



LitChat September 20 & 22, 2010

Topic of the Week: Second Chances

Moderated by @LitChat Carolyn Burns Bass

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.

MONDAY: September 20, 2010

LitChat Happy Monday. This week we're discussing novels with a theme of SECOND CHANCES. Join us for the next hour for #litchat. -3:00 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel here be sqrls #litchat -3:01 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LitChat Please introduce yourself, but save off-topic URLs, links, hashtags, etc until after our regular #litchat session. Thanks. -3:02 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LitChat What novels feature themes of SECOND CHANCES--okay, third, fourth and more chances. Think character renewal. #litchat -3:03 PM Sep 20th, 2010

julichilliard RT @LitChat: Please introduce yourself, but save off-topic URLs, links, hashtags, etc until after our regular #litchat session. Thanks. -3:04 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LetterMaster Hello everyone, my name is Sarah. I hope I can follow along today #litchat -3:04 PM Sep 20th, 2010

IreneZiegler Irene here. Hi! #litchat -3:05 PM Sep 20th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes RT @LitChat: What novels feature themes of SECOND CHANCES--okay, third, fourth and more chances. Think character renewal. #litchat -3:06 PM Sep 20th, 2010

IreneZiegler @LitChat Can you give us a hint? #litchat -3:07 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LitChat Greetings @IreneZiegler @LetterMaster @julichilliard @buffysquirrel @agnieszkasshoes. #litchat -3:07 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel umm, Pride and Prejudice? #litchat -3:08 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LitChat @IreneZiegler No hints required. Be thinking about novels you've read that feature characters undergoing changes and renewal. #litchat -3:08 PM Sep 20th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @LitChat Remainder by Tom McCarthy kind of fits the second chance model #litchat -3:08 PM Sep 20th, 2010

mrchrn HOw about Mishima's Sea of Fertility. One character reincarnates and resets; his friend ages and follows him. #litchat -3:08 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LitChat If you would like to pose a question for the chat, please send it to @LitChat w/o hashtags and I will post to the chat. #litchat -3:08 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel after reading Darcy's letter, Elizabeth goes through a long process of realising she's misjudged him #litchat -3:09 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LitChat @mrchrn Oh, MISHIMA'S SEA OF FERTILITY sounds interesting. #litchat -3:09 PM Sep 20th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes RT @mrchrn: HOw about Mishima's Sea of Fertility. One character reincarnates and resets; his friend ages and follows him. #litchat -3:09 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LetterMaster I like that RT @buffysquirrel: after reading Darcy's letter, Elizabeth goes through a long process of realising she's misjudged him #litchat -3:10 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel In Sarah Waters' Tipping the Velvet, protagonist is constantly reinventing self #litchat -3:10 PM Sep 20th, 2010

CarolynBurnsBass @buffysquirrel PRIDE AND PREJUDICE--an excellent example. Darcy also goes through changes when he gives Elizabeth a second chance. #litchat -3:11 PM Sep 20th, 2010

JSLion @buffysquirrel #litchat In Pride And Prejudice, both Elizabeth and Darcy go through significant changes. - 3:11 PM Sep 20th, 2010
buffysquirrel @JSLion that's true, but to an extent i find Elizabeth's changes more credible #litchat -3:12 PM Sep 20th, 2010
robynmcintyre @LitChat Gone With the Wind - after all, tomorrow IS another day... #litchat -3:12 PM Sep 20th, 2010
robertjbennett The climax of Kavalier and Klay centers around second chances for all three main characters. #litchat -3:12 PM Sep 20th, 2010
JSLion #litchat in Huckelberry Fin, Huck goes through a significant change in his outlook as the book progresses. - 3:12 PM Sep 20th, 2010
J_GriffinB Mr Shivers, a more recent book by a frequent visitor here is all about one man's transformation... #litchat -3:13 PM Sep 20th, 2010
robertjbennett All of them have more or less found themselves in lives that have fallen well short of their hopes and dreams. #litchat -3:14 PM Sep 20th, 2010
JSLion @buffysquirrel I think Darcy is shattered in a way with Elizabeth's accusations (best marraige proposal turn down ever) #litchat -3:14 PM Sep 20th, 2010
AuthorWilliam Hi all! Sorry I'm late. What's the topic? #litchat -3:15 PM Sep 20th, 2010
LitChat What character traits/personality types work well for stories about SECOND CHANCES? What books use them effectively? #litchat -3:15 PM Sep 20th, 2010
IreneZiegler I guess the obvious one is It's a Wonderful Life. #litchat -3:15 PM Sep 20th, 2010
robertjbennett @J_GriffinB I suppose that counts. The MC is constantly offered second chances, and keeps choosing wrongly. #litchat -3:15 PM Sep 20th, 2010
IreneZiegler A Christmas Carol comes to mind as well. #litchat -3:16 PM Sep 20th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @LitChat arrogant, self-sufficent tyoes work well - ripe for learning heart. Films best e.g.s It's a Wonderful Life the obvious #litchat -3:16 PM Sep 20th, 2010
J_GriffinB It seems clear to me that all the best fiction changes the character. Truly great fiction can change the reader's perceptions. #litchat -3:16 PM Sep 20th, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @LitChat: What character traits/personality types work well for stories about SECOND CHANCES? What books use them effectively? #litchat -3:16 PM Sep 20th, 2010
robynmcintyre @LitChat Arrogance often gets a comeuppance in literature. #litchat -3:16 PM Sep 20th, 2010
JSLion RT @J_GriffinB: It seems clear to me that all the best fiction changes the character. Truly great fiction can change the reader's perceptions. #litchat -3:16 PM Sep 20th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Was the popular film based on a novel? Would love to read it. RT @IreneZiegler: I guess the obvious one is Its a Wonderful Life. #litchat -3:16 PM Sep 20th, 2010
buffysquirrel @JSLion it punctures his amour propre for sure, but his response is not all that believable #litchat - 3:17 PM Sep 20th, 2010
buffysquirrel Heinlein's Door Into Summer is all about looking for second chances #litchat -3:17 PM Sep 20th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @IreneZiegler are you inside my head or something! Those two absolutely. And the film Regarding Henry? #litchat -3:17 PM Sep 20th, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @agnieszkasshoes: @IreneZiegler are you inside my head or something! Those two absolutely. And the film Regarding Henry? #litchat -3:18 PM Sep 20th, 2010
robertjbennett Characters who start out with a firm perception of the world, but upon experiencing it have the choice to adjust, or fail. #litchat -3:18 PM Sep 20th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass LOL. RT @agnieszkasshoes: @IreneZiegler are you inside my head or something! Those two absolutely. And the film Regarding Henry? #litchat -3:18 PM Sep 20th, 2010

J_GriffinB @robertjbennett I got that, but felt there was an underlying fate (or at least fatalism) to those decisions. #litchat -3:18 PM Sep 20th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @CarolyBurnsBass wikipedia says it's based on a short "the greatest gift" Philip Van Doren Stern #litchat -3:19 PM Sep 20th, 2010

IreneZiegler @agnieszkasshoes Regarding Henry was the one I was trying to think of. Maybe we DO share a brain. #litchat -3:19 PM Sep 20th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @AuthorWilliam second chances! #litchat -3:20 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel an older character maybe, looking back on the mistakes of their youth #litchat wishing they could do it over -3:20 PM Sep 20th, 2010

myotherhand what's tonight topic on #litchat? hello -3:21 PM Sep 20th, 2010

TwinkleChar (Whew! Sneaks in, out of breath, home from a fruitless errand. Still mumbling ...) #litchat -3:21 PM Sep 20th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @IreneZiegler :) or just a shared love of schmaltz :) I saw Regarding Henry at the Camden PArkway - London's last art deco cinema #litchat -3:21 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel time travel stories lend themselves to second chances #litchat -3:21 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robertjbennett @J_GriffinB Which would suggest that it wasn't really a chance or choice at all. #litchat -3:21 PM Sep 20th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @myotherhand hello! Second chances - what character traits suit them? #litchat -3:21 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robbyncintyre Jean Valjean in Les Miserables. #litchat -3:21 PM Sep 20th, 2010

myotherhand @agnieszkasshoes thanks a lot my dear. very helpful :* #litchat -3:22 PM Sep 20th, 2010

TwinkleChar @agnieszkasshoes "Shared love of schmaltz." Poetry, my dear! #litchat -3:22 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel David in David Copperfield #litchat when his great-aunt takes him in -3:22 PM Sep 20th, 2010

myotherhand yes!!!! and Papillon de H. Charierre RT @robbyncintyre: Jean Valjean in Les Miserables. #litchat -3:22 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robertjbennett Arrogance, despair, wistfulness. These all fit second chances well. #litchat -3:22 PM Sep 20th, 2010

JAPak Sorry, late! RT @robbyncintyre: Jean Valjean in Les Miserables.<That's a good one! #litchat -3:23 PM Sep 20th, 2010

myotherhand true. RT @robertjbennett: Arrogance, despair, wistfulness. These all fit second chances well. #litchat -3:23 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robbyncintyre Regret or revenge seem to be big drivers for operating on 2nd chances. #litchat Les Miserables & Count of Monte Cristo come to mind. -3:23 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant @LitChat Characters who are stubborn, bigoted, irresponsible, humorless, inflexible all are ripe for second chances. #litchat -3:24 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robbyncintyre @buffysquirrel A lot of Dickens seems to be abt 2nd chances & wht one does or doesn't do w/ them. #litchat -3:24 PM Sep 20th, 2010

IreneZiegler Largest theme, perhaps, is redemption by love. #litchat -3:25 PM Sep 20th, 2010

JAPak War & Peace, both Pierre & Natasha get second chance at happiness. #litchat -3:25 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robertjbennett Most second chances wind up refuting negativity. They make us feel like the world is helping us along, like Clarence the angel. #litchat -3:25 PM Sep 20th, 2010

myotherhand as a reader/writer i didn't like the ending of Crime and punishment-Dostoyevski. I didn't want redemption for him #litchat -3:25 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robertjbennett Rarely if ever does a character get a second chance and do something immoral with it. #litchat -3:25 PM Sep 20th, 2010

TwinkleChar @deberryandgrant Good list. Humorless is a great one. #litchat -3:25 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel RT @JAPak: War & Peace, both Pierre & Natasha get second chance at happiness. #litchat -3:25 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant As are those who made choices (marriage, employment, location) for the wrong reasons--or for reasons out of their control. #litchat -3:26 PM Sep 20th, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @IreneZiegler: Largest theme, perhaps, is redemption by love. #litchat -3:26 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @robynmcintyre that's true. i love Dickens, over-writing, impossible women, and all! lol #litchat -3:26 PM Sep 20th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Me too. Same reasons. RT @buffysquirrel: @robynmcintyre thats true. i love Dickens, over-writing, impossible women, and all! lol #litchat -3:27 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant I think, in every one of our books, one character or another gets a 2nd chance at righting something in his/her life. #litchat -3:27 PM Sep 20th, 2010

myotherhand yes RT @TwinkleChar: RT @IreneZiegler: Largest theme, perhaps, is redemption by love. #litchat -3:27 PM Sep 20th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @TwinkleChar ha ha. I may be a hardened urban fiction cynic, but I do love a weepy #litchat -3:28 PM Sep 20th, 2010

Juanofwords RT @TwinkleChar: RT @IreneZiegler: Largest theme, perhaps, is redemption by love. #litchat -3:28 PM Sep 20th, 2010

JAPak Clyde in Dreiser's American Tragedy gets 2nd chance & blows it big time. @robertjbennett #litchat -3:28 PM Sep 20th, 2010

TwinkleChar @deberryandgrant LOVEDlovedloved Trying to Sleep ... Yes. So MANY second chances. Did I say I loved it? #litchat -3:28 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @buffysquirrel: @robynmcintyre thats true. i love Dickens, over-writing, impossible women, and all! lol #litchat -3:28 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LitChat @AmySueNathan I just read Whistlin' Dixie in a Nor'easter by Lisa Patton. Second chances abound. #litchat > Love title of this one. -3:28 PM Sep 20th, 2010

IreneZiegler RT @robertjbennett: Rarely if ever does a character get a second chance and do something immoral with it. #litchat -3:29 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robynmcintyre @CarolyBurnsBass @buffysquirrel, me 3. Scrooge in running 4 mst 2nd chances? #litchat -3:29 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel if characters can find redemption, so, perhaps, can we #litchat -3:29 PM Sep 20th, 2010

JSLion #litchat there is a novel "Agincourt" by B. Cornwell. The main character begins as an attempted murder and coward but is transformed . -3:29 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LitChat Q1 fm @robynmcintyre: Has there ever been a char who hd multiple chances for chng & didn't take it? #litchat -3:29 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant @TwinkleChar Thank you! So glad. Of course by time we meet them again 10yrs later in Gotta Keep on...they need new chances again #litchat -3:30 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @robyncintyre ah, but he runs them all together into one huge 2nd Chance Night! #litchat -3:30 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robyncintyre @myotherhand Love in all its forms. #litchat -3:30 PM Sep 20th, 2010

myotherhand @robyncintyre yes, so true. love can transform in a very nice way characters #litchat -3:31 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @LitChat that lazy woman in the fairytale? #litchat -3:31 PM Sep 20th, 2010

onbeyondwords Rachman, Bergen, Urquhart and Coupland on long list for Giller Prize <http://tgam.ca/yzJ> (via @globeandmail) #litchat -3:31 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robyncintyre @buffysquirrel Time saver! If he'd taken the first Xmas up on the offer, would the story have been shorter? LOL #litchat -3:32 PM Sep 20th, 2010

TwinkleChar @LitChat A1 - Cinderella's ugly stepsisters. They were bitter and clueless to the end. :) #litchat -3:33 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @robyncintyre he could have thrown self at Marley's feet and gone, 'Unchain me!' #litchat -3:33 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robyncintyre @buffysquirrel Wonder wht the witch wld hv done if Rapunzel trnsformed herself by cutting her hair. #litchat -3:33 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @TwinkleChar: @LitChat A1 - Cinderellas ugly stepsisters. They were bitter and clueless to the end. :) Ha ha!! true #litchat -3:33 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robyncintyre @buffysquirrel Woulda been a short story then! #litchat -3:34 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant Loss can also transform a character. #litchat -3:34 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @robyncintyre developed a strong throwing-arm? #litchat -3:34 PM Sep 20th, 2010

kevinrtipple RT @IreneZiegler: RT @robertjbennett: Rarely if ever does a character get a second chance and do something immoral with it. #litchat -3:34 PM Sep 20th, 2010

Angie_Dyer RT @deberryandgrant: Loss can also transform a character. #litchat -3:35 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robyncintyre @deberryandgrant I like the versions where the sisters are beautiful on the outside rather than ugly inside and out. #litchat -3:35 PM Sep 20th, 2010

myotherhand @deberryandgrant I love to push my characters to the edge and let them save themselves #litchat -3:35 PM Sep 20th, 2010

IreneZiegler @LitChat Some noir lit have detectives who can't seem 2 learn how 2 love, stop drinking, lose weight. Nature of the genre, perhaps. #litchat -3:36 PM Sep 20th, 2010

IreneZiegler I kinda like the idea of offering a character 2nd or 3rd chance, only to have him/her "not get it." #litchat -3:37 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant @myotherhand And if we as writers have done our jobs, made them true to who they are, after we wreck them, they'll do just that! #litchat -3:38 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robyncintyre @IreneZiegler Travis McGee had an epiphany in nearly every book, but they never seemed to change his life. #litchat -3:38 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant @robyncintyre Yes! Beware the pretty package... #litchat -3:38 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LitChat Q2 Must second chance themes always lead to a happy ending? #litchat -3:38 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @IreneZiegler 'I sent you a raft, a helicopter, a....' #litchat -3:38 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robyncintyre @IreneZiegler Or maybe it was the same epiphany over and over. #litchat -3:38 PM Sep 20th, 2010

myotherhand @LitChat not really. I like it when after receiving a 2chance he/she dies but saves someone else.. #litchat -3:39 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @LitChat hah, define 'happy ending'! #litchat -3:39 PM Sep 20th, 2010
robynmccintyre @deberryandgrant Or as Gump put it, "ugly is as ugly does." #litchat -3:39 PM Sep 20th, 2010
J_GriffinB @robertjbennett True. Sorry for slow responses, multitasking. #litchat -3:39 PM Sep 20th, 2010
rebeccablain @LitChat #litchat A2: No. Reality isn't made of sunshine and cookies and sometimes a sad ending is the best ending. -3:39 PM Sep 20th, 2010
myotherhand @deberryandgrant exactly! #litchat -3:40 PM Sep 20th, 2010
buffysquirrel @robynmccintyre characters in series must change but not change #litchat -3:40 PM Sep 20th, 2010
deberryandgrant @robynmccintyre That happens often in real life. Eureka moments don't necessarily spur action, maybe reaction though. #litchat -3:40 PM Sep 20th, 2010
lauren_alwan @LitChat @robynmccintyre: A char who hd multiple chances 4 chng & didn't take it? Anders in "Bullet in the Brain," by TOBIAS WOLFF #litchat -3:40 PM Sep 20th, 2010
carleenbrice @LitChat Just joining. #litchat -3:40 PM Sep 20th, 2010
deberryandgrant @robynmccintyre Ha! Yup! #litchat -3:40 PM Sep 20th, 2010
buffysquirrel i hate it when character is redeemed but has to die anyway. what, they weren't sufficiently redeemed? #litchat -3:41 PM Sep 20th, 2010
IreneZiegler @myotherhand Dies to save someone else: the role always nominated for the Oscar. #litchat -3:41 PM Sep 20th, 2010
JAPak RT @LitChat: Q2 Must 2nd chance themes always lead to a happy ending?<Failure of 2nd chance can be the theme, like American Tragedy #litchat -3:41 PM Sep 20th, 2010
robynmccintyre @LitChat Taylor & Burton had a serious 2nd chance theme going, but - of course, that's (more or less) real life. #litchat -3:41 PM Sep 20th, 2010
myotherhand @IreneZiegler yea, but I like it, because there is really and ending for him #litchat -3:41 PM Sep 20th, 2010
IreneZiegler @lauren_alwan LOVE Tobias Wolfe. Don't know that title. Novel? Short story? #litchat -3:41 PM Sep 20th, 2010
JAPak RT @buffysquirrel: i hate it when character is redeemed but has to die anyway. <Tis a far, far better thing I do...;) #litchat -3:42 PM Sep 20th, 2010
rebeccablain @buffysquirrel #litchat Sometimes it is a fitting end for the story, however. It is sometimes taken to extremes though, I agree in that. -3:42 PM Sep 20th, 2010
robynmccintyre @buffysquirrel Their crime was just too big to avoid punishment. #litchat -3:43 PM Sep 20th, 2010
LitChat Great to see you here again, Carleen. RT @carleenbrice: @LitChat Just joining. #litchat -3:43 PM Sep 20th, 2010
myotherhand RT @robynmccintyre: @buffysquirrel Their crime was just too big to avoid punishment. #litchat -3:43 PM Sep 20th, 2010
buffysquirrel @JAPak ah, but Sidney's redeemed *by* dying #litchat -3:43 PM Sep 20th, 2010
carleenbrice @LitChat I like "mixed" endings. Not too happy or too sad. #litchat -3:44 PM Sep 20th, 2010
myotherhand RT @carleenbrice: @LitChat I like "mixed" endings. Not too happy or too sad. #litchat -3:44 PM Sep 20th, 2010
carleenbrice Working on a 2nd chance story right now so this is a perfect convo for me. #litchat -3:45 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robymcintyre @buffysquirrel What made that really sad is that Sidney didn't do anything that required redemption-by-death #litchat -3:45 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @robymcintyre that's true. he was secretly pure in heart. #litchat -3:46 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant @carleenbrice Hey! Yes, I think we like to end with characters done with major crises from story, but not all & at new beginning. #litchat -3:47 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robymcintyre @carleenbrice Like LOTR, where the world gets a 2nd chance, escaping evil, but the elves & wizards have to go. #litchat -3:47 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @carleenbrice: @LitChat I like "mixed" endings. Not too happy or too sad. #litchat -3:47 PM Sep 20th, 2010

TwinkleChar Sometimes second chances come in the form of: to get the bad guy. The Sting comes to mind. The movie, anyway. #litchat -3:47 PM Sep 20th, 2010

carleenbrice RT @deberryandgrant: Yes, we like to end with characters done with major crises from story, but not all & at new beginning. #litchat -3:47 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robymcintyre @buffysquirrel He was a crushed romantic whose greatest moment came in giving up his life. Otherwise wld hv drunk hmslf to death #litchat -3:48 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @robymcintyre and of those exposed to it long-term, only Sam is untouched by the Ring's evil #litchat -3:48 PM Sep 20th, 2010

carleenbrice @robymcintyre Yes, exactly. More like life that way. #litchat -3:48 PM Sep 20th, 2010

carleenbrice I think the ending most depends on what you promise the reader. If it's a somber bk that all of the sudden goes happy, that's off. #litchat -3:49 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @robymcintyre so he was saved from his future rather than his past #litchat -3:49 PM Sep 20th, 2010

carleenbrice But if it's a light, frothy book that suddenly turns dark, then that's not going to work. #litchat -3:49 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @carleenbrice this has been said about the changed ending to Great Expectations #litchat -3:49 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robymcintyre @buffysquirrel I imagine sm wld say b/c his heart was pure, but going further b/c he nvr hd ambitions beyond a garden and marriage #litchat -3:50 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant @IreneZiegler I think it's the nature of human beings to need many chances to get it right. That's why self help books sell so well #litchat -3:50 PM Sep 20th, 2010

kevinrtipple RT @IreneZiegler: I kinda like the idea of offering a character 2nd or 3rd chance, only to have him/her "not get it." #litchat -3:51 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robymcintyre @carleenbrice Balance is everything in all things. #litchat -3:51 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @robymcintyre a simple soul who can't be manipulated. aka the English Working Class ;) #litchat -3:52 PM Sep 20th, 2010

carleenbrice @kevinrtipple I can get frustrated reading about a character who never learns. #litchat -3:52 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant @carleenbrice Sometimes you promise reader the "unhappy" & they get made at you anyway. Folks are always mad at us re: Better Than... #litchat -3:52 PM Sep 20th, 2010

TwinkleChar Talkin bout me?>>RT @IreneZiegler: I kinda like idea of offering a character 2nd or 3rd chance, only to have him/her "not get it." #litchat -3:52 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @carleenbrice Madame Bovary drove me nuts #litchat -3:53 PM Sep 20th, 2010

JewellsAvenue RT @robymcintyre @carleenbrice Balance is everything in all things. #litchat -3:53 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robynmcintyre @buffysquirrel So back to the "Man with the Hoe" bucolic movement. Yes. #litchat -3:53 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant @carleenbrice 1st page is in a cemetery. Someone is dead. When character finally dies...they get hot and mad! #litchat -3:53 PM Sep 20th, 2010

carleenbrice @deberryandgrant That's true! Sometimes, there's no pleasing them. But at least you've got solid ground to stand on. #litchat -3:53 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LitChat For stories with SECOND CHANCES theme, must it be a clear cut choice/event/circumstance forcing change, or can it evolve? #litchat -3:53 PM Sep 20th, 2010

TwinkleChar @deberryandgrant Many readers do find reasons to be unhappy w/authors. That is a basic truth. Thank goodness for the "other" readers. #litchat -3:54 PM Sep 20th, 2010

TwinkleChar @LitChat Book is too short if it doesn't evolve. :) #litchat -3:54 PM Sep 20th, 2010

carleenbrice @deberryandgrant Soap opera watchers. Where coming back from the dead is possible. #litchat -3:54 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant @LitChat I think any of these can be catalysts... #litchat -3:54 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant @carleenbrice Lol! Exactly!!! #litchat -3:55 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @robynmcintyre think i prefer the pure in heart interpretation to Hodge :D #litchat -3:55 PM Sep 20th, 2010

IreneZiegler @TwinkleChar Crackin me up. #litchat -3:55 PM Sep 20th, 2010

carleenbrice @LitChat I think it can evolve, but I think you want a real clear moment of truth at some point. #litchat -3:55 PM Sep 20th, 2010

lauren_alwan @IreneZiegler "Bullet in the Brain," Wolff's classic 4 page #shortstory, can be read here: <http://bit.ly/cCK3Uo> #litchat -3:56 PM Sep 20th, 2010

IreneZiegler @lauren_alwan You rock! Thanks. #litchat -3:56 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robynmcintyre @LitChat At least in literature, change seems to be more sudden - except for some Russian novels. #litchat -3:56 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel if character changes too quickly, won't be credible #litchat unless they are naturally volatile i suppose -3:56 PM Sep 20th, 2010

TwinkleChar Thanks. Made myself giggle once 2. Glad. Was angry earlier re dumb day.>>RT @IreneZiegler: @TwinkleChar Crackin me up. #litchat -3:57 PM Sep 20th, 2010

carleenbrice RT @buffysquirrel: if character changes too quickly, wont be credible #litchat unless they are naturally volatile i suppose #litchat -3:57 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robynmcintyre RT @IreneZiegler: @lauren_alwan You rock! Thanks. #litchat -3:58 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel @lauren_alwan i've often wondered how Google corrected their scans. evidently they don't! #litchat -3:58 PM Sep 20th, 2010

Cinnamon_Quill Hello, all! #litchat -3:58 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robynmcintyre @buffysquirrel Too many changes too fast could give a reader whiplash. #litchat -3:58 PM Sep 20th, 2010

JLichtenberg RT @LitChat: For stories with SECOND CHANCES theme, must it be a clear cut choice/event/circumstance forcing change, or can it evolve? #litchat -3:58 PM Sep 20th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Yes. RT @buffysquirrel: if character changes too quickly, wont be credible #litchat unless they are naturally volatile i suppose #litchat -3:59 PM Sep 20th, 2010

IreneZiegler @lauren_alwan Wow. Best story EVER. Thanks again. #litchat -3:59 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LitChat Hello and welcome. RT @Cinnamon_Quill: Hello, all! #litchat -3:59 PM Sep 20th, 2010

Cinnamon_Quill What have I missed? *sits and watches* #litchat -4:00 PM Sep 20th, 2010

JLichtenberg RT @TwinkleChar: RT @IreneZiegler: Largest theme, perhaps, is redemption by love. #litchat -4:00 PM Sep 20th, 2010

TwinkleChar Okay, made me look. Something to read when get done #amwriting.>RT @IreneZiegler: @lauren_alwan Wow. Best story EVER. Thanks again. #litchat -4:00 PM Sep 20th, 2010

TwinkleChar Timer went off. Back to writing.Thanks @litchat! Will be traveling Wed., so not sure if will make it, but will see ya Friday. #litchat -4:02 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LitChat We chat every M-W-F 4pmET. See www.litchat.net for more info. RT @Cinnamon_Quill: What have I missed? *sits and watches* #litchat -4:02 PM Sep 20th, 2010

deberryandgrant Must go...have a meeting at 6 and must change out of my "writer wear" so as not to frighten anyone! Thanks... #litchat -4:02 PM Sep 20th, 2010

carleenbrice @LitChat Later everybody! Back to #amwriting Thanks! #litchat -4:03 PM Sep 20th, 2010

IreneZiegler Redemption by children popular, too. Independent char gets 'saddled' w/ kid, becomes better person for it.Reverse teacher/student. #litchat -4:03 PM Sep 20th, 2010

IreneZiegler @deberryandgrant Don't forget to put some pants on. #litchat -4:03 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel 'boredom and dread' ah, yes. yes indeed. #litchat -4:03 PM Sep 20th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Writer wear. Where can I get some? RT @deberryandgrant: Must go...have a meeting at 6 and must change out of my "writer wear" #litchat -4:03 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LitChat Thanks everyone. Be sure to come back on Wednesday for more SECOND CHANCES discussion. Bring your questions to ask the group. #litchat -4:04 PM Sep 20th, 2010

Cinnamon_Quill I like second chance stories because the MC will already have a history and potential for conflict and great struggles. #litchat -4:04 PM Sep 20th, 2010

StayAdventurous Photo please. RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Where can I get some? RT @deberryandgrant: Have 6 meeting, must change out of my "writer wear" #litchat -4:05 PM Sep 20th, 2010

Cinnamon_Quill Oh, I'm always so late. =3 Oh well, I'll check in on Hobbit Thursday which will be #LitChat Wednesday! ♥ -4:05 PM Sep 20th, 2010

buffysquirrel thanks for an interesting #litchat. we will have a second chance to discuss on Weds :D -4:05 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robynmcintyre @LitChat Thanks for the chat. Stimulating. 2nd chance on Wed! #litchat -4:06 PM Sep 20th, 2010

LitChat Plan to join us on Friday for guest host @TwinkleChar, multi-talented speaker/humorist and multi-published author. www.litchat.net #litchat -4:06 PM Sep 20th, 2010

IreneZiegler I think the clear cut event works best (vs evolve). It's the inciting incident, where there is no turning back. #litchat -4:06 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robynmcintyre @buffysquirrel Gr8 minds... #litchat -4:06 PM Sep 20th, 2010

robynmcintyre @IreneZiegler I think that falls under "redeemed by love" #litchat -4:07 PM Sep 20th, 2010

TwinkleChar @carolynburnsbass Writer wear sometimes rhymes with underwear and also sometimes is. #litchat -4:07 PM Sep 20th, 2010

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LitChat Have you ever had a SECOND CHANCE that changed your life? Tell us about it. Welcome to #litchat. - 12:59 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

the1stdaughter RT @LitChat: Have you ever had a SECOND CHANCE that changed your life. Tell us about it now in #litchat. -12:59 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LitChat Easiest way to follow #litchat is at <http://bit.ly/MH5Qs>. Login w/ Twitter and you're ready to chat. -1:00 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

Juanofwords RT @LitChat: Have you ever had a SECOND CHANCE that changed your life. Tell us about it now in #litchat. -1:01 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @LitChat: Have you ever had a SECOND CHANCE that changed your life. Tell us about it now in #litchat. -1:01 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock @LitChat Nope, no second chances here, unless you count every time I took a risk and didn't get caught... #litchat -1:01 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

robhollywood Anyone out there have experience converting PDF to Kindle format? If so, #help! #litchat -1:02 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

janetsomerville RT @LitChat: Go to www.duotrope.com. RT @robhollywood: Can anyone recommend some lit journals/sites to submit short fiction to? #litchat #amwriting -1:02 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

elizabethkarr @LitChat Second chance that changed my life gives me pause. That's so profound. Have had 2nd chances, just not life-changing. #litchat -1:02 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock @robhollywood Yes. First convert it to text or HTML, then do the DTP thing. It doesn't take .PDF #litchat -1:03 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GeneDoucette Why does "have you ever had a second chance" make me want to tell a story that ends with "and then I reloaded." #litchat -1:03 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

J_GriffinB @LitChat Every time I moved to a new country was like hitting the reset button. No one knew me, so I had a few chances at changing #litchat -1:04 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

litdreamer RT @LitChat: Go to www.duotrope.com. RT @robhollywood: Can anyone recommend some lit journals/sites to submit short fiction to? #litchat #amwriting -1:04 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock @GeneDoucette As in you shot and missed? #litchat -1:04 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheMonsterBlogs @GeneDoucette as the zombie got it's hand stuck in the mangler and didn't reach you in time? #litchat -1:05 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

elizabethkarr @J_GriffinB New locale does give person opp 2 reinvent themselves in some fashion, or at least tweak personality. #litchat -1:05 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GeneDoucette @GLHancock and now I have another shot. I'm feeling very literal today. #litchat -1:05 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

bdtharp new jobs, going back to college to finish my degree, rewriting novel #litchat -1:06 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

PerlyGates may I speak for my kids who would have grown up in an orphanage if not taken out? (most stay) #litchat -1:07 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LitChat @elizabethkarr Alas, for a novel about second chances to work, the critical event has to be something rather profound. #litchat -1:07 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock @GeneDoucette I don't do guns, so can't relate. Still can't think of any second chances I've had...only screwed up first times. #litchat -1:07 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

Juanofwords Life is all about second chances, life changing in many ways, even in the most minimal ones. Great topic! #litchat -1:07 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

bdtharp there are lots of 2nd chances in life, we just sometimes miss them #litchat -1:07 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t Once a friend asked if I'd like a second chance at high school, ha. Thought would make a great story - until I remembered 17 Again. #litchat -1:07 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheMonsterBlogs I died and got bought back by clever doctors when I was 4 - I always count that as a life changing second chance #litchat -1:08 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @LitChat: @elizabethkarr Alas, for a novel about second chances to work, the critical event has to be something rather profound. #litchat -1:08 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB @GLHancock If ever you have survived something and went, 'Fuck, I don't want that to happen again.' You've made a 2nd chance. #litchat -1:08 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GLHancock @Juanofwords Do go on! What are the second chances life offers? #litchat -1:08 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GeneDoucette I dunno, the whole second chance thing sounds like a more... dramatic version of "and then I found a new opportunity." #litchat -1:08 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
bdtharp making the character's 2nd chance in the novel work isn't always easy, must be really tough to overcome or achieve #litchat -1:08 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LitChat @TheMonsterBlogs Most definitely a second chance. What happened? Ever write about it? #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
janetsomerville RT @LitChat: Coming to #litchat on November 5: @SaraGruen, author of APE HOUSE and WATER FOR ELEPHANTS. Follow her now. -1:09 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TheMonsterBlogs @J_GriffinB cricky that sounds like alot of my life :/ #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB Not everything that is, always was. None of us stand still.Ever. As Buckaroo Banzai said, "No matter where you go, there you are." #litchat -1:10 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GLHancock @GeneDoucette Right on! I just stagger on from one crisis to another, barely escaping, doing one stupid act after another. #litchat -1:10 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB @TheMonsterBlogs And that's my point. We make mistakes in life, and decide not to do them again. #litchat -1:10 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
Jeff__Emmerson A Fitting Conclusion to My #Memoir...Ironic, Yet Poetic.: http://t.co/mu8V9wB #selfpublishing #amwriting #author #litchat -1:10 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TheMonsterBlogs @LitChat I had my tonsils out as they were dangerous in themselves but I started bleeding and wouldn't stop and was a v small child #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GeneDoucette @GLHancock right, I mean... "second chances" is something reserved for "I am Gene and I am an alcoholic". You know? #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
bdtharp brother had heart attack, died 2x in ambulance, brought back, would make a good 2nd chance in a book, too close for me right now #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr That ole cliché' re history-We r doomed to repeat it.Takes real courage 2embrace 2nd chance & run w/ it.Rare thing.Stuff of novels. #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
WayneHurlbert @bdtharp Good for you on all counts. What is your degree major? #litchat -1:12 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TheMonsterBlogs @LitChat I technically died and was 'brought' back, treatment included lots and lots of transfused blood which I had a reaction too #litchat -1:12 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr @bdtharp happy ending that your brother survived that. #litchat -1:12 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GLHancock @GeneDoucette I'd like second chances like with a kid, a husband, catching cancer in time, to earn enough \$\$ to be comfortable... #litchat -1:12 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GeneDoucette I believe my novel is on its 10th or 11th chance. #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
WayneHurlbert @bdtharp Sometimes people juat refuse to take that second chance too #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL Becoming a novelist was a second chance. Becoming a YA novelist was another second chance. #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LitChat @sticky_t Going back to HS is always a fun theme. It can be repeated frequently because pop culture changes so rapidly. #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
PerlyGates @TheMonsterBlogs in this case you prob only have stories you heard to go by, right? #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
bdtharp what if u lost your love & got them back years later? story could go either way, good or bad #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
sticky_t Haha, I know the feeling! @GeneDoucette: I believe my novel is on its 10th or 11th chance. #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LitChat @GeneDoucette: I believe my novel is on its 10th or 11th chance.>With whom? #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB @WayneHurlbert you can lead a horse to water... #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
Juanofwords many of the people I work with, friends also, have left drugs , crime behind in order to start over, improve their lives #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TheMonsterBlogs @LitChat I've got a short story about after the op where a little boy stole my toy and hide in the washing room and another about.. #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
bypetal I see every day as a new chance. Why just limit yourself to two? #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GLHancock @LaurenBaratzL Sounds more like choices. You have chances to be and do anything in life ... not second chances. #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB @Juanofwords And that is so very huge. #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GeneDoucette @LitChat Now? With a publisher that's going to publish it in 8 days. As opposed to the last publisher, the last agent, the last... #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
bdtharp @bypetal You are SO right! #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GPWriter RT @bypetal: I see every day as a new chance. Why just limit yourself to two? #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GeneDoucette @LitChat ...rewrite, the last twenty publishers that passed on it... #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
WayneHurlbert @LitChat @sticky_t Going back to high school is a well trod theme in movies these days. Pop culture change keeps it fresh #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
sticky_t @LitChat Yep, that's true - one of the reasons why HS is always such an interesting backdrop. #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TheMonsterBlogs @LitChat ... being in an isolation room with my toys all in bags and feeling so lonely - it's coming out as a #FridayFlash soon #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB @WayneHurlbert Or at least as fresh as it can be. #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TwinkleChar @Juanofwords You're here! Wonderful! I'm jumping in for a short. Packing ... #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LitChat @GeneDoucette: ...rewrite, the last twenty publishers that passed on it...> An excellent example of SECOND (ok, 11th) CHANCE. #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
WayneHurlbert @J_GriffinB Yes, it is fresh to new audiences but the key is to delve more deeply into the characters making it timely & timeless #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GLHancock @LitChat Please tell me the door prize is a Second Chance for a different life ... #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

J_GriffinB Ever realize at that moment, that the choice you were about to make would change your life forever? #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

bdtharp abuse is a gift that keeps on giving, family members have choices & chances to change the cycle, but will they? #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheMonsterBlogs @perlygates What do you mean? I have vague memories of the theater as they misjudged how much I needed to be knocked out #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LitChat RT @GLHancock: @LitChat Please tell me the door prize is a Second Chance for a different life ...> Poof! Granted! #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

EverettMaroon #litchat Please, I had a sex change. My whole life is a second chance. -1:17 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @GLHancock @LitChat Well, the choice is Door 1, 2, or 3. Second chances can lead in many directions #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheMonsterBlogs @perlygates I didn't know I had 'died' it until my perants told me - I used to have reoccurring nightmares about the op #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

J_GriffinB hair-raising. #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

PerlyGates @TheMonsterBlogs I was thinking that b/cause u were so young u might not have working memory, just what ur family said about it #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LitChat Q: RT @J_GriffinB: Ever realize at that moment, that the choice you were about to make would change your life forever? #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheMonsterBlogs @perlygates but I remember the hospital quiet well - including the first Red Nose Day and being visited by celebs ;) #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

J_GriffinB @EverettMaroon The moment you signed your old sex away must have been the kind of moment I speak of. #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @EverettMaroon And a chance for a fascinating book as well on the topic #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LitChat RT @EverettMaroon: #litchat Please, I had a sex change. My whole life is a second chance. > You are writing about this, right? #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

PerlyGates @TheMonsterBlogs although I do believe that those traumatic memories live on in other ways, other than cognitive #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL "After all, we each of us make our own chances." #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

EverettMaroon #litchat @WayneHurlbert Yes! I wrote a self-deprecating memoir. But second chances aren't always so clear. -1:20 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

DumbBelle I see every day as a new chance. Why just limit yourself to two? #litchat (via @bypetal) -1:20 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock @J_GriffinB Every moment can --> different life, you can't know. Don't confuse choice with chance. #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

bdtharp @TheMonsterBlogs hospital experiences are often vivid, but other worldly, too #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheMonsterBlogs @perlygates I have memories from nursery school from when I was like 2 - something vivid has to have happened for it to stick mind #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @LitChat @J_GriffinB Very often, it's the small random meetings & connections that change a life forever. #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t RT @LaurenBaratzL: "After all, we each of us make our own chances." #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LitChat RT @LaurenBaratzL: "After all, we each of us make our own chances." > Leads to my next question... #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
EverettMaroon #litchat I can plug my memoir blog after the chat, no worries. 2nd chances R fascinating. Esp. when that 1st chance life comes knocking. -1:21 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TwinkleChar @LitChat Things that changed my life never seemed that big at the moment. More like just one more "little" thing I did. #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB @GLHancock Not confused. I am talking active voice: I am going to make a choice right now to do/not do something. #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
PerlyGates @TheMonsterBlogs where can we read ur short story? #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr I can think of specific moments that changed my life/were defining moments-but I don't think of them as 'second chances.' #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TheMonsterBlogs @bdtharp @perlygates the only thing about the memories is that some of it is confused - like order of events which I have to check #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LaurenBaratzL @LitChat @sticky_t Oh, good! That line is from Vertigo. #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
sticky_t @TwinkleChar I know, it's always down the road when you look back and think, wow...that's why that happened. :) #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GLHancock @TwinkleChar Second chances seldom come in most of our lives. Good for novel, though. #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
EverettMaroon @WayneHurlbert #litchat Like Sliding Doors...great meditation on choices and effects of decisions. -1:22 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr @TwinkleChar I'm with you there. Looking back small decisions at the time w/hindsight actually had great impact. #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LitChat Q Are chances and choices just two different words for the same effects? #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
sticky_t Thought it sounded familiar. ;) RT @LaurenBaratzL: @LitChat @sticky_t Oh, good! That line is from Vertigo. #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB and that choice will change things forever.. #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GLHancock @J_GriffinB That is a choice, not a second chance. A second chance may offer you many choices, tho. #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LitChat RT @LaurenBaratzL: @LitChat @sticky_t Oh, good! That line is from Vertigo. > Awesome! #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
WayneHurlbert @elizabethkarr Agreed. Defining moments were often taking the first chance. Second chances are often not choices but necessary #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
bdtharp Choice & Chance aren't necessarily synonymous, but can be overlapping #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @EverettMaroon: @WayneHurlbert #litchat Like Sliding Doors...great meditation on choices and effects of decisions.< Yeah! #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB @LitChat No. Chance happens will-nilly. Choice happens as an extension of will. #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
hiloecho RT @elizabethkarr: I can think of specific moments that changed my life/were defining moments-but I don't think of them as 'second chances.' #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
WayneHurlbert @LitChat Chance & choice don't have to be mutually exclusive. A person can choose to accept what chance offers or not #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB Choosing to take the chance, that's the rub. #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheNewAuthor @LitChat A chance can be the direct result of a choice. #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LaurenBaratzL @LitChat You use your choices to make your chances #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
sticky_t I like to think that the "choice" is what you do with/about the "chance". #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TheMonsterBlogs @perlygates It will be coming up on Magenta Monster in a few weeks time - the one about being isolated the other was rejected... #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
PerlyGates the illusion of control is in place with "choice", not with chance #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
WayneHurlbert @EverettMaroon Yes, a very small decision can be life changing #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
EverettMaroon #litchat Chances = Opportunities, & Choices are the actions characters take to grab the Opportunity or not. -1:24 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TheMonsterBlogs @perlygates by Mslexia but I think wants to be changed into an actual kids story which I may do #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GLHancock For me, a second chance would be another boy child who lives, another husband, a chance to not marry the first one, to unmother me #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
sticky_t Ooh, that's a good one. RT @PerlyGates: the illusion of control is in place with "choice", not with chance #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB @EverettMaroon Or create something new, or even renew something thought lost. #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
bdtharp the consequences of choices made based on chance occurrence aren't always thought out, there may not be time #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TwinkleChar A choice to forgive someone can lead to a second chance at one's own sanity. Rage steals your life. #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB @GLHancock Sounds like every timetraveller's trope I have heard of in SF #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
bdtharp RT @TwinkleChar: A choice to forgive someone can lead to a second chance at ones own sanity. Rage steals your life.-YES #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
PerlyGates @TheMonsterBlogs that would be a good choice for another chance. ((#litchat -1:26 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr There r 4/5 memories from childhood that resonate now as an adult. At time, it was #bizasusualforakid.I C now they wr gamechangers. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TwinkleChar @GLHancock Those sounds more like do-overs than second chances?? #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
Jeff__Emmerson RT @elizabethkarr: There r 4/5 memories from childhood that resonate now as an adult. At time, it was #bizasusualforakid.I C now they wr gamechangers. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB I'll be in and out from here out. Must listen to people ask for second chances at work. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
Juanofwords @J_GriffinB It is very huge, and so is the act of forgiving those who have hurt us, in small or big way #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GLHancock @TwinkleChar Uh, isn't that what a second chance is? An opportunity to do something over, hoping for a happy ending? #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

Juanofwords =) RT @TwinkleChar: @Juanofwords You're here! Wonderful! I'm jumping in for a short. Packing ... #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheMonsterBlogs @perlygates hee :) it would indeed :) #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

bdtharp I love time travel stories & the paradox about changing things. Do-overs with mega consequences #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

EverettMaroon @J_GriffinB #litchat Yes, yes, and yes. Choices lead characters in all kinds of directions. -1:28 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t Me too. =) @bdtharp: I love time travel stories & the paradox about changing things. Do-overs with mega consequences #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock One had a 2nd chance for living; one for a life w/o addiction -- pretty dramatic elements. Ordinary lives seldom offer such drama. #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @bdtharp Remember the old TV show "Quantum Leap" about correcting mistakes of the past? #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

bdtharp is there really such a thing as an "ordinary" life? #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GeneDoucette I pretty much use character choices to figure out what the plot is going to end up being. #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t I've heard of that! @WayneHurlbert: @bdtharp Remember the old TV show "Quantum Leap" about correcting mistakes of the past? #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

EverettMaroon #litchat I like to confront characters with something from before the 2nd chance and see how they respond. Cover up? Fight? Break down? -1:30 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

robynmcintyre Chance in this convrstn seems 2 b syn w/ opportunity - a gamble on life-changing choices. #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

silas_morlock Poetry from the macabre to the downright silly now available for the #Kindle <https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00439GJKY> #poetry #ebooks #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

Juanofwords I love an antagonist who's not all bad or a protagonist who's not all good. More real than standard good-evil characters #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

EverettMaroon @WayneHurlbert #litchat Yes, just like that series Early Edition. -1:30 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TwinkleChar @GLHancock But you don't have a chance not to marry that first husband. (history) You can have a 2nd chance at marriage though. #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @GLHancock But ordinary lives make great stories as the people living them don't see how interesting "ordinary" is #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t Ha, hey, that's what I do. @GeneDoucette: I pretty much use character choices to figure out what the plot is going to end up being. #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @LaurenBaratzL @LitChat @sticky_t Oh, good! That line is from Vertigo. #litchat Vertigo a great 2nd chance example -1:31 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock @robynmcintyre It's supposed to be telling of times we had Second Chances. I say few people experience ones of any meaning. #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

bdtharp @WayneHurlbert Yes. I've read a lot of good time travel books, too. Heinlein wrote some good ones. #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

EverettMaroon @GeneDoucette #litchat I do that too. It's one way to stay character-driven. -1:31 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

J_GriffinB @Juanofwords All the best baddies think they are doing things for good, or the greater good. #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TwinkleChar Good one!>>RT @bdtharp: is there really such a thing as an "ordinary" life? #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
Juanofwords @WayneHurlbert: @GLHancock But ordinary lives make great stories as the people living them don't see how interesting "ordinary" is #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
bdtharp @Juanofwords indeed, all characters should be flawed as people truly are #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
WayneHurlbert @sticky_t @bdtharp "Quantum Leap" was a very well done TV show actually #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr @WayneHurlbert never knew that was what quantam leap was about. networks do recycle -good-ideas every decade or so. #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GLHancock @TwinkleChar I had a choice to make. I made the wrong one. I'd like a second chance to make that choice again, and choose not to. #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @WayneHurlbert: @GLHancock Butordinary lives make great stories as the people living them dont see how interesting "ordinary" is #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @GLHancock I might agree - can't remember more than 1 2nd chance and had no lasting impact. #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TheNewAuthor Second chances in the name of redemption is a powerful drive and reason for many characters. #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @TwinkleChar: Good one!>>RT @bdtharp: is there really such a thing as an "ordinary" life? < Yes, according to Chekhov. :) #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
WayneHurlbert @elizabethkarr "Quantum Leap" tagline: "Putting right what once went wrong" #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TwinkleChar @GLHancock Wishful thinking. :) #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TheMonsterBlogs @bdtharp I've got a teacher pupil crush story that is about time travel & 2nd chances I should dig it out and do somehting with it #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
EverettMaroon #litchat It interests me that we love the idea of 2nd chances, but 3 strikes and you're out. Fine line between failures. -1:33 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
SusieKline RT @Juanofwords: I love an antagonist who's not all bad or a protagonist who's not all good. More real than standard good-evil characters #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
bdtharp what is "ordinary" for one person, is "extraordinary" for another, eh? #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GLHancock @robynmcintyre That's exactly the point I've been trying to make. I never even failed a test in school and got to take one over! #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @WayneHurlbert: @elizabethkarr "Quantum Leap" tagline: "Putting right what once went wrong" #thatsagreatlogline #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TraceyBaptiste @J_GriffinB agree. Best baddies do really believe they're doing the right thing. #litchat #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
sticky_t Sounds like an interesting one - you should dig it out. :) @TheMonsterBlogs #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
bdtharp @TheMonsterBlogs Go for it! #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
robynmcintyre Is writing about an "ordinary" life an examination of a life that's unexamined? #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LaurenBaratzL @agnieszkasshoes Heh. The movie or my book, Vertigo? #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

Juanofwords @J_GriffinB True, but when I as the reader am indecisive about how to categorize the pro/ant that is excellent char development #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

SpiceBites Hi all! Firefly was also about second chances and new directions #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

Juanofwords Agreed! RT @bdtharp: @Juanofwords indeed, all characters should be flawed as people truly are #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock Maybe I'm not recognizing the second chances I've had because they were so trivial. What's the point in talking trivia? #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

bdtharp @SpiceBites Loved Firefly #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

elizabethkarr @Juanofwords Saw #WallStreet2 last night, and some chars can't be pigeon-holed. They're most interesting chars in movie. #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock @robynmcintyre And probably should be left unexamined because it's so boring. Ordinary is boring. #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

PerlyGates @GLHancock maybe you're just too young yet! #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

bdtharp @GLHancock when you talk about trivial I think about the pebble dropped in the ocean that causes a tsunami at the other end #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

SpiceBites @bdtharp Me too! That's why I watch Castle now. The premier btw had second chances as a theme #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LitChat Q What are some of the biggest SECOND CHANCE plotlines? How do they keep from getting hackneyed? #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheMonsterBlogs @sticky_t yeah I got worried as my writing group thought that the sex scene was bad taste :(#litchat (they didn't like it hinted at even) -1:36 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @bdtharp Yes. What one person sees as ordinary, may be incredibly exciting & interesting to another #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock @PerlyGates Maybe. Too young for what? #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheMonsterBlogs @bdtharp thanks - will do :) #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

EverettMaroon #litchat all kinds of narratives center on 2nd chances: Xena, Angel, Life, Moby Dick, Ulysses... - 1:36 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @GLHancock I've prob. hd lots of little do-overs, w/ cumulative effect on the way I do things. But isn't that called "exp"? #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock @bdtharp You have quite an imagination! #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheNewAuthor @GLHancock Was it a second chance or a consequence you experienced? My second chance completely and utterly changed my life. #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL Thinking aloud, maybe second chances are the opportunity to depart from the seemingly set-in-stone path. #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t @TheMonsterBlogs Sex scenes fascinate me...balancing characterization with themes and whatnot. Always interesting to write/read. #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

Juanofwords @elizabethkarr @Juanofwords Saw #WallStreet2 last night & some chars can't be pigeon-holed. They're most interesting chars in movie. #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @LitChat Going back in time, for sure. Also, "what if you hadn't been born?" #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

SpiceBites @LitChat A: Most used I think in love situations or father & son relationships #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

PerlyGates @GLHancock too young to have fallen from grace and need a 2nd chance #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

EverettMaroon #litchat A: isn't part of it where the 2nd chance happens? Maybe the earlier life is all back story. Maybe 2nd chance is at the end. Or mid. -1:38 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t RT @LaurenBaratzL: Thinking aloud, maybe second chances are the opportunity to depart from the seemingly set-in-stone path. #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @LaurenBaratzL oh, sorry, I was thinking of the film (it's built around the idea of second time round). Much blushes #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @LitChat "17 Again" has Matthew Perry returning to high school as 17 year old thinking he needed to change his life. #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LitChat Are you writing about it? RT @TheNewAuthor: ...My second chance completely and utterly changed my life. #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock @TheNewAuthor I have exp. consequences of choices and not had second chances. My life just staggers on, not improving. #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TwinkleChar Negativity is a choice. Choosing (and acting upon it) to reboot your attitude can give you a 2nd chance at a happier life. #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheMonsterBlogs Daft Vader comes to mind for second chances and redemption :/ #litchat along with Aeneas in the the Roman Illiad (sorry can't sp) #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

bdtharp Biggest 2nd chance plot lines: love lost & reclaimed, Life nearly lost increases zest for living; #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @LaurenBaratzL: Thinking aloud, maybe second chances are the opportunity to depart from the seemingly set-in-stone path. #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @LitChat Note that the main character always believes that a different choice would be better then discovers that it isn't #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheMonsterBlogs @GLHancock :(big hugs #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

SpiceBites 2nd chances trivial or not, guess a gd ques wd b: would I rather not have had a second chance? #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @LitChat In film, I would say The Visitor is an example of a great 2nd chances story #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t @WayneHurlbert: Loved 17 Again, if only for its sound story. #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @LitChat "It's a Wonderful Life" & "A Christmas Carol" have spawned countless variations & derivatives #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @litchat Reincarnation, interfering ghosts have also be vehicles for 2nd chance stories. #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock For fiction to be interesting, it needs to include drama, conflict, the bigger the better, no? Ordinary lives won't do for good sty #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @agnieszkasshoes Heh. No worries again. I didn't think you were talking about my Vertigo even though I'd been quoting it. #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

SpiceBites RT @WayneHurlbert: @LitChat "Its a Wonderful Life" & "A Christmas Carol" have spawned countless variations & derivatives CLASSICS! #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

elizabethkarr Anna Christie is great 2nd chance story. In fact O'Neill visited that theme over & over. Not all chars cld take advan of 2nd chance #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

Juanofwords Even though it was a blockbuster, I think One True Thing was a movie with a good second chance plot behind it #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TraceyBaptiste Ha! @sticky_t sticky_t @WayneHurlbert: Loved 17 Again, if only for its sound story. #kidlitchat #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

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TheNewAuthor @LitChat Yes, I'm writing about it in stages; some parts are still tough to get through mentally so I can write about it properly. #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

robynmcintyre Drama twists incl. parents trying for 2nd chance at something through their kids. #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

latta @LitChat sorry to miss. Riding in the rain. Hissing of summer asphalt. #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t That's always a fun one. @robynmcintyre: Drama twists incl. parents trying for 2nd chance at something through their kids. #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

elizabethkarr @WayneHurlbert excellent examples. It's A Wonderful Life & XMas Carol. Gr8 Expectations 2. #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheMonsterBlogs @sticky_t It was such an issue with them - but it was part of the 'second chance' and I felt was part of the story #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @latta At least you're not trying to write in the rain. #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

elizabethkarr @latta Hey, you. Come ride yr bike where it's #sunnyallthetime #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @sticky_t Then the Parent Trap had kids trying to get 2nd chance at family through their parents. #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

marisabirns @GLHancock You've made me teary. All choices have elements of good/bad. How can I help? #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

deberryandgrant 1 of my fav quotes: "Nobody can go back & start a new beginning, but anyone can start today & make a new ending." Maria Robinson #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Nodding to Joni Mitchell! RT @latta: @LitChat sorry to miss. Riding in the rain. Hissing of summer asphalt. #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TraceyBaptiste @robynmcintyre I quite liked The Parent Trap. And yes, there was a 2nd chance there too #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

deberryandgrant That quote does not make exception for writers however! #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

elizabethkarr @robynmcintyre and how many times has Disney recycled that chestnut. Every decade a new version and usually a hit. Theme resonates #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

artistikem RT @deberryandgrant: 1 of my fav quotes: "Nobody can go back & start a new beginning, but anyone can start today & make a new ending." Maria Robinson #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @elizabethkarr Dickens was big on second chance & choice stories especially as redemption. Ex: "Tale of Two Cities" #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock @marisabirns How can you help what? Tearing up? Seeing good and bad in all choices? Sounds like you're sensitive, smart, caring #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

elizabethkarr @artistikem That is one of the best #quotes I've read on twitter. #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

EverettMaroon #litchat It's always heart-rending when a second chance is burned. e.g. Parenthood. -1:45 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

SpiceBites Las Vegas TV show: Christmas ghosts & ex gf -- the twist was the gf just wanted him to be donor for her & her partner :) #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t @TheMonsterBlogs Hmm...maybe there's a way to take their thoughts into consideration without completely wiping the scene? #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @marisabirns @GLHancock Without the choices we have already made, we can't make new ones. Life is a journey of chance & choice #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB @WayneHurlbert I love The Count of Monte Cristo for this #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
sticky_t Yep! :) @robynmcintyre: @sticky_t Then the Parent Trap had kids trying to get 2nd chance at family through their parents. #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LitChat Q What novels had second chances? Those turned down by publishers, but picked up and successful w/ other publisher? #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
sticky_t Count of Monte Cristo's a good one, forgot about that. @J_GriffinB: @WayneHurlbert I love The Count of Monte Cristo for this #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB @WayneHurlbert yes, and the baggage of your previous choices and chances affects what new path you might take. #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TheMonsterBlogs @J_GriffinB ooo yeah I love the Count ;) #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
rawsistaz RT @LitChat: Q What novels had second chances? Those turned down by publishers, but picked up and successful w/ other publisher? #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
bdtharp Chicken Soup for the Soul #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
Juanofwords RT @LitChat: Q What novels had second chances? Those turned down by publishers, but picked up and successful w/ other publisher? #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
J_GriffinB Almost every published author has a zillion submissions under their belt. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr Beginning to think that most of lit variation on the theme of missed opportunity or second chance. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GLHancock @WayneHurlbert I think it's not so much the choices we make as how we handle, behave, in the consequences. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
EverettMaroon @LitChat #litchat Isn't that most novels, given the nature of the business? Or do you mean dropped by one pub & then picked up? -1:47 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr Confederacy of Dunces. That story legendary. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
marisabirns @WayneHurlbert Well, sometimes choices are not made, just thrust upon one, no? Though accepting such a thing is a choice, I guess. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LaurenBaratzL @LitChat I would love to say something brilliant but I got nothing. Will you give me a second chance? #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
SpiceBites I wish Scarlet had a 2nd chance with Rhett.... #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
bdtharp @J_GriffinB Yes. Lots of rejections before finding the "right" agent or publisher #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
WayneHurlbert @elizabethkarr @robynmcintyre The vehicle of the kids as matchmakers for a parent is a very heavily used plot line #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
sticky_t Haha. @LaurenBaratzL: @LitChat I would love to say something brilliant but I got nothing. Will you give me a second chance? #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LitChat Perfect example. RT @elizabethkarr: Confederacy of Dunces. That story legendary. #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr Shakespeare In Love in #movies. Stoppard's #screenplay passed around 4 10 years and then won oscar. #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LitChat Always. RT @LaurenBaratzL: @LitChat I would love to say something brilliant but I got nothing. Will you give me a second chance? #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock @marisabirns Not choosing is actually choosing. Or did you mean the bad things that happen to us are not of our choosing? #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheNewAuthor RT @GLHancock: @WayneHurlbert I think it's not so much the choices we make as how we handle, behave, in the consequences. #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

bdtharp LOL: RT @LaurenBaratzL: @LitChat I would love to say something brilliant but I got nothing. Will you give me a second chance? #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

SpiceBites JK Rowling with Harry Potter? #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

elizabethkarr @WayneHurlbert That matchmaker theme-be it kids/whomever-has roots in Commedia d'el Arte. #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @GLHancock Often events are not choices. Think being drafted into the army for example. That is out of one's control #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

SpiceBites RT @elizabethkarr: Shakespeare In Love in #movies. Stoppards #screenplay passed around 4 10 years and then won oscar. Woot! #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @LitChat @elizabethkarr Confederacy of Dunces is also object lesson of why writers shouldn't give up. #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t I was wondering about that one, but I actually don't know.... @SpiceBites: JK Rowling with Harry Potter? #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

Juanofwords Good one! RT @elizabethkarr: Shakespeare In Love in #movies. Stoppard's #screenplay passed around 4 10 years and then won oscar. #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheMonsterBlogs @sticky_t I left the group when they kept saying I wouldn't get anything pub. and it turned out I was the only pub. one there :/ #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock @WayneHurlbert No one is saying that we are responsible for everything that happens in our lives. Only for the choices we make. #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

elizabethkarr Rebirth of #Don Draper from Dick is a second chance that spawned uber successful #Madmen. #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

marisabirns @GLHancock No, I meant what you just said. Yes, not choosing is a choice. #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

SpiceBites @sticky_t Well, she got rejected a lot of times...but doesn't Voldemort get 2nd & more chances going up against Harry? #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheNewAuthor @WayneHurlbert You have the choice of reporting or running to Canada. #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t @TheMonsterBlogs Well that would be a reason to leave (lol). #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

elizabethkarr RT @marisabirns: @GLHancock No, I meant what you just said. Yes, not choosing is a choice. < the saddest choice of all. #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @elizabethkarr Excellent point about Don. And now he's on to yet another second chance. #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t @SpiceBites Hahaha...true. Yeah, I thought I remembered that she got rejected a bunch. #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LitChat For clarification of previous question about novels passed/published, think novels that became runaway, unexpected bestsellers. #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GeneDoucette checking out for a while, see everyone later. @indiepride, #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

twilark RT @TwinkleChar: A choice to forgive someone can lead to a second chance at one's own sanity. Rage steals your life. #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

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EverettMaroon @SpiceBites Shhhh! That's "You Know Who" to you! #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
WayneHurlbert @elizabethkarr I never miss #MadMen The show is all about choices & second chances in many ways #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LaurenBaratzL @LitChat Oh, you want us to *think*... #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @LaurenBaratzL: @elizabethkarr Excellent point about Don. And now hes on to yet another secod chance.> #Madmentrulygreatwriting #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @LitChat I read "Hawaii" was turned down 22x b/4 Mitchener sold it. #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
WayneHurlbert @TheNewAuthor Thankfully I am already in Canada :-) #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LaurenBaratzL @elizabethkarr Hamlet - the ultimate tragic non-chooser. #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
SpiceBites Forgiveness and redemption make 2nd chances resonate #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
SpiceBites @EverettMaroon LOL! #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr & look how well that worked out for him. #notsomuch RT @LaurenBaratzL: @elizabethkarr Hamlet - the ultimate tragic non-chooser. #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TheNewAuthor The Shack is the first one to mind for that one. #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LitChat Or what novels got panned by the critics and then blew everyone away with success? #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
SpiceBites RT @robynmcintyre: @LitChat I read "Hawaii" was turned down 22x b/4 Mitchener sold it. wow... #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LaurenBaratzL @elizabethkarr I know! No second chance for him or poor Ophelia. #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr RT @WayneHurlbert: @elizabethkarr I never miss #MadMen The show is all about choices & second chances in many ways < Y it's so good #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TheMonsterBlogs @sticky_t that's what I thought ;) #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GLHancock Uh, didn't Hamlet choose not to be? Sometimes it takes mucho courage to choose life. #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LaurenBaratzL @LitChat The Great Gatsby got a 2nd chance once Fitzgerald was dead. #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr @LaurenBaratzL Ophelia is char I'm most sympathetic to in Hamlet. She gets caught up in a melee not of her own making. #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @WayneHurlbert: I never miss #MadMen The show is all about choices & second chances in many ways <-Love this show... #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
GLHancock @LitChat LOL! The ultimate Second Chance: literary flop becomes commercial success! #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
SpiceBites @elizabethkarr most annoying line: Take thee to a nunnery #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
TheNewAuthor What books became popular after the second edition was released? That would be a second chance for that book. #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr @LaurenBaratzL Shakespeare's full of stories that could be retooled 7 YA fiction. #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
LaurenBaratzL @elizabethkarr I once started writing a contemp revis of H set in Denmark, SC. Ophelia v dif in my version I know, I'm O/T now. #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

robymcintyre @LitChat I would guess "Twilight" but I don't know that it ever really got a review. #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t Now there's an idea. @elizabethkarr: @LaurenBaratzL Shakespeares full of stories that could be retooled 7 YA fiction. #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @TheNewAuthor Or 2nd books that were huge compared to first, like Grisham with The Firm. #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

elizabethkarr LOL or #tobeornottobe Just get on w/ it. RT @SpiceBites: @elizabethkarr most annoying line: Take thee to a nunnery #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @elizabethkarr @LaurenBaratzL Many real people get caught up in events not of their own making & face what seem all bad choices #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

SpiceBites Wasn't there a self-pubbed book that got picked up a bigger house later on and sold lots of copies...can't think of name #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @robymcintyre Twilight was reviewed in all the prepub trades and reviewed very well. #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

GLHancock @TheNewAuthor Not hardly, to use a refreshing Midwestern ungrammatical phrase. #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @SpiceBites Are you thinking of "The Shack"? #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

TheNewAuthor @LaurenBaratzL Good one. I think Stephen King had some books that took off after they were re-released. #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t @SpiceBites Oh...I think I know what you're talking about, but I can't think of name either! Shoot. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @WayneHurlbert That's profound. (Not being sarcastic.) Or else they're faced with only bad choices. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

SpiceBites @WayneHurlbert No, not that one...this is going to annoy me all evening, keep me awake. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @SpiceBites Tons of them. One of the most notable being M. Scott Peck's The Road Less Travelled. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

elizabethkarr @LaurenBaratzL Shakespeare borrowed plots from myths & fables.Open season to retool plots in modern fiction. #happensallthetime #litchat -2:01 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @elizabethkarr I wouldn't say he borrowed - I'd say he stole...gleefully! #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @elizabethkarr: Shakespeare borrowed plots from myths & fables.Open season to retool plots in modern fiction. #happensallthetime #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @LaurenBaratzL That is the corollary of course, that the person has only bad choices & must choose the one that may be sort of OK #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Love this book. RT @LaurenBaratzL: @SpiceBites Tons of them. One of the most notable being M. Scott Pecks The Road Less Travelled. #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @WayneHurlbert OK, now I am depressed. Kidding. Kidding! #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @SpiceBites Well, let me keep thinking, Don't want you staying up all night worrying. Perhaps Googling it might help #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LitChat Looks like we've crossed this hour of #litchat. Continue on as you will, but be sure to join us on Friday for @TwinkleChar. #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass Originally self-pubbed. After it sold about 200k copies, S&S picked it up and it was on NYT list for 10+ years. #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

elizabethkarr Touche' :) RT @LaurenBaratzL: @elizabethkarr I wouldnt say he borrowed - Id say he stole...gleefully! #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

artistikem @elizabethkarr I loved it. I am currently writing a story about a second chance for two morphine addicts and it fits so well. #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @LitChat You mean you're kicking me out and I have to go make dinner now? #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @LaurenBaratzL Since it's the topic of the day, you can choose to not be depressed of course :-)
#litchat -2:04 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LitChat Get to know @TwinkleChar, novelist, journalist, humorous, speaker. She'll be here Friday 4pmET.
www.litchat.net. #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t Lol. @LaurenBaratzL: @LitChat You mean youre kicking me out and I have to go make dinner now?
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LitChat What's for dinner? Can I come? RT @LaurenBaratzL: @LitChat You mean youre kicking me out and I have to go make dinner now? #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @LaurenBaratzL Really? Interesting to know. #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @WayneHurlbert I choose! I choose! #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass"Jonathan Livingston Seagull" perhaps? #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

sticky_t Bye, everyone! Great chat today. :) #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @elizabethkarr Oh, that man was a total thief. #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LitChat Now's the time for pitches. Tell us about your books, stories, blogs, essays, Post URLs where we can find you. #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

robynmcintyre "That's not writing; that's just typing." But Kerouac's books still sell. #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @LitChat I call them Little Pockets of Joy: spinach and cheese tortellini with red sauce. C'mon over! #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

Diane_Amy I wish I could have been here from the beginning. Love #litchat Here's where you can find my blog:
<http://tinyurl.com/23nz2we> -2:07 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

IreneZiegler RT @LitChat: Now's the time for pitches. Tell us about your books, stories, blogs, essays, Post URLs where we can find you. #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @LitChat Thanks for another interesting discussion! T'was brillig. #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

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LitChat Yum. RT @LaurenBaratzL: @LitChat I call them Little Pockets of Joy: spinach and cheese tortellini with red sauce. Cmon over! #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

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robynmcintyre Besides my blog (social media for small nonprofits) you can find me at Divine Caroline and Open Salon #litchat -2:08 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

LaurenBaratzL @LitChat Thank you for great time. Must go eat dinner because commercial for used catheters spoiled my lunch. #litchat -2:09 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

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EverettMaroon #litchat Oh, my main blog is at http://transplantportation.com Links to all of my stuff and memoir there. -2:10 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
WayneHurlbert Pitch: Blog at http://blogbusinessworld.blogspot.com & internet radio on biz at http://www.blogtalkradio.com/WayneHurlbert #litchat -2:10 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr Bless you! :) Plz subscribe 2 newsletter. RT @robymcintyre: @elizabethkarr Checking it out now! #PhilipKDick #litchat -2:11 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
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SpiceBites Found it! Gloria Mallette, an African-American, self-pub Shades of Jade, got picked up by Random House #litchat -2:14 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
SpiceBites @WayneHurlbert Thnx for the sugg. Worked! :) #litchat -2:16 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
deberryandgrant @SpiceBites but sadly, she has now been dropped and is aiming to self pub once again. #litchat -2:17 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
SpiceBites @elizabethkarr How cool is that?! Make sure to tweet a reminder for Nov. 5 nearer to date #litchat -2:17 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
robymcintyre Ow ow! RT @GCPeditor, @Bookgirl96: U.S. hs spoken: Nicholas Sparks kicksJonathan Franzen to #2 on the NYT Bestseller list. #litchat -2:18 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
SpiceBites @deberryandgrant Publishing is a hard biz...in my saner moments I think of becoming a marketing professional or accountant #litchat -2:19 PM Sep 22nd, 2010
elizabethkarr John Alan Simon will be great @SpiceBites @elizabethkarr How cool is that?! Make sure to tweet a reminder for Nov. 5 nearer to date #litchat -2:19 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

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J_GriffinB My blog says a lot: <http://therantinggriffin.blogspot.com/2010/09/can-i-be-dick.html> #litchat -2:19 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

robymcintyre @SpiceBites Marketing is NOT a sane profession. #litchat -2:20 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

J_GriffinB If you are expecting pithy wisdom, you'll first have to dig through the rotten fruit. #litchat -2:20 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

WayneHurlbert @SpiceBites Yay. Glad you found the answer. You can rest easy now :-) #litchat -2:21 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

SpiceBites @robymcintyre Lol! People tell me accounting has some special insanity to it too ;) #litchat -2:22 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

SpiceBites @J_GriffinB Profound. #litchat -2:22 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

bdtharp Pitch:"Feisty Family Values" is available in print & Kindle. You can read excerpts & visit my blog at <http://bdtharp.com> #litchat -2:23 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

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J_GriffinB @SpiceBites It matters not how you feed yourself and loved ones. Survival is stressful. #litchat -2:24 PM Sep 22nd, 2010

SpiceBites Thanx for the fun chat y'all! I've to go too. See u next time! #litchat -2:26 PM Sep 22nd, 2010