



LitChat November 5, 2010

Topic of the Week: Animals As Characters

Guest Host: Sara Gruen

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

Guest host: @SaraGruen

LitChat It's time for #litchat in 5 minutes with author @SaraGruen. -12:54 PM Nov 5th, 2010

SaraGruen I'm here--I think. I'm a Twitter newbie. #litchat -12:54 PM Nov 5th, 2010

GLHancock Hey, you guys from #WriteChat and #ScribeChat -- plug in here & now to meet successful author @SaraGruen & talk animals as characs #litchat -12:55 PM Nov 5th, 2010

GLHancock RT @SaraGruen: Im here--I think. Im a Twitter newbie. || Welcome! I'm an oldie. #litchat -12:56 PM Nov 5th, 2010

maggiedana @SaraGruen Hi Sara! Good to see you on @litchat. #litchat -12:56 PM Nov 5th, 2010

gstickle RT @GLHancock: Breaking from editing HTML file of new Kindle book: BASICS FOR WRITERS: STARTING A WRITING CAREER (yeah, expanded the title) 5 min #litchat -12:57 PM Nov 5th, 2010

SaraGruen Hi GL and Maggie! #litchat -12:57 PM Nov 5th, 2010

GLHancock @maggiedana *Kentucky wave* #litchat -12:57 PM Nov 5th, 2010

DravenAmes Here to meet Sara and see what she says. Welcome Sara #litchat -12:58 PM Nov 5th, 2010

SaraGruen Thanks, Draven! #litchat -12:58 PM Nov 5th, 2010

maggiedana @SaraGruen FYI: g'daughter Kathy will be pursuing animal cognition in college next fall. She was thrilled to hear you talk. #litchat -12:59 PM Nov 5th, 2010

JulieBritt Hi, @SaraGruen. Welcome to #litchat -12:59 PM Nov 5th, 2010

DravenAmes Are there any contests with fees that agents / publishers here support? #litchat -12:59 PM Nov 5th, 2010

ErikaRobuck Hi all! Shall we gush and flatter @SaraGruen now or later. :) #litchat -12:59 PM Nov 5th, 2010

IanDBarker Hello from Guy Fawkes night! #litchat -12:59 PM Nov 5th, 2010

LitChat Joining us today in #litchat is @SaraGruen. Please welcome Sara and introduce yourself. #litchat -1:00 PM Nov 5th, 2010

robynmcintyre #LitChat - I'm currently revising my 1st novel about a ghostly detective in an alternate 1950s L.A. - 1:00 PM Nov 5th, 2010

candlemarkgleam Kate from indie publisher Candlemark & Gleam checking in for #litchat ! -1:01 PM Nov 5th, 2010

SaraGruen Let the fun begin! #litchat -1:01 PM Nov 5th, 2010

maggiedana @IanDBarker Hello, back. I still miss GF night, despite the usually awful weather. #litchat -1:01 PM Nov 5th, 2010

thebookmaven Professional readers, start your engines; #followread AND #litchat both begin now and both are grrrrrrreat. #maventhtiger -1:01 PM Nov 5th, 2010

JulieBritt RT @LitChat: Its time for #litchat -1:01 PM Nov 5th, 2010

DravenAmes Welcome Kate. Good blog, by the way. candlemarkgleam #litchat -1:01 PM Nov 5th, 2010

robynmcintyre #scifichat - now wandering over to #litchat for discussion w/ @SaraGruen, author of "Ape House" and "Water for Elephants" -1:02 PM Nov 5th, 2010

nzesylva Animals as characters promises to be a nice discussion. I am plugged in. #litchat -1:02 PM Nov 5th, 2010
LitChat During the next hour of moderated chat with guest host @SaraGruen, please hold all off-topic hashtags, URLs, and pitches. Thanks. #litchat -1:02 PM Nov 5th, 2010
robynmcintyre @lanDBarker Penny for the Guy? #litchat -1:02 PM Nov 5th, 2010
sticky_t Hey, guys. Long time, no #LitChat. :) Happy to be here today. #litchat -1:03 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes The dog's in UtD, by Stephen King, were interesting. #litchat -1:03 PM Nov 5th, 2010
GLHancock @nzesylva "Hands Across the Waters" -- waving to Africa far from California. #litchat -1:03 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ErikaRobuck @SaraGruen Hi Sara. I write historical fiction, and enjoyed WATER FOR ELEPHANTS immensely. I have not yet read APE HOUSE. #litchat -1:03 PM Nov 5th, 2010
LitChat I've been a reader of @SaraGruen's books since her first novel RIDING LESSONS. All of her books feature animals in centric roles. #litchat -1:03 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JulieBritt Animal lover and writer here. Mind if I snack while we tweet? Peanuts, anyone? #litchat -1:03 PM Nov 5th, 2010
danticoa RT @thebookmaven: Professional readers, start your engines; #followread AND #litchat both begin now and both are grrrrrrreat. #maventhtiger -1:03 PM Nov 5th, 2010
lanDBarker @robynmcintyre No thanks I've got one ;) #litchat -1:04 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @JulieBritt Not at all! I am... #litchat -1:04 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @ErikaRobuck Thank you! They are very different, but I hope you will enjoy it as well. #litchat -1:05 PM Nov 5th, 2010
candlemarkgleam @JulieBritt Did you bring enough for the rest of the class? #litchat #likepeanutsforelephants -1:05 PM Nov 5th, 2010
LitChat @SaraGruen Readers are familiar with your #1 NYT bestseller, WATER FOR ELEPHANTS. Can you tell us about new book APE HOUSE? #litchat -1:05 PM Nov 5th, 2010
GLHancock If I could write stories, my characters would be Siamese cats. I know ALL about them. Sadly, I can't write fiction. #litchat -1:05 PM Nov 5th, 2010
jbeemills RT @LitChat During the next hour of moderated chat with guest host @SaraGruen, please hold all off-topic hashtags, URLs, & pitches. #litchat -1:06 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @LitChat It features a family of language competent bonobo apes that end up in a reality TV show situation. #litchat -1:06 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ErikaRobuck @JulieBritt Rosie wouldn't mind. :) Sorry, I had to say it. #litchat -1:06 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JulieBritt Looking forward to a chat about animals that doesn't involve elephants and donkeys at war. Painfully noisy here in D.C. this week. #litchat -1:06 PM Nov 5th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Just so you know, am delving into #litchat where author @SaraGruen is guest host. -1:06 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @LitChat Ugh, ran out of characters. There is also a strong human component to the story. #litchat -1:06 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JulieBritt @ErikaRobuck LOL. #litchat -1:06 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes Sounds enough like humans Sara :P #litchat -1:06 PM Nov 5th, 2010
maggiedana RT @GLHancock: If I could write stories, my characters would be Siamese cats. // Siamese cats are inscrutable. Love 'em. #litchat -1:06 PM Nov 5th, 2010
9Cups RT @robynmcintyre: #scifichat - now wandering over to #litchat for discussion w/ @SaraGruen, author of "Ape House" and "Water for Elephants" -1:07 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp Hi all, Hi Sara. #litchat -1:07 PM Nov 5th, 2010

AuthorWilliam Sliiiiiding into #litchat -1:07 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ErikaRobuck @SaraGruen Wow. Great log line. Very interesting. #litchat -1:07 PM Nov 5th, 2010
robynmcintyre @SaraGruen Wow. What a concept. #litchat -1:07 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @EJ_Knapp Hi right back atcha! #litchat -1:07 PM Nov 5th, 2010
maggiedana RT @SaraGruen: It features a family of language competent bonobo apes that end up in a reality TV show situation. // Great pitch! #litchat -1:07 PM Nov 5th, 2010
Spunk_Ransom Welcome! We are Rob fans looking forward to Water for Elephants on screen! @SaraGruen I'm here I think. I'm a Twitter newbie. #litchat -1:07 PM Nov 5th, 2010
AuthorWilliam It has been way too long. #litchat -1:07 PM Nov 5th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @GLHancock like the Felidae books (is that a Siamese? I'm sure it is) #litchat -1:07 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JulieBritt @candlemarkgleam I have a whole jar. #passingaroundpeanuts #litchat -1:08 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @robynmcintyre I thought it might be a little farfetched, but then someone came up with Jersey Shore... #litchat -1:08 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Howdy. #litchat -1:08 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ErikaRobuck RT @SaraGruen: @LitChat It features a family of language competent bonobo apes that end up in a reality TV show situation. #litchat -1:08 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @Spunk_Ransom Thanks. So am I! April 15th is the movie's release date. #litchat -1:08 PM Nov 5th, 2010
LitChat Ah, Twitter forces one to be concise. If you run out of characters, just type --> at end, hit UPDATE, then begin new tweet with --> #litchat -1:08 PM Nov 5th, 2010
marisabirns @GLHancock My mother had two Siamese cats - Sasha and Ming Ling. They had disdain for me. #litchat -1:08 PM Nov 5th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @JulieBritt Julie! Hello! #litchat -1:09 PM Nov 5th, 2010
GLHancock RT @maggiedana: Siamese cats are inscrutable. Love em. Also comical, irascible, lovable, and eminently forgivable. #litchat -1:09 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes @SaraGruen Do you find that writing from animal PoV's distances yourself, and the reader, from the very real emotions of the story? #litchat -1:09 PM Nov 5th, 2010
robynmcintyre @SaraGruen Jersey Shore and Bonobos. Seems appropriate. #litchat -1:09 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JanetRudolph RT @LitChat: Joining us today in #litchat is @SaraGruen. Please welcome Sara and introduce yourself. #litchat -1:09 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ErikaRobuck @AuthorWilliam Hi there! #litchat -1:09 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @DravenAmes No. The animal characters in my books are as important as the humans. #litchat -1:10 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @robynmcintyre Except that bonobos don't turn on each other. #litchat -1:10 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JulieBritt @robynmcintyre Jersey Shore more like orangutans with those fake tans. #litchat -1:10 PM Nov 5th, 2010
maggiedana @SaraGruen My first reaction to WFE was "incredibly great movie," followed quickly by "incredibly great story." #litchat -1:10 PM Nov 5th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @DravenAmes Nice Q #litchat -1:10 PM Nov 5th, 2010
LitChat @SaraGruen Tell us a bit about your lifelong love of animals and how it's influenced your writing. #litchat -1:10 PM Nov 5th, 2010

GLHancock @marisabirns I've had too many to count, since I was 10 until about 12 years ago. Bred them for a while. #litchat -1:10 PM Nov 5th, 2010
candlemarkgleam @saragruen You know, I would watch that reality show. Unlike most. Guess I have to read the book! #litchat -1:10 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen How do I include the text of the tweet I'm answering? I'm just hitting reply but it might be hard to follow. #litchat -1:10 PM Nov 5th, 2010
Spunk_Ransom Oh we know! Trust us! We are ALL over it! :) RT @SaraGruen Thanks. So am I! April 15th is the movie's release date. #litchat -1:10 PM Nov 5th, 2010
RobStenLatino Escritora de Water for Elephants RT @SaraGruen @Spunk_Ransom gracias, yo tambien!! Abril 15 es la fecha de estreno de la pelicula. #litchat -1:10 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @LitChat Always loved animals, always drawn to them. Can't explain it really! #litchat -1:11 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ConnieAnnKirk @SaraGruen #litchat Hello! On 'Elephants' -- why did you use the Cornell vet. school? Do you have an affiliation with the school? Thanks! -1:11 PM Nov 5th, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @SaraGruen: @robynmcintyre Except that bonobos don't turn on each other. #litchat -1:11 PM Nov 5th, 2010
camiarbarca RT @RobStenLatino: Escritora de Water for Elephants RT @SaraGruen @Spunk_Ransom gracias, yo tambien!! Abril 15 es la fecha de estreno de la pelicula. #litchat -1:12 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp @SaraGruen I may actually go to the theater for that one. #litchat -1:12 PM Nov 5th, 2010
nzesylva @GLHancock Waving back from Abuja, Nigeria and smiling. #litchat -1:12 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @ConnieAnnKirk No affiliation with Cornell. It was the only vet program that lasted 7 yrs and I needed it for the biblical analogy. #litchat -1:12 PM Nov 5th, 2010
deegospel joining litchat. hi, all. #litchat -1:12 PM Nov 5th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Me too. RT @EJ_Knapp: @SaraGruen I may actually go to the theater for that one. #litchat -1:12 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp @maggiedana Hi Mags. #litchat -1:12 PM Nov 5th, 2010
mrsromy OMG can't wait! #WFE was an amazing read! :D RT @SaraGruen Thanks. So am I! April 15th is the movie's release date. #litchat -1:13 PM Nov 5th, 2010
maggiedana @EJ_Knapp Hey!!! Good to see you. #litchat -1:13 PM Nov 5th, 2010
PattinsonSoM Welcome, Sara. :) Loved #WFE and excited for the movie release next April! RT @SaraGruen I'm here I think. I'm a Twitter newbie. #litchat -1:13 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes @SaraGruen What are the biggest mistakes writers make when first writing from an animal perspective? #litchat -1:13 PM Nov 5th, 2010
connectingwomen What is the topic in #litchat today? -1:14 PM Nov 5th, 2010
sandiosandi Oooh, exciting that there's a movie in the works #WFE (I've been out of the loop). #LitChat -1:14 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp @maggiedana Good to see you, too. And Sara. I've missed you both. #litchat -1:14 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ConnieAnnKirk @SaraGruen #litchat You mean you needed the 7 years, or is there a Biblical analogy with Cornell I'm missing (ha)? Thanks! -1:14 PM Nov 5th, 2010
maggiedana RT @DravenAmes: What are the biggest mistakes writers make when first writing from an animal perspective? // Anthrophomorphication? #litchat -1:14 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @DravenAmes I really don't know. None of my writing partners writes about animals and I don't see anybody else's first drafts. #litchat -1:14 PM Nov 5th, 2010

SaraGruen @ConnieAnnKirk The seven years that the biblical Jacob needed to be with Leah (Catherine Hale). It was also the only vet school--> #litchat -1:15 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen --> that allowed women to attend in 1931. #litchat -1:15 PM Nov 5th, 2010
Juanofwords @PattinsonSoM: Welcome, Sara. Loved #WFE excited 4the movie release next April! RT @SaraGruen Im here I think. Im a Twitter newbie. #litchat -1:15 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JulieBritt @connectingwomen @SaraGruen and writing about animals. #litchat -1:15 PM Nov 5th, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @PattinsonSoM: Welcome, Sara. :) Loved #WFE and excited for the movie release next April! #litchat -1:16 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @maggiedana But anthropomorphization has its purposes if that's what you're intending to do. Think Animal Farm etc. It's just--> #litchat -1:16 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen -->not what I want to do. #litchat -1:16 PM Nov 5th, 2010
deegospel @SaraGruen Hi, Sara. I'm Dee Stewart, owner of DeeGospel PR. Write mainstream/suspense hybrid as Miranda Parker for Kensington #litchat -1:16 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes @SaraGruen Rephrased: What mistakes, if any, did you learn from when you first started writing--wisdom to pass on to us. #litchat -1:17 PM Nov 5th, 2010
connectingwomen @robynmcintyre @JulieBritt Thanks! Unfortunately, haven't read those books #litchat -1:17 PM Nov 5th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @GLHancock Akif Pirincci - http://amzn.to/c17Frb - they're cat detective novels #litchat -1:17 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen Hello everyone who's joined us! I'm happy to be here! #litchat -1:17 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ConnieAnnKirk @SaraGruen #litchat Thank you! Do you kind of place a framework on your story like that as you begin, or does it come later? Thanks! -1:17 PM Nov 5th, 2010
robynmcintyre @SaraGruen Wow. Great research. Why didn't you opt for an imaginary school? Realism? #litchat -1:17 PM Nov 5th, 2010
deegospel Today's #litchat is with @SaraGruen, author of 4 novels, including APE HOUSE and WATER FOR ELEPHANTS. Please Retweet. -1:17 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @DravenAmes Too many to mention. Mostly that my first drafts are horrible and that's okay because they can be fixed. #litchat -1:18 PM Nov 5th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @SaraGruen Do you feel it is more powerful to write them as people (i.e. Watership Down) or maintain their more animal identity? #litchat -1:18 PM Nov 5th, 2010
sticky_t @robynmcintyre Great question, I always wonder this with novels. :) #litchat -1:18 PM Nov 5th, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @deegospel: Today's #litchat is with @SaraGruen, author of 4 novels, including APE HOUSE and WATER FOR ELEPHANTS. Please Retweet. -1:18 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JulieBritt RT @deegospel: Todays #litchat is with @SaraGruen, author of 4 novels, including APE HOUSE and WATER FOR ELEPHANTS. Please Retweet. #litchat -1:18 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @ConnieAnnKirk It happened fairly organically, although it happened early for this one. My writing process is so organic that--> #litchat -1:18 PM Nov 5th, 2010
deegospel RT @LitChat During the next hour of moderated chat w/ guest host @SaraGruen, please hold all off-topic hashtags, URLs, & pitches. #litchat -1:18 PM Nov 5th, 2010
BDCWB RT @deegospel: Today's #litchat is with @SaraGruen, author of 4 novels, including APE HOUSE and WATER FOR ELEPHANTS. Please Retweet. -1:18 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen --> in retrospect it's sometimes hard for me to remember which order things happened! #litchat -1:18 PM Nov 5th, 2010

YAFantasyGuide RT @JulieBritt: RT @deegospel: Today's #litchat is with @SaraGruen, author of 4 novels, including APE HOUSE and WATER FOR ELEPHANTS. Please Retweet. #litchat -1:19 PM Nov 5th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @SaraGruen What books featuring animals have influenced you most in your writing? #litchat -1:19 PM Nov 5th, 2010
Juanofwords @SaraGruen you have a very optimistic POV >> love this: first drafts are horrible and that's okay because they can be fixed #litchat -1:19 PM Nov 5th, 2010
nzesylva I would rather recreate d entire animal kingdom in my writing if I shld use animal xters. gives u all shades of xters #litchat -1:19 PM Nov 5th, 2010
robynmcintyre @SaraGruen Could you describe your process a little more? #litchat -1:19 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @AuthorWilliam I try to write the animal characters as faithfully and authentically as I can, but it's a very different thing--> #litchat -1:19 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes @SaraGruen Glad to see you're human, no pun intended. I lie, intended. #litchat -1:20 PM Nov 5th, 2010
maggiedana @SaraGruen Part of charm of WFE and AP is that animals' perspective is oblique. #litchat -1:20 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen --> than a book like Watership Down, where the animals are essentially human. #litchat -1:20 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen If I'm missing someone's question, pls forgive me--my screen is scrolling faster than I can keep up with. #litchat -1:20 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @robynmcintyre I show up for work every day. No, seriously. I show up for work every day!! #litchat -1:21 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JulieBritt @SaraGruen That's the sign of a popular guest. #litchat -1:21 PM Nov 5th, 2010
Justine_Davies_ RT @deegospel: Today's #litchat is with @SaraGruen, author of 4 novels, including APE HOUSE and WATER FOR ELEPHANTS. Please Retweet. -1:21 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @CarolyBurnsBass There are books featuring animals that have inspired me, but not necessarily in the use of animal characters. --> #litchat -1:22 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes @SaraGruen Are you going to be participating in NaNoWriMo? Did you think, before sending it in, that you'd have this success? #litchat -1:22 PM Nov 5th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @SaraGruen Sounds like what you do would take a real special sense of animals that to make that work. Very, very cool. #litchat -1:22 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ConnieAnnKirk @SaraGruen #litchat Does Robert Pattinson look anything like the Jacob you have/had in your head? Ha. And how about Hal Holbrook? Thank you! -1:22 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen --> Think Life of Pi, Animal Farm, Black Beauty, Watership Down etc. But I love many, many books that have no animals at all. #litchat -1:22 PM Nov 5th, 2010
LitChat @SaraGruen You can slow your feed by clicking the REFRESH SPEED tab below the input window. #litchat -1:23 PM Nov 5th, 2010
deegospel RT @SaraGruen: @DravenAmes Too many to mention. Mostly that my first drafts are horrible and that's okay because they can be fixed. #litchat -1:23 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @DravenAmes No NaNoWriMo for me this year. I am on the tail end of a really long book tour. The first thing I'm doing when I get--> #litchat -1:23 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen -->home is go to bed for a week. #litchat -1:23 PM Nov 5th, 2010
candlemarkgleam RT @SaraGruen first drafts are horrible and that's okay because they can be fixed #litchat -1:23 PM Nov 5th, 2010

BabeBeyond RT @deegospel: Today's #litchat is with @SaraGruen, author of 4 novels, including APE HOUSE and WATER FOR ELEPHANTS. Please Retweet. -1:24 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @LitChat But then I'll still miss questions! Just don't want anyone thinking I'm ignoring. Just struggling to keep up. #litchat -1:24 PM Nov 5th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @SaraGruen The bonobos in APE HOUSE are so humanlike. Did you learn anything about yourself when writing about them? #litchat -1:24 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @AuthorWilliam I like to think I do. I have a house full of them. But I also really like people. :-) #litchat -1:25 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes @SaraGruen When writing, did you ever encounter that nasty animal, writer's block? If so, how did you tame it? #litchat -1:25 PM Nov 5th, 2010
joannemorency1 RT @Spunk_Ransom: Welcome! We are Rob fans looking forward to Water for Elephants on screen! @SaraGruen I'm here I think. I'm a Twitter newbie. #litchat -1:25 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @CarolyBurnsBass Meeting and becoming friends with the bonobos over the last 3 yrs has been amazing in many, many ways. #litchat -1:25 PM Nov 5th, 2010
GLHancock @SaraGruen Open a tab in Twitter to the page that shows replies to you, @SaraGruen Then switch back and forth #litchat -1:25 PM Nov 5th, 2010
sandiosandi @SaraGruen - can you talk about your choices wrt creative license & animal characters? How do know when you push plausibility? #LitChat -1:26 PM Nov 5th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @SaraGruen LOL :-) #litchat -1:26 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @DravenAmes Writer's block? All the time! That's why I show up for work every day. It's all I can do. #litchat -1:26 PM Nov 5th, 2010
Justine_Davies_ @SaraGruen Sara, do you have a set number of hours that you devote to your writing each day? #litchat -1:26 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JarikaJohnson RT @deegospel: Today's #litchat is with @SaraGruen, author of 4 novels, including APE HOUSE and WATER FOR ELEPHANTS. Please Retweet. -1:26 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @Justine_Davies_ Yes indeed. It's called school hours! #litchat -1:26 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ErikaRobuck @SaraGruen Will you always write about animals, or do you see yourself moving in other directions? #litchat -1:27 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @sandiosandi I hope I know when I push plausibility, but that's also why I have very trusted, very good critique partners. #litchat -1:27 PM Nov 5th, 2010
robynmcintyre @SaraGruen Becoming friends w/ the bonobos - how cool is that?! #litchat -1:27 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @ErikaRobuck I really don't know yet. The creative process is, for me, still very mysterious, so I never really know what's next. #litchat -1:28 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes @SaraGruen Did you use a freelance editor on your first novel, before submitting? #litchat -1:28 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @robynmcintyre EXTREMELY COOL. I've known them for three years now and I will visit them as long as I'm still invited. #litchat -1:28 PM Nov 5th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Sure is. RT @robynmcintyre: @SaraGruen Becoming friends w/ the bonobos - how cool is that?! #litchat -1:29 PM Nov 5th, 2010
maggiedana Sara's research into Bonobos was incredible. She tapped into its pulse and made it come alive for many people. #litchat -1:29 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @DravenAmes No freelance editor. Just my longsuffering writing group. #litchat -1:29 PM Nov 5th, 2010

DravenAmes @SaraGruen What writers have inspired you along your journey as a writer? Kudos to your writing group! #litchat -1:30 PM Nov 5th, 2010
deegospel Biblical metaphor RT @SaraGruen: @ConnieAnnKirk The seven years that the biblical Jacob needed to be with Leah (Catherine Hale). #litchat -1:30 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @deegospel Yes, Hale = Leah, L'Arche (Marlena's last name) = Rachel, Alan Bunkel = phonetic anagram of Uncle Laban, etc. #litchat -1:31 PM Nov 5th, 2010
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Juanofwords RT @maggiedana: Saras research into Bonobos was incredible. She tapped into its pulse and made it come alive for many people. #litchat -1:31 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @ConnieAnnKirk Except for the red hair, RP looks just like I imagined, and Hal Holbrook is PERFECT for the older Jacob. #litchat -1:32 PM Nov 5th, 2010
Juanofwords RT @SaraGruen: @deegospel Yes, Hale = Leah, LArche (Marlenas last name) = Rachel, Alan Bunkel = phonetic anagram of Uncle Laban #litchat -1:32 PM Nov 5th, 2010
Justine_Davies_ @SaraGruen lol! Yes, my writing is defined by school hours too. It's wonderful to be able to do that!! #litchat -1:32 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp @maggiedana WFE certainly came alive 4 me. I read it cover-to-cover in one sitting - twice. Looking forward to Ape House. #litchat -1:32 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @EJ_Knapp Thanks, EJ! The strange this is that these characters are really alive for me too. I know they're in my head, but they--> #litchat -1:33 PM Nov 5th, 2010
candlemarkgleam Neat! RT @SaraGruen: Yes, Hale = Leah, L'Arche (Marlena's last name) = Rachel, Alan Bunkel = phonetic anagram of Uncle Laban, etc. #litchat -1:33 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen -->take control and do what they want to do, and so outlining is useless for me because it's pointless to fight the characters. #litchat -1:33 PM Nov 5th, 2010
deegospel @SaraGruen did it take long to understand glyphs the bonobos work with? (have someone asked this?) #litchat -1:33 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @deegospel Dee, the lexigram board they use is VERY complicated and I am still not fluent. You can see it (or portions of it) at--> #litchat -1:34 PM Nov 5th, 2010
nzesylva If I write of cunning leaders, my main xter would be a tortoise. Its d cunning animal of most Nigerian folklore #litchat -1:34 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen -->the Great Ape Trust's Web site. Am too new to Twitter to attempt a link, I'm afraid! #litchat -1:34 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp @SaraGruen I agree, fighting my characters has never gotten me anything but a headache. They do what they want to do. #litchat -1:34 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes RT @SaraGruen: --> Outlining is useless for me because its pointless to fight the characters. #litchat -1:34 PM Nov 5th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Do your animal characters do this also? Or just the humans? RT @SaraGruen: -->take control and do what they want to do. #litchat -1:35 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @nzesylva Interesting! I've always like tortoises. #litchat -1:35 PM Nov 5th, 2010
Juanofwords @SaraGruen i'm so glad to hear you say "outlining is impossible" for you too - it's a huge challenge for me!! #litchat -1:35 PM Nov 5th, 2010
househomeauthor Love this: RT @SaraGruen: "Outlining is useless for me because it's pointless to fight the characters." #litchat -1:35 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @CarolyBurnsBass All of them! That's why I have to just go with it. Otherwise I leave great heaps of novel bleeding on the floor. #litchat -1:36 PM Nov 5th, 2010

LitChat Here is the link to The Great Ape Trust which @SaraGruen just referred to. http://bit.ly/cQMxG #litchat -1:36 PM Nov 5th, 2010
maggiedana @SaraGruen Here's a shortened link to the Great Apes' Trust: http://bit.ly/bkw3xl #litchat -1:36 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp @SaraGruen Here's the link to Great Ape Trust. http://www.greatapetrust.org/ #litchat -1:36 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @Juanofwords I do have a really crazy-looking white board though. I need to take a picture of it before my husband erases it. #litchat -1:36 PM Nov 5th, 2010
sticky_t @Juanofwords: I know, I can never outline either. #litchat -1:37 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp Seems like we all jumped on that link thing. #litchat -1:37 PM Nov 5th, 2010
LitChat You guys are so helpful! Thanks for posting those links. @EJ_Knapp, @maggiedana. #litchat -1:37 PM Nov 5th, 2010
Juanofwords @SaraGruen Would that not make a great tweet!? Would love to see the picture :P #litchat -1:37 PM Nov 5th, 2010
robynmcintyre @SaraGruen I'd LOVE to see your whiteboard! #litchat -1:38 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @sticky_t If outlining is not your method of writing, then don't even try! For me the magic starts when the characters take over. #litchat -1:38 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes Zombie animals would be a very fun PoV to tackle #litchat -1:38 PM Nov 5th, 2010
blankslatepress Better late than never...excited to join the conversation with @SaraGruen #litchat -1:38 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ConnieAnnKirk @SaraGruen #litchat Do you have any trouble with conflict? I seem to love my characters too much to put them through enough conflict. Thx! -1:38 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @DravenAmes Yeah, no thanks. :-) #litchat -1:39 PM Nov 5th, 2010
Juanofwords No matter how much I plan for it...it just never works for me, lol RT @sticky_t: @Juanofwords: I know, I can never outline either. #litchat -1:39 PM Nov 5th, 2010
sticky_t @SaraGruen Yep, I've slowly been discovering that. :) Good to know I'm not alone! #litchat -1:39 PM Nov 5th, 2010
maggiedana @SaraGruen I love it when an animal (think Rosie in WFE) points out, gently, how dense humans can be. #litchat -1:39 PM Nov 5th, 2010
sticky_t Oh, that would be so awesome. @DravenAmes: Zombie animals would be a very fun PoV to tackle #litchat -1:40 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @sticky_t Perhaps vampire animals? I kid! I kid! #litchat -1:41 PM Nov 5th, 2010
Juanofwords RT @maggiedana: @SaraGruen I love it when an animal (think Rosie in WFE) points out, gently, how dense humans can be. #litchat -1:41 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes @sticky_t It should be. Nano is up. I may try it. Anyway, off subject sorry. #litchat -1:41 PM Nov 5th, 2010
GLHancock @SaraGruen How did you manage to have three books published in the same year -- or has Amazon messed up the dates? #litchat -1:41 PM Nov 5th, 2010
sticky_t @SaraGruen Haha...bats maybe? #litchat -1:41 PM Nov 5th, 2010
blankslatepress In my own writing, I can start with an outline but once the characters take over, I let them lead the way. #litchat -1:41 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @DravenAmes I highly recommend trying NaNoWriMo. It makes you put down words. Like I said, first drafts can be fixed. #litchat -1:42 PM Nov 5th, 2010
sticky_t @blankslatepress: That's often how I start, too. #litchat -1:42 PM Nov 5th, 2010

SaraGruen @GLHancock I don't know about the three books in one year thing--maybe they're different versions, HC vs PB, or something? #litchat -1:42 PM Nov 5th, 2010
IanDBarker Same here RT @blankslatepress: I can start with an outline but once the characters take over, I let them lead the way. #litchat -1:43 PM Nov 5th, 2010
sticky_t Agreed. @SaraGruen I highly recommend trying NaNoWriMo. It makes you put down words. Like I said, first drafts can be fixed. #litchat -1:43 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp @SaraGruen I tried nano but couldn't cut it. Too OCD. I edit as I go and find it too uncomfortable to let go of that. #litchat -1:44 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ConnieAnnKirk @SaraGruen #litchat How do you do it, though? I know there's no story if I don't, and if they're 'real,' there has to be trouble. Ugh! Thx! -1:44 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp Hi Ian. #litchat -1:44 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @EJ_Knapp I've never "won" NaNoWriMo, but I've gotten around 40,000 words in a month, which counts as a win to me. #litchat -1:44 PM Nov 5th, 2010
IanDBarker @EJ_Knapp Hi :) #litchat -1:45 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @ConnieAnnKirk I weep and cry and sulk and after a few days of this my husband gets tired of it and tells me to kill them already. #litchat -1:45 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes I would try out NaNo, but I am editing my first novel right now. 8 chapters until I am ready for query. #litchat -1:45 PM Nov 5th, 2010
blankslatepress @sticky_t @SaraGruen re Nano...you have to start somewhere. Who was it that said every first draft is a sh**ty first draft? #litchat -1:45 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @ConnieAnnKirk My friend Joshilyn Jackson says to put all your characters in a room together and set one of them on fire. It works. #litchat -1:46 PM Nov 5th, 2010
candlemarkgleam Our thoughts exactly http://bit.ly/djcOkW RT @saragruen recommend trying NaNoWriMo. makes you put down words. drafts can be fixed #litchat -1:46 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes @SaraGruen 40k a month is great. What did you do before you wrote? #litchat -1:46 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @blankslatepress Hemingway. I may mangle the quote, but I think he said "The first draft is shit." #litchat -1:46 PM Nov 5th, 2010
deegospel RT @SaraGruen: @Juanofwords I have a really crazy-looking white board... need to take a picture of it before my husband erases it. #litchat -1:46 PM Nov 5th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @SaraGruen In APE HOUSE, you painted LA crowd in a rather harsh light. Was this intentional or a reflection of Amanda's character? #litchat -1:46 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes RT @SaraGruen: My friend Joshilyn Jackson says to put all your characters in a room together and set one of them on fire. It works. #litchat -1:46 PM Nov 5th, 2010
maggiedana @blankslatepress Ann Lamott #litchat -1:46 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @DravenAmes I wrote. :-) Software manuals and online help systems. #litchat -1:47 PM Nov 5th, 2010
blankslatepress @SaraGruen Ah, thanks! :-) #litchat -1:47 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp Not if you edit as you go. RT @blankslatepress: Who was it that said every first draft is a sh**ty first draft? #litchat -1:47 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes @SaraGruen Wow! You are moving up! Congratulations on such a change of life. Do you feel like a character in a book now? #litchat -1:48 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @EJ_Knapp If I edited as I went, I'd never finish anything. But everyone has their own system. #litchat -1:48 PM Nov 5th, 2010
maggiedana RT @EJ_Knapp: Not if you edit as you go. // Ditto! #litchat -1:48 PM Nov 5th, 2010

SaraGruen @DravenAmes Draven, you're assuming my software manuals weren't fiction... ;-) #litchat -1:49 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes @SaraGruen That is amazing. You must have changed lifestyle dramatically. Do you feel like a character in a book? #litchat -1:49 PM Nov 5th, 2010
blankslatepress @EJ_Knapp Yeah...I tried that for 2 yrs. Finally had to jump off the cliff and just keep writing. Now, I'm revising. #litchat -1:49 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp @SaraGruen For me it's the opposite. If I tried to just blow through the first draft, my OCD would eventually paralyze me. #litchat -1:50 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @DravenAmes My work routine is exactly the same, believe it or not. #litchat -1:50 PM Nov 5th, 2010
blankslatepress RT @SaraGruen: @DravenAmes Draven, youre assuming my software manuals werent fiction... ;-) LOL #litchat -1:50 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp @SaraGruen Having spent over 25 years in IT, I've found all software manuals to be fiction. #litchat -1:50 PM Nov 5th, 2010
deegospel RT @SaraGruen: My friend Joshilyn Jackson says to put all your characters in a room together and set one of them on fire. It works. #litchat -1:50 PM Nov 5th, 2010
IanDBarker Ha, I think I have one of those! RT @SaraGruen: @DravenAmes Draven, youre assuming my software manuals werent fiction... ;-) #litchat -1:50 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DGCooper82 @SaraGruen How long did it take for you to get an agent/publisher? #litchat -1:50 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @EJ_Knapp It's easier if you don't allow yourself to look. I write every day's new words in a separate file so I can't look back. #litchat -1:51 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @DGCooper82 Too long. Actually, in the scheme of things, I was pretty lucky. I got published around two years after getting--> #litchat -1:52 PM Nov 5th, 2010
blankslatepress RT @SaraGruen: @EJ_Knapp Wow...that's brave. No looking? None at all??? #litchat -1:52 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JulieBritt @EJ_Knapp I know what you mean. Newspaper work taught me to edit as I write and hand off the "first" draft for publication. #litchat -1:52 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen -->laid off and deciding to make a go of it full-time. #litchat -1:52 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp @SaraGruen Oh, not looking back would surely kill me. #litchat -1:52 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes @SaraGruen What are your favorite books to read and which inspired you the most? #litchat -1:52 PM Nov 5th, 2010
robynmcintyre @@EJ_Knapp The software itself is fictional, the features are virtual. #litchat -1:53 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @blankslatepress Not until I finish a first draft! Okay, I lie. If I have to add a thread I'll go add it but I won't edit. #litchat -1:53 PM Nov 5th, 2010
deegospel @SaraGruen when do you recognize a theme(s) emerge in your story? #litchat -1:53 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DinaSantorelli LOL! RT @deegospel RT @SaraGruen: My friend says to put all your characters in a room together & set one of them on fire. It works. #litchat -1:53 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DGCooper82 @SaraGruen Amazing!...that happened to me about 2 yrs ago...I was a copywriter. Still working towards finishing at least one novel. #litchat -1:54 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @deegospel The themes are usually there in the conception, things I want to explore. It's the execution that happens organically. #litchat -1:54 PM Nov 5th, 2010

ConnieAnnKirk @SaraGruen #litchat Was your writing group made up of folks whose works were more or less published than yours were at the time? Thanks! -1:54 PM Nov 5th, 2010
Juanofwords RT @DGCooper82: @SaraGruen How long did it take for you to get an agent/publisher? #litchat -1:54 PM Nov 5th, 2010
sticky_t Genius! I should make myself do that. @SaraGruen: I write every days new words in a separate file so I cant look back. #litchat -1:54 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DGCooper82 @SaraGruen How do you stay focused on one story at a time? #litchat This is my curse! I've got three going right now. -1:54 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @ConnieAnnKirk Not a one of us was published when we met. #litchat -1:55 PM Nov 5th, 2010
deegospel Will try this tonight. RT @SaraGruen: @EJ_Knapp .. I write every day's new words in a separate file so I can't look back. #litchat -1:55 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @DGCooper82 HA! Easy. I don't have room in my head for more than one fictional world at a time. #litchat -1:55 PM Nov 5th, 2010
candlemarkgleam RT @sticky_t: Genius! @SaraGruen: I write every days new words in a separate file so I cant look back. #litchat -1:55 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JarikaJohnson @DGCooper82 I'm no Sara Gruen, but when that happens to me, I focus on 1 story and jot the other ideas down. It helps a bunch! #litchat -1:56 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @deegospel My other trick is to have a leftovers file. It's the way I can make myself delete huge chunks and not kill myself. --> #litchat -1:56 PM Nov 5th, 2010
candlemarkgleam RT @EJ_Knapp: @SaraGruen Having spent over 25 years in IT, I've found all software manuals to be fiction. #litchat -1:56 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen -->In theory, I can recycle them, but I never do. They just live quietly on my hard drive. #litchat -1:56 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes @SaraGruen Did you learn anything while on book tour that you would pass on to writers? Which animal is your third favorite? #litchat -1:56 PM Nov 5th, 2010
blankslatepress RT @SaraGruen: @ConnieAnnKirk Not a one of us was published when we met. - This is encouraging to us all, I'm sure. #litchat -1:57 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ConnieAnnKirk @SaraGruen That's encouraging, Sara. They must have a good sense of things, though. How did you form your group n trust 'em? Thks. #litchat -1:57 PM Nov 5th, 2010
deegospel @SaraGruen cool. the theme for Ape House is so current & worthy of discussion. i wondered how you pulled it together #litchat -1:57 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes @SaraGruen I do that too! I actually separate all my deleted sections by character, for easy reference. #litchat -1:57 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @DravenAmes Book tours aren't really about writing. They're about connecting with readers and booksellers. I have learned that I--> #litchat -1:57 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen -->can't write while on the road. #litchat -1:58 PM Nov 5th, 2010
deegospel @SaraGruen thanks. i'm using NANOWrimo to push me through writing my first draft of Book2, this helps much. #litchat -1:58 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DGCooper82 @SaraGruen Where do your story ideas come from? Mine are usually inspired by dreams and songs. #litchat -1:58 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen @ConnieAnnKirk We met before we realized that meeting people from the internet is dangerous, & now they can run but they can't hide #litchat -1:58 PM Nov 5th, 2010
SaraGruen Sorry to tweet and run everyone, but I have to run out the door! Thank you so much for letting me guest host. It's been a pleasure! #litchat -1:59 PM Nov 5th, 2010

glindaharrison LOL! RT @CandlemarkGleam RT @EJ_Knapp: @SaraGruen Having spent over 25 years in IT, I've found all software manuals to be fiction. #litchat -2:00 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes Great to have you. Thank you. #litchat -2:00 PM Nov 5th, 2010
blankslatepress @SaraGruen Thank You! #litchat -2:00 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ConnieAnnKirk @SaraGruen Thank you, Sara! #litchat -2:00 PM Nov 5th, 2010
robynmcintyre @SaraGruen Thank you so much for coming! It was a great #litchat -2:00 PM Nov 5th, 2010
LitChat Thanks so much for joining us today @SaraGruen. Let's all give her a huge round of {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:00 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp @SaraGruen It was good to chat with you again. Miss you on Backspace. #litchat -2:00 PM Nov 5th, 2010
IanDBarker @SaraGruen Thanks, Sara! #litchat -2:01 PM Nov 5th, 2010
sticky_t @SaraGruen Thank you! Really enjoyed it. :) #litchat -2:01 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JarikaJohnson @SaraGruen Thanks for joining us! #litchat -2:01 PM Nov 5th, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @LitChat: Thanks so much for joining us today @SaraGruen. Let's all give her a huge round of {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:01 PM Nov 5th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @SaraGruen Thank you! Continued success to you! #litchat -2:01 PM Nov 5th, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @LitChat: Thanks so much for joining us today @SaraGruen. Let's all give her a huge round of {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:01 PM Nov 5th, 2010
LitChat Today's visit with @SaraGruen was a perfect wrap to our ANIMALS AS CHARACTERS week. Chatscript will be posted this weekend. #litchat -2:02 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes Great to meet everyone. If ne1 is looking for good Sci-Fi / Horror, or writing tips / networking http://dravenames.blogspot.com/ #litchat -2:02 PM Nov 5th, 2010
ConnieAnnKirk @Sarah Gruen Thank you to #litchat as well. So great to have this kind of little discussion right from the 'home office.' Thanks! #litchat -2:03 PM Nov 5th, 2010
robynmcintyre #litchat and #scifichat brightened my #writer's outlook today! -2:03 PM Nov 5th, 2010
LitChat Next week's topic is LAD LIT--yes, we're going to discuss books with young, virile, single men in urban settings. Get ready. #litchat -2:03 PM Nov 5th, 2010
DravenAmes Very good chat. Thank you Sara #litchat -2:03 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JarikaJohnson I guess I should get some work done today. At least #litchat was amazing and informative...makes me feel better about surfing the net! -2:03 PM Nov 5th, 2010
IanDBarker RT @LitChat: Next weeks topic is LAD LIT--yes, were going to discuss books with young, virile, single men in urban settings. #litchat -2:04 PM Nov 5th, 2010
LitChat Following up our week of LAD LIT is @IanDBarker, author of FALLEN STAR. See http://www.barker-home.demon.co.uk/ #litchat -2:05 PM Nov 5th, 2010
JulieBritt Thank you @SaraGruen. #litchat -2:05 PM Nov 5th, 2010
Juanofwords I've been in and out...too many interruptions, but thank you @SaraGruen and #litchat for a very interesting convo today! Keep on writing :-)-2:05 PM Nov 5th, 2010
EJ_Knapp Cool RT @LitChat: Following up our week of LAD LIT is @IanDBarker, author of FALLEN STAR. See http://www.barker-home.demon.co.uk/ #litchat -2:06 PM Nov 5th, 2010
deegospel (clapping) Thanks @LitChat and @SaraGruen great convo #litchat -2:06 PM Nov 5th, 2010
candlemarkgleam Thank you so much for a great #litchat @saragruen - looking forward to new book, movie! -2:06 PM Nov 5th, 2010
IanDBarker Before I go, tree book links for FALLEN STAR are appearing on Amazon now. Or you can get the Kindle version for a quick fix! #litchat -2:07 PM Nov 5th, 2010

catconnor RT @EJ_Knapp: Cool RT @LitChat: Following up our week of LAD LIT is @IanDBarker, author of FALLEN STAR. See <http://www.barker-home.demon.co.uk/> #litchat -2:08 PM Nov 5th, 2010

ruthseeley RT @LitChat: Next week's topic is LAD LIT--yes, we're going to discuss books with young, virile, single men in urban settings. Get ready. #litchat -2:08 PM Nov 5th, 2010

deegospel @DravenAmes Nice meeting you, Draven. Here's my NanoWriMo info: <http://www.nanowrimo.org/eng/user/75454> #litchat -2:08 PM Nov 5th, 2010

EJ_Knapp Hi Cat. #litchat -2:08 PM Nov 5th, 2010

JulieBritt Great chat. My work: <http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt> <http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt2> <http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt3> #litchat -2:09 PM Nov 5th, 2010

EJ_Knapp See you all next week. If you want a great weekend read, check out Stealing The Marbles or any book from Rebel e Publishers. #litchat -2:10 PM Nov 5th, 2010

JulieBritt RT @LitChat: Next week's topic is LAD LIT--yes, we're going to discuss books with young, virile, single men in urban settings. Get ready. #litchat -2:10 PM Nov 5th, 2010

BookEditorLM RT @LitChat: Next week's topic is LAD LIT--yes, we're going to discuss books with young, virile, single men in urban settings. Get ready. #litchat -2:11 PM Nov 5th, 2010

marisabirns (!) RT @LitChat Next week's topic is LAD LIT--yes, we're going to discuss books with young, virile, single men in urban settings. #litchat -2:15 PM Nov 5th, 2010

blankslatepress @EJ_Knapp I'm reading Stealing The Marbles now. :-) #litchat -2:16 PM Nov 5th, 2010