the clenching of guts at those words; confession sounds like "I did smethng bad/shameful"#litchat -1:21 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

deegarretson Good point!RT @TheNewAuthor: I think what is more interesting - what brought about the confession and what follows the confession. #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

J\_GriffinB @robynmcintyre see, I think all confessions are about the confessed trying to make themselves feel better \_without\_ regard for othr #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre Good point. RT @4evermore: @rantyeditor #litchat unless the confession isn't whole, or inaccurate. confessions don't necess. reveal truth. -1:22 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @4evermore Luke, I'm your father! #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

GeneDoucette @JulieBritt LOL. What is left the, daughter? #litchat-1:22 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

4evermore @rantyeditor agreed #litchat I'm just saying confessions can get pretty complex pretty fast. -1:22 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

onbeyondwords @nchsmith a secret can also be about self - if it doesn't involve feelings of guilt or wrongdoing #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

nchsmith Tim Roth did that at the end of Reservoir Dogs,@TaoJoannes? I so did not resonate with that movie! Totally missed that. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TonyNoland @TaoJoannes "Reservoir Dogs" is what I was thinking of, but earlier, when he tells the patrolman who just got his ear cut off. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

LetterMaster RT @onbeyondwords: @nchsmith a secret can also be about self - if it doesnt involve feelings of guilt or wrongdoing#litchat -1:23 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

elizabethkarr @TaoJoannes Great example of confession in context re Reservoir Dogs. 3 small words- "I'm a cop" had HUGE impact.#litchat -1:23 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

katmagendie @onbeyondwords yes, like "I'm trusting u w/this, but I'm also asking u to absolve me of it" (& maybe take away responsibility) #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @TheNewAuthor I don't know if it would always be, but the amount of tension one can build with a person in denial can be great. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @GeneDoucette Sequel is What Is Right the Brother#litchat -1:23 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre @J\_GriffinB I'd agree, but sm ppl are better at handling guilt thn othrs. Does tht mk them weak or principled?#litchat -1:23 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

4evermore @JulieBritt HAHHAHA! #litchat exactly! that revealed a lot of other things... -1:24 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

J\_GriffinB @elizabethkarr those words generally do. #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

techtigger yay! hippo birdie two ewe... ;) RT @katmagendie: Happy Birthday to @AuthorWilliam - :) #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre @JulieBritt Spk for yourself. I can read anything - if understanding isn't required. #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @JulieBritt I'm totally spreading the rumor that you're @4evermore's father now. #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

GeneDoucette I want to write a new novel just for 1 scene with a guy holding a gun on a priest asking if he'll hear confession for a future sin. #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

elizabethkarr EXCELLENT example-what we aim 4 right? Because the chars were so well developed. RT @JulieBritt: @4evermoreLuke, Im your father! #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

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4evermore @AuthorWilliam #litchat denial is wonderful to work with in a story. I also love the confession retracted. pandora, meet box. -1:24 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

J\_GriffinB @robyncintyre Might be that they are broughtup differently. The concept is interesting to me. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

LetterMaster @GeneDoucette I'd read that. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robyncintyre @LetterMaster Does one confess to a truth or simply acknowledge it? #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

GeneDoucette @JulieBritt maybe it's a word jumble. The daughter is what left. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @elizabethkarr And it opened the door for 43 prequels.#litchat -1:25 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @TonyNoland to the patrolmen is kinda weak though, comparatively. 1st one comforts cop who already knows, 2nd is REAL confession #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

elizabethkarr @J\_GriffinB LOL You're probably right about that. Unless it's the guy butting in line at Starbucks and using those words as excuse #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Or the first step. RT @TheNewAuthor: Would confession to self be the last step in recognizing someone is denying a true problem? #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

GeneDoucette @LetterMaster nice scene, right? I have to find a place for it. Maybe a short story. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

deegarretson LOL @AuthorWilliam @JulieBritt I'm totally spreading the rumor that you're @4evermore's father now. #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robyncintyre RT @JulieBritt: @GeneDoucette Sequel is What Is Right the Brother #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @nchsmith You wanna know what like a virgin is about? #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @4evermore I agree. I love stories about inner turmoil. Where the main antagonist is the protagonist. Where the journey is growth. #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

LetterMaster @GeneDoucette yeah. it might be cool to start with that scene. draw us readers right in. #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

nchsmith onbeyondwords, Can confessions be about non-guilty things? Maybe I could tell a friend an intention I don't want widely known. #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

elizabethkarr @JulieBrittThat's when char confession really works-when it illuminates in bas relief action that has come before-Makes us question #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

J\_GriffinB Again, I believe confession more about acknowledgement of discomfort with prior acts/lies than recovering rep with target #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @GeneDoucette Sounds familiar. What movie was that? 2 bad buys hiding in medieval city? Collin Farrell and whatisname.#litchat -1:27 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

LetterMaster @nchsmith I certainly think so. Confessions don't always have to be "bad" #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes Reading Clockers now, has a false confession, but by the guilty party, which makes you think he's covering 4 someone#litchat -1:28 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

GeneDoucette @JulieBritt oh damn, you mean it was already in a movie? #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

nchsmith Haha! @TaoJoannes I think I got that one. I was so overwhelmed by the Res Dogs images, I must have missed half the plot or more. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JSLion @nchsmith Confession implies some type of guilt, I think, even if its trivial, like "I ate the candy bar" #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

4evermore #litchat I confess: I love multi-layered confessions. I'm your dad. & I'm an alien from the planet Zoltar. & you've been dead for 20 years. -1:29 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @GeneDoucette In Bruges. Farrell and Brendan Gleeson. Farrell goes to confession, asks for forgiveness, then blows away priest. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @elizabethkarr Confession! Col. Mustard did it in the library with a wrench. He was a tool. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB Pillars of The Earth: the reason Jack's father is killed is because of his mother's confession #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katmagendie @LetterMaster @nchsmith I certainly think so. Confessions don't always have to be "bad">>>but in fiction it makes it compelling! :) #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr confession mixed up with rashoman is interesting. Remember Film Unusual Suspects? #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
deberryandgrant @JulieBritt In Bruges #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TonyNoland There has to be a reason you don't want it known, or it's not a confession. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
GeneDoucette @JulieBritt aaaah. I can do better than that.#litchat -1:30 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @elizabethkarr I love that movie. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr @robynmcintyre LOL I loved playing Clue as a kid. Miss Scarlett my favorite murderess. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
4evermore RT @robynmcintyre: @elizabethkarr Confession! Col. Mustard did it in the library with a wrench. He was a tool. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
AuthorWilliam The power of the confession is in how it emerges. Timing, tension. A moment of confession can be powerful in storytelling. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB Have to remember distinction: Confession is admitting error. Contrition is feeling sorry for it. Absolution is reward.#litchat -1:30 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @elizabethkarr u mean Usual Suspects? Where the whole movie is a BS confession to throw cops off? #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katmagendie Can go all way back to Shakespeare "She is your mother . . ." next you know, you're gouging out your eyes....#litchat -1:30 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @deberryandgrant Yeah, it came back to me via Google.#litchat -1:30 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LetterMaster @J_GriffinB I like confessions that cause more strife. Confessions are meant to absolve, but sometimes things get more messed up. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB One can make a case for all stories carrying elements of this. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TonyNoland "I just drank some coffee" could be a confession if you're supposed to be on a caffeine-free diet e.g. for medical reason. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
4evermore @deberryandgrant #litchat In Bruges, great example for confession. -1:30 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JSLion @LetterMaster I agree, confessions not necessarily 'bad' stuff, but the confessed must feel some guilt, else its just conversation. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @4evermore And lack of absolution, because of the little boy. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @LetterMaster It's that whole dichotomy: confession good for the soul, bad for reality. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
4evermore @JSLion #litchat Exactly. Confession is not merely revelation. -1:31 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TonyNoland @elizabethkarr "The Usual Suspect", yes. Who is Kaiser Soze? #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
techtigger hey, work finally slowed down enough for me to stop in again. Hi everyone! *waves* #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
deberryandgrant @JulieBritt @4evermore Yes--great story, for all the right reasons. #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @TaoJoannes Yeah, but didn't you buy it until Spacey walked out and Chaz starting realizing the truth? #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TonyNoland RT @4evermore: @JSLion #litchat Exactly. Confession is not merely revelation. -1:32 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @katmagendie Or last nights #trueblood "I shot Ecks" = Tara freakout #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JSLion @elizabethkarr #litchat Rashoman was very unusual and interesting. Each confession different and in conflict with the other. -1:32 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
techtigger defiant confessions can be fun in stories too - "Yes, I did it, and I'd do it again!" #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr @deberryandgrant In Bruges~great example of confession with consequences. @TaoJoannes Yes. Usual Suspects#litchat -1:32 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
4evermore #litchat Now that I think of it though, confession when someone has suspected the secret all along, has a different timbre altogether. -1:32 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @TonyNoland Hmm... not a compelling way to start a novel, unless it was the beginning of a story built around confessions. #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LetterMaster @JSLion oh, of course. that is def. the riding tension. but for example, confessing love... #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TonyNoland @JSLion Guilt or fear. #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @JulieBritt Totally bought it, of course, it was masterful #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katmagendie @TaoJoannes Or last nights #trueblood "I shot Ecks" = Tara freakout #litchat >>>I've not watched that! -1:33 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @JSLion: @LetterMaster I agree, confessins not necess 'bad' stuff, bt the confesd mst feel sm guilt, else its just conversatin. #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
nchsmith I have confessed without guilt sometimes, @JSLion, but with fear or an expectation the other person won't like the news.#litchat -1:34 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katmagendie RT @techtigger: defiant confessions can be fun in stories too - "Yes, I did it, and Id do it again!" #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
4evermore #litchat My whole memoir starts with a confession, and everything happens after that. It's about how everyone reacts. -1:34 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr @JSLion Each confession different and in conflict with the other. <Which they often are & why Rashoman has become part of lexicon #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @JulieBritt Great pt. What good is confession w/o realization? At least, dramatically. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes U can look at 12 step programs for some good confession psychology, steps 1, 4-5, 8-9, and 10 all deal with confessing #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
4evermore @katmagendie Watch a lot of Law & Order, do you? ;) #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TonyNoland @robynmcintyre True, it's a bit thin. I could maybe see it being the last straw in an already unstable/volatile relationship.#litchat -1:35 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JSlion @nchsmith #litchat I would almost argue that was not a confession, just giving bad news. no? -1:35 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
techtigger @robynmcintyre a story could start w/compelling confession "I killed a man. Not for love, or money, but because it needed doing." #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
nchsmith Thanks for the support, @LetterMaster! We are of the same mind confessions don't have to be bad like confessions of love #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LitChat Do protagonist confessions affect the way you relate to the character? Should they? #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @katmagendie oh, sorry, lol, but you knew Jason did that, right, and he shot Franklin. Dating Tara's a good way 2 get shot by Jason #Litchat -1:36 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB @LitChat of course. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @LitChat: Do protagonist confessions affect the way you relate to the character? Should they? #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt RT @LitChat: Do protagonist confessions affect the way you relate to the character? Should they? #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @TonyNoland Sure if the coffee drinkr had a long history of breaking promises and then confessing. How tiresome.#litchat -1:36 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB defiant, contrite, gloating, these all color our perception of the character #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
deberryandgrant Confessions require a secret...and does feeling re: confession differ if the reader knows the secret but characters in story don't #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @techtigger Sounds like Mickey Spillane. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
wildbookchase RT @JulieBritt: RT @LitChat: Do protagonist confessions affect the way you relate to the character? Should they? #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
deegarretson @LitChat depends on how you want the reader to feel about the protagonists, if there is alot of guilt, could build sympathy #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
4evermore #litchat A: I don't know if they "should," but they sure do. Mostly depends on how, why they confess. -1:37 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
techtigger @robynmcintyre *lol* yeah, that did come off a bit noir-ish, didn't it? :) #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katmagendie @nchsmith @LetterMaster >>>Forgot all about confessions of love! (I am SO unromantic minded - only thinking of blood, guts & tears!) #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB As does the character chosen to hear the confession.#litchat -1:37 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
deberryandgrant @LitChat sometimes the confession makes the protagr more relatable, other times, more reprehensible? #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr @nchsmith @LetterMaster~ confessions of love have fueled many a story. Think Mr. Darcy (sigh) in Pride & Prejudice.#litchat -1:38 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @techtigger I shot a man in Reno just to watch him die.#litchat -1:38 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
katmagendie @TaoJoannes No, I meant I've never watched that show at all! #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @LitChat in theory, everything the character does should influence readers relation, otherwise, why is it there?#litchat -1:38 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @LitChat A: sure, I'm affected by a char's confessn - to a pt. My reaction cld range frm ICK to Who does that serve to who cares? #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB You can't handle the truth! #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs @LitChat Back from 3 wks of vacation. Sneaking into#litchat a day b4 I officially return to see what you're up today.#litchat -1:38 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JSLion @LitChat A confession should not affect how you relate to a character. the contents of the confession however can change ur view! #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

J\_GriffinB RT @TaoJoannes: @LitChat in theory, everything character does should influence readers relation, otherwise, why is it there? <True! #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @LitChat: Do protagonist confessions affect the way you relate to the character? Should they? #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TheNewAuthor Confessions don't always have to be about bad things. I like characters who are viewed as bad but admit doing good is the same. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @katmagendie ohdamn, go get you some HBO on demand, or utorrent, or buy the books, lol #litchat #trubie -1:39 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

techtigger @katmagendie hah! I think we all forgot romance :)#litchat -1:39 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt I think during this chat I've confessed to murder and to being someone's father. The former is unlikely, the latter impossible. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre @deegarretson Yes or Irritation tht char feels massive guilt tht doesn't belong to them. Want to tell them "Get over yourself"! #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TonyNoland bingo. RT @TaoJoannes: @LitChat in theory, everything character does shld influence readers relation, otherwise, why is it there? #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes RT @JulieBritt: @techtigger I shot a man in Reno just to watch him die. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

elizabethkarr For story structure in episodic drama L & O is a pretty good primer. Dick Wolfe is the daddy of the procedural crime drama. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

deberryandgrant Hmm... does confession have to be voluntary? What if it's coerced? Do we feel the same about the revelation?#litchat -1:40 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

katmagendie with Love confession, something has to create the tension. One confesses love, the other denys or something-so there's the bad :-)#litchat -1:40 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @elizabethkarr I'm addicted. Eager to see L&O Los Angeles. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

elizabethkarr @JulieBritt The night is young. :) #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

4evermore @JulieBritt Then it's been a productive #litchat for you!-1:40 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre @elizabethkarr Yes, his 1st confession was great: you don't deserve wonderful me, but you can have me anyway.#litchat -1:41 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

J\_GriffinB @JulieBritt The cops who write the Order part are all LA based. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

thatgalkiki @LitChat Yes. It illustrates their moral character. Yes.#litchat -1:41 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre @JulieBritt Good opening sentence. I'd definitely read more. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TonyNoland Reproductive, even. RT @4evermore: @JulieBritt Then it's been a productive #litchat for you! -1:41 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

techtigger @JulieBritt so sad, I had to look up on google to remember where that was from :) #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @deberryandgrant: Hmm... does confession have to be voluntary? What if it's coerced? Do we feel the same about the revelation? #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @4evermore Got at least 2 story ideas. Murder mystery and a sex-change biological miracle. #litchat - 1:41 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @TonyNoland LOL #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

4evermore #litchat Love is a good context for confession. If readers know the love is unrequited, unwanted, etc., confession is bad all over again. -1:42 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

elizabethkarr @JulieBritt I confess I am addicted to L & O, too. Guilty pleasure I pretend is research. Good friend is on the LA version. :) #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

LetterMaster gotta run, bye everyone! #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

deegarretson True @robynmcintyre but I'm thinking as a writer for kids, so often kid's guilt is way out of proportion to the confessed deed. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

nchsmith May not be bad news from my perspective, @JSLion. I just say I'm choosing an option the other person doesn't like#litchat -1:42 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre RT @JSLion: @LitChat A confession should not affect how you relate to a character. the contents however can change your view! #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

4evermore #litchat After all, isn't a love confession at the heart of Oedipus Rex? -1:42 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JSLion @katmagendie When confession love, sometimes the tension is from your own fear, or feelings of unworthiness.#litchat -1:43 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre @JSLion It's been done though: A likeable character suddenly makes a confession that reveals him to be a murderous schemer! #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

katmagendie So sorry to have to leave early everyone - always learn something here! See you all later this week! #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @LetterMaster Bye #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

J\_GriffinB RT @4evermore: #litchat After all, isn't a love confession at the heart of Oedipus Rex? Yep. and the cause of The Odyssey.#litchat -1:44 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre @deegarretson Oh definitely. I ate cookies before dinner; if mom finds out, she'll KILL me. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

elizabethkarr thinking about it, Jane Austen employs secrets & confessions a lot in her novels. Another confession: One of my favorite authors. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @katmagendie Or someone confesses to pretending to love someone for some reason. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre @TheNewAuthor Confession is all about viewpoint and context, isn't it? One man's sin is another man's mitzvah#litchat -1:45 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

J\_GriffinB @elizabethkarr I think it's an inherent mechanism in almost all fiction. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

nchsmith Thanks @litchat for a great topic. I think confessions do sometimes arise from deceptions which gives me ideas for fiction stuff #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JSLion @robynmcintyre Yes. "Muder of Roger Ackroyd" (sp?) by Christie. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

J\_GriffinB It's the payoff for reading about characters. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

4evermore #litchat I like thinking about confession as a control issue. I'll hold back something so X will act the way I want her to. machiavelli. -1:46 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

techtigger @katmagendie at least you thought of it :) i just wrote romantic confession recently in my web serial, missed it anyway#litchat -1:46 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robyncintyre @deberryandgrant With coercion, doesn't there remain a doubt about whether it is the truth? #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
nchsmith My hubby and one of my friends are total Jane Austin fans, @elizabethkarr. Great stuff! (I even got them Austin action figures) #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr @robyncintyre One man's sin is another man's mitzvah<manyexamplesJean Val Jean stealing bread 2 feed family. 2 Jalvert-huge crime. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB @robyncintyre Yes, and you certainly don't get contrition or absolution #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robyncintyre @katmagendie Yes. "I love you." "I love you, too." End of story. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @J_GriffinB: @elizabethkarr I think its an inherent mechanism in almost all fiction. <U r right. Profound. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TonyNoland How about a likeable character who mistaken only *thinks* he's a murderous schemer? There's a interesting confession. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
4evermore @elizabethkarr #litchat that better have been some damn good bread to be a mitzvah. -1:48 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
deberryandgrant @robyncintyre Yes, but voluntary fess up can also call into question the motive of the confessor... #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr @nchsmith Austen Action Figures! Love it. Where did u get them. There's a funny youtube video I'll dig up on that.#litchat -1:48 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
4evermore @TonyNoland #litchat hmm, like in Memento? Did that happen in Memento? -1:49 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
deegarretson @nchsmith I want Austen action figures! Where does one procure these? #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robyncintyre @4evermore I'd say "don't screw with evil gods" is at the heart of that story. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB @deberryandgrant and again, who they choose to tell can be a big window into why they are confessing. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @robyncintyre Or I love you, I love you too, but I slept with your sister when I was drunk, but I still love you. Ouch.#litchat -1:49 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB @deegarretson On the heath, of course! #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robyncintyre @elizabethkarr Good example. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr @4evermore His child was starving. She needed bread. He took a loaf. Maybe not a mitzvah, but an understandable deed. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
techtigger Romeo & Juliet - 3rd party "you aren't allowed" = story! RT @robyncintyre: Yes. "I love you." "I love you, too." End of story. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes How about fiction where the "confession" is the narrator revealing info at end as a twist #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
GeneDoucette later tweeps. Off to bike home in the rain. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TonyNoland "I love you." "I love you two." Beginning of story...#litchat -1:50 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
onbeyondwords @katmagendie I think the idea of a confession in search of a reader's absolution could be a compelling device.#litchat -1:50 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robyncintyre @techtigger Gotta have that obstacle! #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
indiepride @GeneDoucette sent DM #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robyncintyre @JSLion Great example. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

onbeyondwords Sorry everyone - such an interesting topic but I got a phone call in mid #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @TaoJoannes Like Presumed Innocent? We didn't know whodunnit until the end, right? #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JLichtenberg RT @TonyNoland: How about a likeable character who mistaken only \*thinks\* he's a murderous schemer? There's a interesting confession. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @onbeyondwords kinda tired, though, at this point#litchat -1:51 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre @4evermore Very. That's why some people collect secrets. You could call your novel "The Secret Collector" #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JSLion @TaoJoannes #litchat I always found last page twist/confessions annoying somehow. Esp. in murder mysteries. -1:51 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

techtigger @robynmcintyre oh yes! coming up with the obstacle is always the fun part to write, for me #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

nchsmith Jane Austen Action figure:<http://www.amazon.com/Historical-Figures-11513-Austen-Action/dp/B000CIU6XG> @deegarretson @elizabethkarr #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @JulieBritt yeah, like that, precisely. but with novel, the 1st person narrator confessing to reader #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre @TonyNoland He's delusional. Let's lock him up.#litchat -1:52 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

elizabethkarr @TaoJoannes Great example of that is Denzel Washington movie. FALLEN #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

J\_GriffinB @JSLion felt mislead... #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

deberryandgrant @J\_GriffinB Yes, some confessions can be very manipulative #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @JulieBritt there's a good palahniuk book like that, but don't want to name it and spoil, lol #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TonyNoland @4evermore Memento had the guy thinking he was a detective or something. Don't think he thought of himself as a killer. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @elizabethkarr That was on TV this weekend. Time is on my side. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robynmcintyre @JulieBritt I forgive you, but I'm going to murder my sister. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

elizabethkarr @nchsmith Thank you! am going to give all my nephews literary action figures for future birthdays. Won't I be a popular aunt? #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JLichtenberg RT @robynmcintyre: RT @JSLion: @LitChat A confession should not affect hw you relate to a character. the contents however can change ur view! #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @JSLion all in context, HOW is it done, HOW is it set up, HOW MANY blatant lies will you let author get away with#litchat -1:54 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

J\_GriffinB @deberryandgrant And therein lies some good plot grist for the writing mill. Am I correct in assumng this subject will be ongoing? #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

techtigger nice! RT @robynmcintyre: @JulieBritt I forgive you, but Im going to murder my sister. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @TaoJoannes Presumed Innocent was 3rd person, right?#litchat -1:54 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

4evermore @TonyNoland #litchat it's a little mixed up in my mind after all these years. but it did have revelations. just not protagonist confession. -1:54 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @robynmcintyre Now we got us a Lifetime movie.#litchat -1:54 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes @JulieBritt was it a book? Was thinking of the movie.#litchat -1:55 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JSLion RT @nchsmith: Jane Austin Action figure:http://www.amazon.com/Historical-Figures-11513-Austen-Action/dp/B000CIU6XG @deegarretson @elizabethkarr #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB @elizabethkarr Not if they wanted comic figures.#litchat -1:55 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @TonyNoland Didn't he think he killed his wife? #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr Nolan's Memento is 1 of my favorite movies. So clever. As he tries to reconstruct what he might have to confess due to ST mem loss. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @elizabethkarr going on the download list. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @TaoJoannes Yes. Scott Turow. Mega bestseller, as I recall. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB Princess Bride, she confesses she doesn't love her fiancée to her old boyfriend, who confesses he's not the DPR.#litchat -1:56 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
onbeyondwords ideally whatever is confessed shouldn't misinform or compromise the reader's trust #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB but instead, is her old boyfriend. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
deberryandgrant @J_GriffinB I think the subj is inherent in fiction. Secrets are a staple of what we do & revealing via trap or confession is too #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @elizabethkarr If you were starving, a loaf of bread might seem like a mitzvah and the giver a mensch. #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TonyNoland @JulieBritt He thought he was collecting clues to find the guy that killed his wife. Turns out, he got him years ago.#litchat -1:57 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @elizabethkarr have you seen "Following" it's also got a great confession aspect #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr Spoiler Alert!! what is so clever about storytelling in MEMENTO is that the hero may be the villain he is searching for.#litchat -1:57 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @JulieBritt well clip my toenails and call me Sookie#litchat -1:57 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @TonyNoland I need to watch it again. #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TonyNoland @J_GriffinB And furthermore, "I'm not left-handed, either." #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
techtigger @J_GriffinB ah, gotta love Princess Bride. "But I am not left-handed" :) #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr @TaoJoannes I envy you. I'd like to be seeing MEMENTO for the first time. Instead of the umpteenth! #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @JSLion Me too. If it hasn't been foreshadowed, I feel I've been cheated. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @techtigger Have fun storming the castle! #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
MegWClayton "Good books don't give up all their secrets at once." - Stephen King #litchat #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB RT @MegWClayton: "Good books don't give up all their secrets at once." - Stephen King #litchat HEAR! HEAR! #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JulieBritt @MegWClayton He said that about graves too, right? :)#litchat -1:59 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @elizabethkarr oh, done watched that one a million times, yeah, it loses something after a dozen times, lol, am getting fallen now #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
4evermore RT @MegWClayton: "Good books don't give up all their secrets at once." - Stephen King #litchat #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

elizabethkarr Love Stephen King's book ON WRITING. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB @JulieBritt that line was in the movie, but not the book. Interesting what he chose to put in the screenplay and leave out#litchat -2:00 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @elizabethkarr but if you love memento, definitely get "following" #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
onbeyondwords @deberryandgrant I think you're right about the divulging of secrets being inherent in fiction - confession takes this up a notch #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TonyNoland Dropping out now. Thanks for a great chat, everyone.#litchat -2:01 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr @TaoJoannes Will do re Following. And interested to hear what you think of FALLEN. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @TonyNoland What if you had a guy like that, but manipulated the clues differently each time, so he'd kill a different person? #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
MaureenABoers "Good books don't give up all their secrets at once." - Stephen King #litchat #litchat :@ -2:02 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LitChat This is going to be a great continued convo on Wednesday. Be thinking about specific books with confession plots and premises. #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
JSLion #litchat Bye everyone! Talk to you all again soon! thanks for a great Litchat! -2:03 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
TaoJoannes @elizabethkarr will letcha know, if I remember!#litchat -2:03 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
4evermore Gotta get back to writing, folks, but thanks for the chat! #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @techtigger "I do not think that word means what you think it means." #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
J_GriffinB RT @LitChat: going to be a great continued convo on Wednesday. Be thinking about specific books with confession plots and premises. #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @4evermore: RT @MegWClayton: "Good books don't give up all their secrets at once." - Stephen King #litchat#litchat -2:03 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @elizabethkarr Me too. I like it better than his novels. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
onbeyondwords @elizabethkarr Agree, On Writing is a great book. Even the auto-biographical part gives insights on King's sources for material #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
robynmcintyre @LitChat Thanks - this was fun as always! #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LitChat In the meantime, check out <a href="http://bit.ly/6rvjzD">http://bit.ly/6rvjzD</a> to read more about CONFESSIONS and Friday's guest host@Howard_Norman. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
techtigger hopefully catch you all on wednesday. thanks for the great chat! #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr @onbeyondwords That was one of the best parts of S King's book. And made me want to read his novels. #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
elizabethkarr Love this writers room. Gotta run. Plz check out movie I CoProduced: <a href="http://www.radiofreealbemuth.com@rfamovie">http://www.radiofreealbemuth.com@rfamovie</a> . Adapt of PKD novel #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
onbeyondwords Thanks everyone. I'm going to try to make #litchatmore often -2:06 PM Aug 23rd, 2010
LitChat Now's the time for your pitches... show us your stuff. Tell us about your blogs, stories, books. #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

TaoJoannes RT @elizabethkarr: Love this writers room. Gotta run. Plz check out movie I CoProduced:<http://www.radiofreealbemuth.com> @rfamovie. Adapt of PKD novel #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

J\_GriffinB Please stop by my blog: [TheRantingGriffin.blogspot.com](http://TheRantingGriffin.blogspot.com) #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

onbeyondwords @elizabethkarr I'm not a big reader of the genre, but I have enormous regard for Stephen King #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

J\_GriffinB And RobertJBennett just finished first draft of his 2nd novel. Can't wait. #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt Tnx for chat. Here's my work: <http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt><http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt2>  
<http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt3> #litchat-2:09 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

4evermore #litchat Okay, 1 pitch, then work: Check out my blog, [transplantportation.com](http://transplantportation.com) Words of a funny, trans, klutzy writer. Made 1st podcast 2day. -2:09 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

JulieBritt @robynmcintyre I've never read King's novels. Saw movies. Read his writing book. #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @LitChat if it's pitch time, I just started a new Alternative press. I'm open to pitches <http://bit.ly/9UHPg4> #litchat-2:14 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

ChrisWoolfrey @LitChat well, just for #litchat (and everybody else) comes the news that I'm about to put a new story up:<http://chriswoolfrey.co.uk> -2:15 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

ToddARitter @JulieBritt You should give King a shot. He truly has a way with words. #litchat -2:15 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @LitChat sounds like a wonderful topic for this week's #litchat Can't wait for tonight's transcript -2:15 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

robertjbennett @J\_GriffinB 3rd, actually. The Company Man is already finished and is coming out in February. #litchat -2:16 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes did anyone mention Graham Greene's The End of the Affair - confession in narrative always makes me think of its wonderful opening #litchat -2:18 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes and of course Greene was a devout Catholic #litchat -2:18 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

kaolinfire @agnieszkasshoes #litchat my favorite confession at the beginning of a book is Baudolino. He's a self-proclaimed liar. :) -2:20 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @kaolinfire not read that but I ought to. Loved Name of the Rose #litchat Would Perfume count as a confession? -2:22 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

Holli\_Moncrieff @LitChat My blog is about my journey to get published & fight in the ring. Would love more readers!<http://tinyurl.com/26nhkt5> #litchat -2:27 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @girlb it's so sad. And now I always think of it with Ralph Fiennes' voice which makes it even more heartbreaking #litchat -2:29 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

onbeyondwords @katmagendie intriguing idea - establishing a pact with the reader #litchat -2:42 PM Aug 23rd, 2010

### WEDNESDAY: August 25, 2010

LitChat Welcome to #litchat on this wonderful Wednesday. Please join us now for another great discussion about CONFESSIONS. -1:01 PM Aug 25th, 2010

robertjbennett I am here, but am writing in the background. #litchat -1:01 PM Aug 25th, 2010

BethBookCoach RT @LitChat: Welcome to #litchat on this wonderful Wednesday. Please join us now for another great discussion about CONFESSIONS. -1:01 PM Aug 25th, 2010

LitChat Here's the easy way to follow #litchat: Go to <http://bit.ly/MH5Qs> and login w/Twitter info. Read feed and respond. -1:03 PM Aug 25th, 2010

J\_GriffinB is monitoring, and trying to finish a snarly section... #litchat -1:03 PM Aug 25th, 2010

cindymariej @LitChat I am here and excited to hear more on confessions #litchat -1:03 PM Aug 25th, 2010

LitChat Let's begin with some brief introductions, but save off-topic URLs, pitches, and hashtags for after chat. Thanks. #litchat -1:03 PM Aug 25th, 2010

ficwriter So glad to be here today to discuss Confessions. #litchat -1:04 PM Aug 25th, 2010

JulieBritt RT @LitChat: Heres the easy way to follow #litchat: Go to <http://bit.ly/MH5Qs> and login w/Twitter info. Read feed and respond. #litchat -1:05 PM Aug 25th, 2010

gmfunk Mockingjay just delivered by UPS man. Raced Puck to the door. I won! :) #litchat -1:05 PM Aug 25th, 2010

kriheli good afternoon, all #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 25th, 2010

GeneDoucette afternoon all #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 25th, 2010

LitChat Friday guest host @howard\_norman has written 2books hinged on character confessions. What other novels feature CONFESSION premise? #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 25th, 2010

elizabethkarr I'm in the room and confess that I am currently reading #chicklit author Sophie Kinsella "Twenties Girl" Can I still stay? #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 25th, 2010

TwinkleChar 3-4 CST>RT @LitChat: Welcome to #litchat on this wonderful Wednesday. Please join us now for another great discussion about CONFESSIONS. -1:07 PM Aug 25th, 2010

ficwriter I believe the first example of the genre was The Confessions of St. Augustine, and it has enthralled readers for centuries. #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 25th, 2010

JulieBritt I'm working on fiction and have published some short stories. My confession: I have no idea what Mockingjay is about. #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 25th, 2010

TwinkleChar Here for a short while at least. Have to keep missing lately! DREGS! Glad to soak up the brilliance and take it with me. #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 25th, 2010

JulieBritt @elizabethkarr Yes, just mutter Roth and Franzen, Roth and Franzen under your breath for 5 minutes. #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 25th, 2010

robertjbennett Lolita is a pretty good example of a confessional, though it's dubious how much the narrator regrets anything. #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 25th, 2010

JulieBritt @LitChat Sophie's Choice #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 25th, 2010

elizabethkarr RT @LitChat What other novels feature CONFESSION premise? novels in the first person can almost be viewed as one big confession. #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 25th, 2010

LitChat Yes, of course. RT @elizabethkarr: confess that I am currently reading author Sophie Kinsella "Twenties Girl" Can I still stay? #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 25th, 2010

4evermore Hi folks: I'm a writer of memoir, humor, and sci fi. Loved our #litchat on this topic on Monday! -1:10 PM Aug 25th, 2010

ficwriter @robertjbennett Agree! Lolita is a great example of an impassioned confession. #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 25th, 2010

TwinkleChar @robertjbennett If you confess to something, I do not believe guilt is always associated. Sometimes confess to greatness! :) #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 25th, 2010

LitChat Good one. Tell us how it affected the story. RT @JulieBritt: @LitChat Sophies Choice #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 25th, 2010

cindymariej @LitChat many of Poe's stories, speicifically Tell Tale Heart #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 25th, 2010

GeneDoucette @elizabethkarr that depends on how honest the first person narrator is. #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 25th, 2010
JulieBritt By the way, while we're getting started, I saw Robert Duvall's Get Low last night. It hinges on a confession. #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr @JulieBritt duly note that I've read both Roth & Franzen. Chicklit is occasional guilty pleasure. Hence the confession. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore Cask of Amontillado not only had a great confession, but was also based on a real story. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB W/Lolita, the reader tends to confuse contrition with confession. The one seeks absolution, the other exhibition. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 25th, 2010
JulieBritt I think some people confess to relieve their burden, not to express remorse. Confession benefits them, not others. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB Tell-Tale Heart= Confession. #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @J_GriffinB Well put. #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @GeneDoucette: @elizabethkarr that depends on how honest the 1st person narrator is.<good point, up to reader to discover, yes? #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore Someone the other day told me not to spoil Sophie's Choice for her. She still doesn't know the confession of the story! #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett What qualifies something as a confession? Is it a way of admitting to something in order to gain peace and relief? #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 25th, 2010
GeneDoucette @elizabethkarr yes, I also do think contrition is a factor. And sometimes the first person narrator is just telling a story #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 25th, 2010
ficwriter @TwinkleChar I love stories that reveal truth (not necessarily a confession) such as Kate Chopin's The Story of An Hour. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 25th, 2010
TheTutorWorks #litchat is my favourite topic and why I host a #book club. Confessional? Does Vonnegut fall under this category? I prefer him to Roth. -1:15 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr @4evermore Sophie's Choice-Excellent example of how confession-though revealed a the end-permeated the entire story. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @robertjbennett only if exhibition of one's faults is the desired outcome, not penance, I think. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore #litchat I'm a fan of the unstraightforward confession: told in order to injure, told absent of a piece, told to the dying, etc. -1:16 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @J_GriffinB So a confession will always involve exhibition, but not penance? Not particularly Catholic, is it? ;) #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB To step away from the purely literary for a moment, Interview With The Vampire is a lengthy confession. #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore For it to be a confession, there needs to be a guilty conscience somewhere in relation to the revelation. Not nec fm confessor. #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr Confession is great literary device because the ramifications that unfold not necessarily known to confessor. Can backfire, etc. #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 25th, 2010
mwiings @JulieBritt I agree. confessions are fundamentally selfish #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 25th, 2010
kriheli @4evermore what about confessions of positive things, like love? how does guilt fit in to that idea? #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @robertjbennett The confessional requires priest, who is supposed to ask if you are contrite in your heart, then assigns a penance #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 25th, 2010

ficwriter RT @elizabethkarr: Confession is great literary device because the ramifications that unfold not necessarily known to confessor. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 25th, 2010

J\_GriffinB @robertjbennett based on the sins exhibited in the confession #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 25th, 2010

robertjbennett Confession assumes one is important enough to have done something so wrong that the entire world waits to hear "I'm sorry." #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 25th, 2010

4evermore @kriheli that came up on Monday. doesn't the love confession also entail guilt? already married? gay? incompatible? other taboos? #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 25th, 2010

robertjbennett @J\_GriffinB Huh, so in a technical sense, a confession doesn't necessarily require contrition? Interesting... #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 25th, 2010

TwinkleChar @kriheli Depends upon whether or not someone \*else's spouse is involved. :) #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 25th, 2010

kriheli i propose we all write a confessional paragraph and share it with the group by friday. how about it? #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 25th, 2010

elizabethkarr RT @mwiings:@JulieBritt I agree.confessions r fundamentally selfish<hmm I wonder about that-C sometimes is at grt personal sacrifce #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 25th, 2010

susanmpls @litchat everyone assuming confessions are about bad things. might be confessing a secret that's neither good/bad, just impactful #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 25th, 2010

JulieBritt @kriheli You first. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 25th, 2010

elizabethkarr RT @kriheli:i propose we all write a confessional paragraph and share it with the group by friday. how about it? w/ only 140 words? #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 25th, 2010

kriheli @4evermore @TwinkleChar guys... why does infidelity even surface? love doesn't only exist to those that are bound. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 25th, 2010

J\_GriffinB @robertjbennett It is a process of the church: Confession-Contrition-Penance, else why would you go to unburden yourself? #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 25th, 2010

ficwriter @robertjbennett I don't agree confessions are fundamentally selfish. To reveal something is a gift to the reader. #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 25th, 2010

robertjbennett @kriheli Or you can submit it to [www.wepromisewerenotblackmailers.com](http://www.wepromisewerenotblackmailers.com) #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 25th, 2010

latta #litchat depending on reliability of the narrator, etc., the "confession" may not even be "true." Please pass the red herring. -1:22 PM Aug 25th, 2010

J\_GriffinB RT @latta: #litchat the "confession" may not even be "true." Please pass the red herring. nice line #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 25th, 2010

mwiings RT @elizabethkarr the only reason 1 makes that sacrifice is to ease some internal imbalance #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 25th, 2010

latta @robertjbennett "confession" is not necessarily an aplogy. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 25th, 2010

elizabethkarr @susanmpls Agreed that key ingredient in confessions is their impact. "Good" or 'Bad" is relative. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 25th, 2010

LitChat Why not. RT @kriheli: i propose we all write a confessional paragraph and share it with the group by friday. how about it? #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 25th, 2010

robertjbennett @ficwriter But does just revealing something make it a confession? Why would you need to confess it if it wasn't bad? #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 25th, 2010

4evermore @kriheli certainly not, of course. but doesn't "confession" entail that the professing of love has been held back for some reason? #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 25th, 2010

J_GriffinB RT @robertjbennett: @kriheli Or you can submit it to <a href="http://www.wepromisewerenotblackmailers.com">www.wepromisewerenotblackmailers.com</a> HAH! #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 25th, 2010
latta @robertjbennett "confession" is not necessarily an apology. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 25th, 2010
ficwriter One of the most revealing and powerful memoirs I have ever read is Robert Goolrick's <i>The End of the World as We Know It</i> . #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @latta no, but I do agree that it suggests an imbalance of some kind - spiritual, or in the world - that must be corrected #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @mwiings: RT @elizabethkarr the only reason 1 makes that sacrifice is to ease some internal imbalance<U make a good point. #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore Confession can be given to free someone else of a burden, making it altruistic, not selfish. "Don't imprison him! I did it!" #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 25th, 2010
kriheli @4evermore fear can be the obstacle. doesn't necessarily have to be guilt. am i wrong? just thinking out loud. #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @robertjbennett well put. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 25th, 2010
ficwriter @robertjbennett Confess it because others can relate to it. Yes, I've felt that way too. It's a connection from writer to reader. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr Wilde's <i>Woman Of No Importance</i> -Mrs. Arbuthnot's confession comes at great personal cost. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @4evermore a devil's advocate might argue that the reason for the confesion to a crime, etc isn't to reward the wrongly accused CNT #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @ficwriter But, to me, if you're revealing something in order to forge a connection with someone, it's not a confession. #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @4evermore End CNT, but reward the values of the confessing party. I can't see you go to jail, my love, so I will admit my folly! #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 25th, 2010
GeneDoucette I love these chats where most of the time is spent discussing the meaning of the subject word of the week. We must be writers. #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 25th, 2010
BrooksSigler RT @latta: #litchat depending on reliability of the narrator, etc., the "confession" may not even be "true." Please pass the red herring. -1:27 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @robertjbennett No social reward? #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @ficwriter You're just making yourself vulnerable enough to find common ground, something to sympathize with. #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 25th, 2010
CathrynLouis Checking in I8 2 lurk. Hi all! #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @GeneDoucette Me too! #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr <i>Woman of No Importance</i> . Her confession that Lord I is Gerald's father is done to save G from Lord I's clutches. But 2 her shame. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @J_GriffinB I don't think a reward is the *point* of a confession. It would be to correct an imbalance. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB wonders if anyone knows what he studied at University. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @J_GriffinB Which may have rewarding consequences, but they're not the point of a confession. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 25th, 2010
GeneDoucette It's all splitting hairs. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore @kriheli #litchat I suppose it could be fear and not guilt, but isnt' guilt a much stronger silencer than fear alone? I was raised Catholic. -1:29 PM Aug 25th, 2010
LitChat Now you must tell us. RT @J_GriffinB: wonders if anyone knows what he studied at University. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 25th, 2010

J_GriffinB @robertjbennett But them what does the confessing party _think_ they are getting from the confession? #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 25th, 2010
JulieBritt @J_GriffinB Theology? #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @LitChat Medieval Histort and Philiosphy (though no lambskins) #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @J_GriffinB Relief? A sense of balance? #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 25th, 2010
ficwriter In Chopin's "The Story of An Hour" she believes her husband is dead and whispers, "Free! Body and soul free!" Quite a revelation. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 25th, 2010
kriheli ooh, idea: pope confesses that he knew all along. it was a grand bluff. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 25th, 2010
mwiings @kriheli fear is possibly more powerful than guilt in confessions #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr @robertjbennett: @J_GriffinB Reward, Relief, correct an imbalance, revenge-many & varied are reasons 4 confessions. #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @robertjbennett The intent is to cleanse the soul so when you walked from the confessional and got smoked you'd be close to sinless #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @J_GriffinB and perhaps not need to be shriven. #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 25th, 2010
JulieBritt I think this discussion proves there are many things we could do with confessions in our stories, no matter the reason or outcome. #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 25th, 2010
GeneDoucette I mean, as writers, we love debating word choice. The word "confession" carries slightly different weight and meaning for each. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr @J_GriffinB Saw Ken Russell's THE DEVILS last week, so now well versed in Confessions in Catholic Church. :) #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 25th, 2010
MegWClayton @GeneDoucette laughing at discussing word --> writers #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 25th, 2010
GeneDoucette so what we're really discussing is, when would we use the word? Like anything, it depends on what you're writing. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @elizabethkarr he has a good grip on it, does Ken #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 25th, 2010
GeneDoucette if you're writing serious lit, it's a big word with a gravity to it. #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 25th, 2010
mwiings @4evermore catholic here too. Fear is stronger coz it covers a wider scope than guilt #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @JulieBritt:this discussion proves there r many things we could do w/confessions in our stories,no matter the reason or outcome. #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 25th, 2010
LitChat Does a confession have to be something the character did, or something that was done to them? #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 25th, 2010
GeneDoucette but it can be used ironically; it can be used to suggest the speaker takes himself too seriously; #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @mwiings No, fear is sstronger becuae it is an animal response. Guilt, not so much. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore #litchat sure, confession happens for many reasons, @ many points, w/diff effects, in diff ways, to diff ppl, etc. as nuanced as character. -1:36 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr Wondering if Catholic Confessional is precursor to modern pyschology. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 25th, 2010

MegWClayton Lovely thing abt confessions = their existence implies a secret, + secrets=narrative drive #litchat - 1:36 PM Aug 25th, 2010
GeneDoucette it's a word, roughly meaning "imparting of a private secret" everything else depends on how you want to use it. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore @mwiings folks will have different opinions on the strengths of fear, guilt, and shame. confession has to match the character. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 25th, 2010
latta @litchat please clarify. do you mean the act of confessing, or what it refers to? #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB guilt is a social outlet. Hence the sociopath's lack of sentiment wafter wearing guts for garters under the pale moonlight. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 25th, 2010
MegWClayton I think the best confessions are often of things that we oughtn't feel bad about, but do. #litchat - 1:37 PM Aug 25th, 2010
LetterMaster checking in for a second on #litchat Hey everyone! -1:37 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @J_GriffinB: @elizabethkarr he has a good grip on it, does Ken < Truly an amazing Filmmaker, Mr. Ken Russell. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 25th, 2010
kriheli @LitChat i don't think there are prerequisites. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 25th, 2010
LetterMaster @LitChat I think a confession is only a real one if its something a char. did, not someone else #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB wants to feel guilty over his successes as a writer, but just can't. Not yet anyway. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @MegWClayton: I think the best confessions are often of things that we oughtnt feel bad about, but do. < ooo, that's intriguing. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 25th, 2010
LetterMaster I think telling someone elses confession is like telling someone elses secret. It's not yours to tell #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 25th, 2010
ficwriter @elizabethkarr Many uses indeed. Tolstoy wrote A Confession to reveal his disdain for hypocrisy. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 25th, 2010
MegWClayton @elizabethkarr intriguing=a good thing! :-) #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @LetterMaster and lessens impact. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore #litchat how about multi-layered confessions: carrying a secret since childhood that turns out to be untrue? yikes. -1:40 PM Aug 25th, 2010
mwiings @4evermore thats true, the weights of the emotions vary by character and instance #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 25th, 2010
ficwriter @ficwriter Confessions can also be humorous. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett Atonement is a great confessional, and also a way of showing how confessions fail to really right the world. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr @MegWClayton-on personal note I recently confessed something that fell in that category-Will ponder motivations 4 future #amwriting #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @4evermore Can you clarify? #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @robertjbennett Oooo, yes! #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 25th, 2010
MegWClayton @elizabethkarr new novel coming in march = a foursome in that position #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @J_GriffinB She changes the confession so the worst consequences didn't happen. But there's no fixing what went wrong. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 25th, 2010
MegWClayton @robertjbennett great example! #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett Sort of a confessional within a confessional. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 25th, 2010

mwiings Unfortunately i have to be up early tomorrow. Thanks for letting me peek in! #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @MegWClayton: @elizabethkarr new novel coming in march = a foursome in that position < Intriguing. Count me as a reader. :) #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 25th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Can you clarify? "Foursome in that position." RT @MegWClayton: @elizabethkarr new novel coming in march=a foursome in that position #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB LA Confidential also illustrates the reasons you have to pick who you confess to #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @J_GriffinB I would not confess a damn thing to any character in an Ellroy novel. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore @J_GriffinB Ex: Kid grows up thinking he saw Dad kill Mom, finally confesses what he saw, then sis confesses it was oldest brother. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @J_GriffinB: LA Confidential also illustrates the reasons you have to pick who you confess to < As does Reservoir Dogs #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 25th, 2010
MegWClayton @CarolyBurnsBass friends with a shared secret (The Four Ms. Bradwells, Ballantine, March) #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 25th, 2010
DawnHerring Folks sometimes use blog posts to confess stuff; even if it's not a major confession. #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr LOL Smart man. RT @robertjbennett: @J_GriffinB I would not confess a damn thing to any character in an Ellroy novel. #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @robertjbennett Me neither, but the characters have little choice in the matter, aye? #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 25th, 2010
JulieBritt @J_GriffinB Yeah, didn't you just want to scream at Spacey? #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @J_GriffinB True. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 25th, 2010
ficwriter Yep, I do it often. :) RT @DawnHerring: Folks sometimes use blog posts to confess stuff; even if its not a major confession. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @JulieBritt Didn't happen quite the same in the book. I find the movie better, personally. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @JulieBritt Which means the writer hit the perfect note with his work! #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 25th, 2010
LitChat @latta Just saw your Q. Is it a confession when a chara tells something about past that affected them, but they didn't do? #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @J_GriffinB that scene is better in the movie, I admit. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 25th, 2010
DawnHerring @ficwriter It seems like a natural place to do it so others can relate to what you're about. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore @J_GriffinB #litchat OR: man confesses he's not the father, after effects spiral out of control, wife confesses he has dementia. -1:49 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr @DawnHerring There's often great yearning to unburden in all of us. Blogs can be a way of facilitating that. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 25th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @MegWClayton Glad you clarified that. Was thinking something rather, well, you know. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr This discussion putting me in mind of Mike Leigh's SECRETS AND LIES. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 25th, 2010

J_GriffinB intrigued by the idea of the honest/false confession. The character thinks they are confessing to an act they didn't commit #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @CarolyBurnsBass: @MegWClayton Glad you clarified that. Was thinking something rather, well, you know. <That it was GOLF foursome? #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB Another film example: American Psycho. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 25th, 2010
MegWClayton @CarolyBurnsBass Oh my! On that note, scooting out (hubby just back f/recording essay for public radio, so have to hear about that) #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 25th, 2010
DawnHerring @elizabethkarr Yes, I agree. I think that's why personal blogs are so popular. It facilitates the connection. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB @elizabethkarr and here I was thinking brown chicken, brown cow, said real fast. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 25th, 2010
linc0lnpark tweet... write... tweet... write.... oh, how can a tweeting writer decide? #socialmedia #digital #writing #literary #litchat #amwriting -1:51 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore @J_GriffinB yeah, I love that! people get their own histories wrong all the time. what is black & white? gray's more interesting. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 25th, 2010
DawnHerring RT @MegWClayton: Lovely thing abt confessions = their existence implies a secret, + secrets=narrative drive #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 25th, 2010
latta @litchat I love that "confessor" is next to "confetti" in the OED. Let's have a party--admit a fault! #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore #litchat Great confession by Raymond Burr at the end of Rear Window. Thinks he can admit guilt because he's about to kill again. -1:52 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @J_GriffinB Yep. Ellis's stories feature people trying to confess, not because they feel bad, but because they feel they should. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB RT @DawnHerring: RT @MegWClayton: Lovely thing abt confess = their existence implies a secret, + secrets=narrative drive<-Yes #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 25th, 2010
ficwriter @DawnHerring We learn things about ourselves as we write. Confessions occur unexpectedly at times. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @J_GriffinB Confessing is almost a way of trying to wish they had souls. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 25th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @elizabethkarr @MegWClayton GOLF. Absolutely. No, I confess to needing a my brain washed out with soap. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 25th, 2010
ficwriter @4evermore Funny you mention Raymond Burr. I was thinking of Perry Mason. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr @DawnHerring Yes, blogs facilitate connection & need to unburden with seeming anonymity. Note word seeming. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 25th, 2010
JSLion @DawnHerring There's site where people confess to all kinds of personal transgressions. Seems a human need to conf. to someone. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore The show House on Fox features a lot of confessions in a non-detective, non-religious setting, and that makes them interesting. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB Mutiny on the Bounty, the confession that does no one any good. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @latta: @litchat I love that "confessor" is next to "confetti" in the OED. Lets have a party--admit a fault! < Party hat on. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 25th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass ★ RT @ficwriter: @DawnHerring We learn things about ourselves as we write. Confessions occur unexpectedly at times. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 25th, 2010

4evermore @ficwriter isn't the irony great? or not irony, the change in the roles he played. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 25th, 2010

DawnHerring @ficwriter Oh, all the time. That's why I enjoy journaling so much. It's a great place to confess; thus leading to blog posts. :) #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 25th, 2010

latta #litchat 'confessing' is not always something so serious. it can be as simple as "This is just to say" and eating someone else's plum -1:54 PM Aug 25th, 2010

robertjbennett @4evermore And so many of their confessions are false, because, well... everybody lies. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 25th, 2010

4evermore @JSLion there's also the Post-Card art installation in which people write whatever they want on anonymous cards & mail to artist. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 25th, 2010

J\_GriffinB @robertjbennett Not me, I won't blackmail you for those photos, really. You can trust me. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 25th, 2010

DawnHerring @elizabethkarr @JSLion It's amazing how the internet has been the place to unburden; making friends who are in similar situations. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 25th, 2010

4evermore @robertjbennett yup! which is why House pushes them to think they're dying, to motivate the confession. awful & ingenious #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 25th, 2010

ficwriter @latta I agree that confessions do not have to be serious and are a great device for humor. #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 25th, 2010

J\_GriffinB @DawnHerring Or trolling #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 25th, 2010

J\_GriffinB @4evermore I liked Hugh better on Blackadder #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 25th, 2010

robertjbennett @J\_GriffinB A Bit of Fry and Laurie remains one of the greatest sketch shows ever produced. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 25th, 2010

JSLion @4evermore I had not heard, but not surprised. Low Tech anonymous confessions! #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 25th, 2010

J\_GriffinB @robertjbennett YES #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 25th, 2010

latta #litchat confession to smaller foibles often puts a cloak of respectability on someone who then commits real transgressions unsuspected. -1:58 PM Aug 25th, 2010

4evermore @J\_GriffinB Great show, and I don't care for Mr. Bean all that much. #litchat But Hugh does a nice job on House, IMO. -1:58 PM Aug 25th, 2010

elizabethkarr @DawnHerring internet blogging of shared secrets and formed communities akin to virtual group therapy where revealers feel safe. #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 25th, 2010

J\_GriffinB @4evermore Mr Bean was a success that ate the comedian's soul. #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 25th, 2010

elizabethkarr @4evermore Confession-I have acted with Hugh Laurie on HOUSE. Lovely, lovely man. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 25th, 2010

robertjbennett @elizabethkarr What about people who confess to things they never did? Makes them feel important. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 25th, 2010

LitChat More smart and insightful discussion about CONFESSIONS today. Please continue the convo, but remember there's more on Friday. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 25th, 2010

latta @elizabethkarr it's like unburdening to someone on an aircraft, w/the assumption you'll scrub your heart and never see them again. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 25th, 2010

4evermore #litchat well thanks for the chat, folks! now back to be #amwriting. My novel awaits. Happy confessions, & feel free to add. I'll add back. -2:00 PM Aug 25th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass \*smiles\* RT @elizabethkarr: @4evermore Confession-I have acted with Hugh Laurie on HOUSE. Lovely, lovely man. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 25th, 2010

JSLion @latta Yes! Small confessions can be a red-herring for a more serious crime. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 25th, 2010
DawnHerring @elizabethkarr It's nice to know we're all in this together. The camaraderie improves quality of life. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore @elizabethkarr FTW! Go you! I'm not surprised to hear he's a nice fellow. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 25th, 2010
LitChat Be sure to come back on Friday when @Howard_Norman visits to discuss his new book, WHAT IS LEFT THE DAUGHTER. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 25th, 2010
ficwriter RT @LitChat: Be sure to come back on Friday when @Howard_Norman visits to discuss his new book, WHAT IS LEFT THE DAUGHTER. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr @latta Yes! Confessing to someone u think u'll never see again and then do-is great literary device. & mortifying when happens in RL #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 25th, 2010
LitChat Now is time to pitch what you've got... blogs? pub credits with URLs? CONFESSIONS? #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 25th, 2010
ficwriter Enjoyed! Thanks @CarolyBurnsBass and fellow LitChatters. #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 25th, 2010
twistedjamie @LitChat #litchat First 6 Chapters of my book <a href="http://thealtruistsprey.wordpress.com">http://thealtruistsprey.wordpress.com</a> -2:04 PM Aug 25th, 2010
J_GriffinB Hey all, check out my daily confessions at: <a href="http://therantinggriffin.blogspot.com/">http://therantinggriffin.blogspot.com/</a> If you go back far enough, you get something #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett Blogged about the Franzen issue here: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/2bhzvqt">http://tinyurl.com/2bhzvqt</a> And my book is here: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/25zufwk">http://tinyurl.com/25zufwk</a> #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 25th, 2010
DawnHerring Working on a novel ms; in revision. My blog: Refresh with Dawn Herring <a href="http://is.gd/esKqM">http://is.gd/esKqM</a> Latest Post: Magic #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr We'll b anncing news on our Philip K Dick film. Plz subscribe to newsletter <a href="http://www.radiofreealbemuth.com">http://www.radiofreealbemuth.com</a> & follow @rfamovie. #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 25th, 2010
BryanThomasS @LitChat What? We're self-promoting? I'm too humble to mention <a href="http://bit.ly/9dhaQu">http://bit.ly/9dhaQu</a> or <a href="http://bit.ly/dAFlax">http://bit.ly/dAFlax</a> though. #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr I also confess that my birthday is August 30. :) #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 25th, 2010
latta @elizabethkarr i'm usually the person in the headphones who listens to other people's confessions. #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett A new review for the book actually just popped up today... <a href="http://tinyurl.com/27z34jh">http://tinyurl.com/27z34jh</a> #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 25th, 2010
robertjbennett @elizabethkarr Happy birthday! #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 25th, 2010
4evermore @LitChat #litchat Check out my blog <a href="http://Transplantportation.com">Transplantportation.com</a> for a short discussion on confessions, and loads of other odd things. :) -2:06 PM Aug 25th, 2010
JulieBritt My published work here: <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 #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 25th, 2010
writingtravel RT @CarolyBurnsBass: ★ RT @ficwriter: @DawnHerring We learn things about ourselves as we write. Confessions occur unexpectedly at times. #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 25th, 2010
kriheli remember, @splitquarterly 's submission deadline is 9/30 so a little over a month to go! <a href="http://bit.ly/9UfGdv">http://bit.ly/9UfGdv</a> #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 25th, 2010
elizabethkarr @robertjbennett Thank you for early happy birthday wishes. #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 25th, 2010
GLHancock For excellent editing, contact me with your mss: <a href="mailto:writers.edge@gmail.com">writers.edge@gmail.com</a> & see <a href="http://writers-edge.info/writing-services.htm">writers-edge.info/writing-services.htm</a> #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 25th, 2010

PeevishPenman Hi #litchat I'm doing a news podcast for aspiring writers...send me news... funny, mundane, or serious... anything (coming sept 10) -2:09 PM Aug 25th, 2010

J\_GriffinB thanks for the confessional, my priests (and -esses). #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 25th, 2010

BryanThomasS I have a story up at <http://bit.ly/azcOfT> this month. Part of my space opera serial. Be sure and check it out. #fb #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 25th, 2010

elizabethkarr If u r in LA, Ray Bradbury will be at Central Library. Cool events <http://www.time.com/time/arts/article/0,8599,2012734,00.html> #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 25th, 2010

Tangynt My website, <http://bit.ly/aJ9ctg>, and my online writers group The Voice, <http://bit.ly/a75MoH>. We're looking for a few new members! #Litchat -2:12 PM Aug 25th, 2010

adriannawright @PeevishPenman Even if he did, please don't tell us that God told you to write this manuscript. #litchat -2:14 PM Aug 25th, 2010

GLHancock It was so hot this week, that I just did a round-up of most retweeted quotes (mine) for my post at <http://post.ly/thrp> #litchat -2:14 PM Aug 25th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Great Q&A - Ray Bradbury really spouts off. <http://bit.ly/9jHxPE> #litchat (via @elizabethkarr) - 2:17 PM Aug 25th, 2010

PeevishPenman @PeevishPenman Even if he did, please don't tell us that God told you to write this manuscript. #litchat <<< ??? what MS? -2:18 PM Aug 25th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Great #litchat today. I'm off to swim and float for a while. Must enjoy my last Cali summer. - 2:21 PM Aug 25th, 2010