



LitChat Week of September 7-11

Topic of the Week: Patriotism and World Peace

Monday, September 7, 2009

LitChat Is anyone around for #litchat today? Hope all the Americans are taking a day off... maybe it's a bank holiday in other parts, too. -12:48 PM Sep 7th, 2009

agnieszkasshoes @LitChat what's the topic #litchat -12:51 PM Sep 7th, 2009

LexxClarke @LitChat I'm around for #litchat :o) -12:51 PM Sep 7th, 2009

LitChat Topic of the Week is PATRIOTISM & WORLD PEACE IN LITERATURE. Join us for #litchat today at 4-5 p/et. -12:59 PM Sep 7th, 2009

LexxClarke Getting my self over to #litchat :o) -1:00 PM Sep 7th, 2009

LitChat Here we are in the #litchat salon on the USA's Labor Day. Anyone chatting from the beach, lake, pool or BBQ? -1:02 PM Sep 7th, 2009

pussreboots @LitChat I'm at home. No picnics or parties. #litchat -1:03 PM Sep 7th, 2009

sherisaid #litchat ooh, hello :) I'm always ready to talk lit -1:04 PM Sep 7th, 2009

LexxClarke I'm in the UK, we had a holiday last Monday #litchat -1:04 PM Sep 7th, 2009

George9Writer Looking forward to another great #litchat ... and how books can create visions leading to a greater good (i.e. world peace) -1:05 PM Sep 7th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass Asked husby if he wanted to go to the beach, just him & me. He said, "and a million other people? NO." Yep. I'm home too. #litchat -1:06 PM Sep 7th, 2009

sherisaid rt @smithsonian IDan Brown's next book a secret history of the Smithsonian? Oh please Ceiling Cat, make it so. <http://sn.im/sicode> #litchat -1:07 PM Sep 7th, 2009

erin_braincandy Holidays are about the only times I get to take part in #litchat... never have the chance when at work... :) #litchat -1:08 PM Sep 7th, 2009

LitChat @erin_braincandy Glad we can be here for you today. Have fun. #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 7th, 2009

LitChat Q1 What comes to mind when you think of patriotism's place in literature? #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 7th, 2009

sherisaid @George9Writer Glenn Beck seems to think so. Course, he's a very influential fiction writer (assuming he crafts his own opinions) #litchat -1:12 PM Sep 7th, 2009

thebookaddict I'm lurking...in between viewing the shortlists on #BBAW and voting! Home today, of course! #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 7th, 2009

erin_braincandy Think it depends on how you define patriotism. If we mean love for your country, I think lit can be a place to share common ideals. #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 7th, 2009

erin_braincandy But patriotism in lit doesn't mean that we have to agree with the author's perspective on the country... #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 7th, 2009

LexxClarke Q1 I think that patriotism in literature has a similar place to that of culture making the story more rounded #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 7th, 2009

LexxClarke although patriotism can be a little over powering, too gung ho maybe #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 7th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass I think patriotism in America has become tainted by the reactionary exploits of the far right. #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 7th, 2009

pussreboots @LexxClarke Patriotism and propaganda go hand and hand at one extreme. #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 7th, 2009

LitChat RT @KristenH_09: @LitChat Nope. I'm indoors since it's rainy on my Imac. #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 7th, 2009

LexxClarke V patriotic people can come across as almost evangelical which can b offputting, u wld have to b v careful abt how it's used in lit #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 7th, 2009

zintaaistars The more the world "shrinks," the less patriotism makes sense. We are all global citizens, sharing the same fate. #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 7th, 2009

LexxClarke RT @pussreboots: @LexxClarke Patriotism and propaganda go hand and hand at one extreme. || therein lies the danger IMO #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 7th, 2009

zaqdapoet #litchat literature is by default a form of patriotism. It's a means by which we identify ourselves and readers. Not patriotism for america -1:23 PM Sep 7th, 2009

zaqdapoet #litchat but rather patriotism of ourselves and the groups we have made that when pieced together make up America. -1:23 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @zintaaistars Hey, Zinta! Great to see you here. #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass RT @zintaaistars: The more the world "shrinks," the less patriotism makes sense. We are all global citizens, sharing the same fate. #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars Cultural expression enriches literature, but global/human concerns must resonate with all. #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars @CarolyBurnsBass Hey, Zinta! Great to see you here. #litchat If you're hanging out here, Carolyn, I know it's good! -1:26 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CDominiqueG Hey everyone, sorry I'm late, bf hates when I tweet around him #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 7th, 2009
mciddangelo Sorry - cannot participate. I hafta watch reruns of Father Ted! #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zaqdapoet @zintaaistars agreed. Pride in one's culture then is probably more relevant than true patriotism. #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LitChat RT @Justinfloyd: @LitChat perhaps that patriotism is at its most dangerous when combined with mythologizing. #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke As the world shrinks does the notion of patriotism and a cultural identity enhance or detract from us as global citizens? #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars Maybe we should differentiate between patriotism and nationalism? #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LitChat Q2 fm @George9Writer Is it role of fiction writer or poet to attempt to bring abt political chnge w/ his/her works, however benign? #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke RT @LitChat @Justinfloyd: perhaps patriotism is at its most dangerous when combined with mythologizing tht way lies a dark path #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars @LexxClarke Being multicultural, bilingual, I say this enriches my experience and adds another perspective. #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CDominiqueG @LexxClarke I think it enhances b/c it is even more important to be unique and preserve those differences that make us patriotic #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke RT @zintaaistars: Maybe we should differentiate between patriotism and nationalism? yes,related but distinct ideas #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LitChat RT @zintaaistars: Maybe we should differentiate between patriotism and nationalism? #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CDominiqueG RT @zintaaistars Maybe we should differentiate between patriotism and nationalism? - yes perhaps we should #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zaqdapoet I believe it really is. The writer is the means by which ideas are passed on through generations. Either through non-fiction #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke Q2 Yes I think it can be but not at the expense of the plot arc #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars My role as artist is mine to determine; path of individual, expression my own. But why not add my perspective on change. solutions? #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zaqdapoet or through the fictionalization of real events. See George Elliot, or Dickins, Orwell, Kipling, etc #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LitChat Who wants to make a stab at definitions between patriotism and nationalism? #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars As long as we are not ethnocentric, thinking one superior over another. Different, yes, but not superior. #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke RT @zintaaistars: why not add my perspective on change, solutions? This is the key really, effecting change by stealth in a way #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke Patriotism is very emotive and driven by personal opinion whereas nationalism is based on something more tangible, more real #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 7th, 2009
danish_novelist @zintaaistars Patriotism is at its most dangerous when it's combined with ignorance - like calling the US for God's own country #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars Nationalism: Devotion to interests/culture of 1 nation, belief nations benefit from acting independently rather than collectively #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars Nationalism: movement, as in the arts, based upon the folk idioms, history, aspirations, etc., of a nation #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 7th, 2009

zintaaistars Patriotism: devoted love, support, and defense of one's country; national loyalty #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars @danish_novelist I can't believe God would favor one country over another. We are all his children? #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke @zintaaistars Is nationalism related to a nation's cultural identity would you say? #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke RT @zintaaistars: I cant believe God would favor one country over another Others have claimed divine support e.g. Hitler #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CDominiqueG @LexxClarke @nationalism being tangible,i kind of think that even that was 1 based on opinion until common symbols were established #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass What is the difference between nationalism and patriotism? Sounds like a semantic difference at this point. #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 7th, 2009
danish_novelist @zintaaistars God isn't a cheerleader for the red, white, and blue team. That kind of God doesn't make sense unless you watch Fox #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CDominiqueG @LexxClarke of course @hitler even went so far as to use darwinism as a back up #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars @LexxClarke Yes, nationalism, culture intertwined. Line of thinking one nation rather than one earth that gets us in trouble. #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LitChat RT @HaemishM: @LitChat Patriotism is a pride of self, nationalism leads to gas chambers and death. #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke @CarolyBurnsBass I wonder if there's a more emotional diff.,nationalism being more nostalgic perhaps? #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CDominiqueG @danish_novelist LOL, FOX does seem to be right @ heavens gates don't they? #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 7th, 2009
danish_novelist @LexxClarke Basically every dictator in the world has claimed that God is on his side. Poor God, poor us! #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke RT @HaemishM: nationalism leads to gas chambers and death. is that nationalism or xenophobia and racism? #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars Strong believer in travel, exposure to other cultures. Only way to truly appreciate and open self to understanding. #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LitChat Q3 What novels come to mind that show patriotism in a favorable or unfavorable light? #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim A familiar assortment of ghouls here... #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Donna_Carrick @ZintaAistars #litchat Agree re:cultures. Have latest book set in China, previous one set in Indonesia & Phuket.Studied BahasaInd &Mandarin. -1:47 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars @danish_novelist @LexxClarke Basically every dictator in world has claimed that God's on his side. #litchat Have noticed that! God fatigue. -1:48 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke @zintaaistars allowing yourself to absorb other cultures enhances your travel exp but also understanding of your own culture #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke @Eugenia_Kim Welcome :o) #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass YES! RT @zintaaistars ...believer in travel, exposure to other cultures Only way to truly appreciate & open self to understanding. #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim RT @HaemishM: Patriotism is a pride of self, nationalism leads to gas chambers and death. Respectfully disagree... #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars I strive to read bks by international authors, expand horizon. Dangerous to think we know it best. #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke Q3 1984? unquestioning loyalty to the state,almost inevitably betrayed #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim Patriotism, yes, pride of self; nationalism, pride of nation, fellow-pride. Not nec. leading to gas chambers, but xenophobia yes. #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars @Donna_Carrick The kind of bks that enrich others, familiarize. #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 7th, 2009
pussreboots @LitChat The Plot Against America by Philip Roth comes to mind. #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CDominiqueG @zintaaistars -----> From the Bahamas, let me know when you are ready #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 7th, 2009

Eugenia_Kim Q3: Most all of post-revolutionary Chinese fiction shows the dangers of rabid patriotism. #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CDominiqueG @LexxClarke don't forget that you can also see how 1 culture contributes to another re:colonialism, the diaspora of tea drinkers #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke Is Michael Moore's writing anti-patriotic? #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars @pussreboots Not a Roth fan. Expose to ethnocentricity in Plot, but his readings are too sexist. #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 7th, 2009
George9Writer @Eugenia_Kim Hi Eugenia, welcome back to #litchat! -1:53 PM Sep 7th, 2009
danish_novelist @zintaaistars Keep up reading foreign authors. It's good for you. And for us :-) #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Donna_Carrick @zintaaistars #litchat - have you read Xue Xinran,The Good Women of China? Great book, stays with reader. -1:53 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim re: Michael Moore. A *different* kind of patriotism, thank god for freedom of speech. #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke RT @Eugenia_Kim: re: Michael Moore. A *different* kind of patriotism, thank god for freedom of speech. yes,perhaps more accurate #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars @LexxClarke travel exp - understanding of your own culture #litchat yes! never see home more clearly than from someone else's horizon -1:55 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim Durn, gotta fly. Thanks for warm welcomes, few thoughts, minute of stim. *Bowling* #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Donna_Carrick @LexxClarke Is Michael Moore's..anti-patriotic? #litchat No,wish for change is not unpatriotic.Change=growth, it's a good thing. -1:55 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LexxClarke @Eugenia_Kim bye for now! #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Donna_Carrick #litchat As a writer I want to understand the world. Can't grasp it all, but try to keep global outlook. -1:56 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars I've always thought it a high act of patriotism to question your own govt, hold it to highest standards #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 7th, 2009
latta #litchat fine line between patriotism, zealotry, & fanaticism. @litchat #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars @Donna_Carrick Will add Good Women of China to list. Grew up on Pearl Buck. #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Donna_Carrick #litchat Goot get dinner for family -- hope all had a great long weekend. Keep writing with a broad mind -- the world need our compassion. -1:58 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars @danish_novelist heck, I AM a foreign author! dual citizenship, three books in Latvian. #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 7th, 2009
latta #litchat tale of two cities & manchurian candidate come to mind for 'dark side' of patriotism. @litchat -1:58 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CDominiqueG @Donna_Carrick that is most important as a writer I think to understand the dynamics of other cultures and groups #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Donna_Carrick @ZintaAistars #litchat -- loved Pear Buck's The Good Earth. Just loved it. Bye for now, nice meeting you! -1:59 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass RT @zintaaistars: @danish_novelist heck, I AM a foreign author! dual citizenship, three books in Latvian. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars as in all things: balance. appreciate home while respecting the homes of others, earth home to all. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Donna_Carrick @shadesong You can tell about people by their language.In Indonesia,thankyou is"I give you love",Welcome is "I return it to you." #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CDominiqueG RT @zintaaistars as in all things: balance. appreciate home while respecting the homes of others, earth home to all #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 7th, 2009
zintaaistars @zaqdapoet Agreed on pride in one's own, holding to high standards, good for all. as long as not ethnocentric. #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Donna_Carrick @CDominiqueG other cultures and groups #litchat I absolutely agree, it's why writers are important to the world.We bring it closer together. -2:04 PM Sep 7th, 2009
colindickey @LitChat Mishima's "Patriotism" is such a great model, a story that was far more complicated than its author's right-wing politics. #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 7th, 2009

zintaaistars @Donna_Carrick @shadesong You can tell about people by their language. #litchat why I wince at translations, but how to know all languages! -2:06 PM Sep 7th, 2009
CDominiqueG @Donna_Carrick so true, that way language isn't as strong a barrier as we initially think #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Kestrelsaerie @valkyrierisen Not in 140 characters. RT @LitChat: Who wants to make a stab at definitions between patriotism and nationalism? #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Donna_Carrick End of weekend #litchat , back to the city. Sad to see another summer wind down- hope everyone has a great autumn! -2:07 PM Sep 7th, 2009
LitChat The clock has struck the end of the #litchat hour. Feel free to carry on, but be sure to return on Wednesday for more. #litchat -2:08 PM Sep 7th, 2009
Wednesday, September 9
LitChat Welcome to Wednesday's #litchat. We're continuing our convo about patriotism and world peace in literature. Join us... NOW!
corb21 Hello litchatters! is anyone here? I'm like on time for once! #litchat
llunalila @conniemayfowler why don't U try small piece be4 changing to next novel? fresh new style! Works 4 me #writegoal #authors #litchat #writechat
LitChat @corb21 Yep, we're here. I see @maggiedana's back from her weekend with the grands. #litchat
mdbenoit2 Hey, @maggiedana, @corb21. Nice "seeing" you. Don't know what I can contribute tonight, tho. #litchat
kashicat @corb21 No, we all decided to leave, soyou could chat alone. #litchat
mdbenoit2 Hi @kashicat #litchat
maggiedana Just blew in the door & making tea. RT @LitChat: @corb21 Yep, were here. I see @maggiedanas back from her weekend with the grands. #litchat
thebookmaven Hi, @corb21! I want to join today; great topic, but can't stay. However, blog post for consideration: http://snurl.com/rposv #litchat
corb21 @kashicat awesome, thanks! #litchat
kashicat @mdbenoit2 Well hey there! What's new with you? #litchat :-)
LitChat Looks like Twitter is having a headache today from all of the Apple rock'n'roll tweeting. Shall we continue w/ #litchat?
VictoriaMixon I don't know how we can have this conversation without talking about Lucia Orth's Baby Jesus Pawn Shop. Are you familiar with it? #litchat
GLHancock @LitChat I'm all ears. Forge ahead. Peace out. #litchat
LexxClarke evening twitterati! #litchat
maggiedana @LitChat I'll be avidly reading all Apple's news, but LitChat comes first (and tea, of course). #litchat
LitChat @VictoriaMixon No, please share a bit about it and how it relates to the topic. Thanks! #litchat
mdbenoit2 @kashicat Had great writing day, outside, long hand with tea and music. #litchat
maggiedana @VictoriaMixon Nope, but it sounds promising. #litchat
VictoriaMixon Sorry--that should have been @luciaorth :) #litchat
kashicat So, what exactly is meant by "Patriotism & world peace in literature"? Bks about peace? Bks doing "rah rah" for country? #litchat
GLHancock @maggiedana You'll like this: I just sent a publicist running to her boss in laughter at my "ass over teakettle" comment. #litchat
kashicat @mdbenoit2 That sounds absolutely heavenly! #litchat
mdbenoit2 @VictoriaMixon What's the book about? #litchat
VictoriaMixon Baby Jesus Pawn Shop is a love story set in Marcos' Philippines, where Orth lived for several years. It addresses the violence #litchat
VictoriaMixon At the end, Orth took the unorthodox step of breaking the 4th wall and addressing the reader directly #litchat
LitChat @kashicat Topic is wide open this week in regard to books about patriotism and world peace, whether satire, rah rah, or other. #litchat
VictoriaMixon She asks, "How do you respond when you witness such things? What are you doing about the world you live in?" Words to that effect. #litchat

maggiedana @GLHancock Hope there wasn't any boiling water in it! #litchat
maggiedana @VictoriaMixon Will make many readers uneasy, I'm thinking, being asked 'what are you doing about the world you live in.' #litchat
VictoriaMixon It is a gorgeous novel, so the 2nd-person at the end is gripping. I'm sure that's why her publisher nominated it for the Pulitzer #litchat
GLHancock @maggiedana I seldom load my comments with boiling water. Barbs and darts, perhaps. #litchat
VictoriaMixon If @luciaorth is listening, I hope she'll correct me if I'm mistaken! #litchat
CarolyBurnsBass @VictoriaMixon Wow, that sounds wild. An author sidestepping the rules. Never heard of the book, but will look it up. #litchat
maggiedana Hah!! Am ducking barbs and darts. RT @GLHancock @maggiedana I seldom load my comments with boiling water. Barbs and darts, perhaps #litchat
VictoriaMixon @luciaorth is a passionate activist for world peace. She teaches law. She thinks deeply. Altogether an amazing human being. #litchat
maggiedana @GLHancock Would those comments filled with darts be Constant Comment(s)? #litchat
GLHancock @maggiedana Groooooaan! #litchat
LitChat @VictoriaMixon Certainly does figure into the first question for our chat today. Watch for it. #litchat
maggiedana @VictoriaMixon Am in awe of people like Lucia Orth. Will certainly look up her book. #litchat
kashicat @maggiedana I see you've definitely got tea on your mind. #litchat
LitChat If you have questions to pose to the convo, please send to @LitChat w/o hashtag. Will post in order. #litchat
VictoriaMixon It's very beautiful. @CarolyBurnsBass that sounds wild--author sidestepping the rules. Never heard of the book, but will look it up #litchat
corb21 I feel like the books most in favor of peace are those that show how horrible the alternative can be. ie The Gulag Archipelago #litchat
maggiedana World peace begins at home. Don't fight with your kids and/or parents. Negotiate instead. #litchat
corb21 Books like that make you stop and think...Never Again. #litchat
mdbenoit2 Orth's book is available at my public library. Just reserved it. #litchat
LitChat Q1 What role do authors play in framing, encouraging world peace? Do they have a global peace responsibility with their platforms? #litchat
VictoriaMixon Me, too! http://luciaorth.com @maggiedana Am in awe of people like Lucia Orth. #litchat
maggiedana Always. RT @kashicat: @maggiedana I see youve definitely got tea on your mind. #litchat
corb21 THE VICTIMS RETURN will be another of those, coming spring 2010 from Stephen Cohen...a look at the aftermath of Stalin... #litchat
VictoriaMixon Ain't that the truth. @maggiedana World peace begins at home. Don't fight with your kids and/or parents. Negotiate instead. #litchat
julichilliard RT @LitChat Welcome to Wednesday's #litchat. We're continuing our convo about patriotism and world peace in literature. Join us... NOW!
maggiedana Jamais plus. A beyond heartbreaking book. RT @corb21: Books like that make you stop and think...Never Again. #litchat
corb21 RT @maggiedana World peace begins at home. Don't fight with your kids and/or parents. Negotiate instead. #litchat
GLHancock Q1: Authors have great opportunities, but I would hesitate to hang them with "responsibility". #litchat
julichilliard RT @LitChatQ1 What role do authors play in framing, encouraging world peace? Do they hv a global peace responsibility w/ platforms? #litchat
mdbenoit2 @LitChat Q1 Not all authors have a world peace agenda but some depict the what if, decline of society. Make you think. #litchat
corb21 @LitChat I think authors do have a responsibility to be an activist for something...even if it's as simple as literacy. #litchat
maggiedana @LitChat Q1 I'd say it depends on the platform. Some more than others; some not at all. #litchat
maggiedana @GLHancock We do a fine job of hanging ourselves with no help at all! #litchat
shakieranthem Anyone else read "Little Bee" by Chris Cleave? Great voice, and deals with issues of violence and immigration. #litchat

CarolyBurnsBass Well said. RT @GLHancock: Q1: Authors have great opportunities, but I would hesitate to hang them with "responsibility". #litchat
kashicat @gardengnome1 That's what I was thinking too so any "patriotism" in Cdn lit wd be just underlying love of Cda coming thru stories #litchat
VictoriaMixon Everyone alive has a basic human responsibility not to make the world a worse place. That comes out in choices of career and art #litchat
maggiedana I'm on a constant quest to educate others about readability. RT @corb21 ... even if its as simple as literacy. #litchat
GLHancock @corb21 How is this? Where does this responsibility come from? And why must they be activists? #litchat
mdbenoit2 Agree! RT @GLHancock: Q1: Authors have great opportunities, but I would hesitate to hang them with "responsibility". #litchat
corb21 other "Never Again" (or in some cases Never I hope) THE BEACH, TERMINAL NEGLECT, THE JUNGLE... #litchat
CarolyBurnsBass @shakieranthem I read LITTLE BEE. So realistically told, so potentially real. Absolutely heartbreaking and heartwarming. #litchat
corb21 @mdbenoit2 The "what if" certainly can and does make one think. If done well, at least. #litchat
mdbenoit2 There are books, tho, that trouble for a long time. Remarque's All Quiet on the Western Front, or Saramago's Blindness #litchat
corb21 @GLHancock with great power comes great responsibility.... #litchat
VictoriaMixon If you choose to write, you have a responsibility to do your best to use yr choice wisely. Don't be disgusting or promote cruelty #litchat
corb21 @GLHancock I just think that as an author trying to hock one's wares to society you should also be giving something back... #litchat
LexxClarke RT @corb21: @GLHancock with great power comes great responsibility.... in everything #litchat
pitchparlour @maggiedana I am horribly late - what's the subject please? #litchat
mdbenoit2 @corb21 Any book depicting entropy is scary and makes you reevaluate your role on this planet. Some authors take on that role #litchat
maggiedana More than a few pols need to be reminded of this. RT @corb21: @GLHancock with great power comes great responsibility.... #litchat
VictoriaMixon Good writing is beautiful in its humanity. #litchat
LitChat RT @johnrobison If you become a person lg numbers listen to, for any reason, I think you have a moral duty to promote peace/decency #litchat
kashicat @corb21 I suppose that's assuming all writers have "great power." I have reservations, tho I basically do agree. #litchat
VictoriaMixon Yes @corb21 @GLHancock with great power comes great responsibility.... #litchat
GLHancock Q1: We get incensed over entertainers using the bully pulpit, wouldn't this apply to authors? And we can't all write about peace. #litchat
VictoriaMixon Absolutely @LitChat RT @johnrobison If you become a person lg numbers listen to, you have a moral duty to promote peace/decency #litchat
maggiedana @LitChat @pitchparlour asks what topic? Shall we let her in???? #litchat
LitChat @johnrobison Welcome, John. Please join us, we'd appreciate hearing more from you. #litchat
LexxClarke @kashicat great power in the sense that you are putting your views/opinions/prejudices out into the world perhaps? #litchat
kashicat It seems to me that a powerfully written story on a powerful humane topic is probably automatically a work that promotes peace #litchat
shakieranthem If reading fiction helps develop empathy for others, writers have the responsibility of creating real, believable characters. #litchat
George9Writer I think the writer must promote peace and decency whether or not s/he is famous, has a large audience. #litchat
maggiedana @pitchparlour topic: Authors & their responsibility for promoting world peace. #litchat
VictoriaMixon It must be inherent to what we bring to the table in all aspects of our lives. @GLHancock Q1: we can't all write about peace. #litchat
kashicat @GLHancock I'd agree. That's what my previous comment was about. If y're "preachy," it won't promote peace, but powerful truth will #litchat

VictoriaMixon I won't edit work that disgusts me or promotes ugly values. It costs me to turn it down, but I have to live with this conscience. #litchat
pitchparlour @maggiedana Thanks! Unless John Ruskin has joined twitter, I'm not sure we're going to get the best of this one. #litchat
kashicat @LexxClarke I was thinking more along the lines of dealing with human stories/passions & solutions to them within the story itself #litchat
kashicat @LexxClarke Did that even make sense? #litchat
mdbenoit2 @George9Writer Some books can't promote that. The genre doesn't lend itself and a steady dose of peace and decency wld be tiresome #litchat
shakieranthem RT @kashicat: ...a powerfully written story on a powerful humane topic is probably automatically a work that promotes peace #litchat
GLHancock Amusing. I am a pacifist, but wouldn't dream of imposing my values on others. Expose them, yes, pound on them, not so much. #litchat
CarolyBurnsBass Q1 Books are conduits to other cultures/beliefs. A well-written book can open possibilities not yet conceived by reader. #litchat
mdbenoit2 @VictoriaMixon So the editor censures? #litchat
zaqdapoet The author has the responsibility of giving a voice to those people who are unheard in society. Thus promoting peace thru empathy #litchat
VictoriaMixon You don't expound. That's just poor writing. You reveal. @GLHancock Amusing. I wouldn't dream of imposing my values on others. #litchat
maggiedana If all we've done is entertain and/or distract someone from a more pressing issue, it helps promote peace of a personal kind. #litchat
RebeccaMather @George9Writer I thinkthe writer must promote peace and decency whether or not s/he is famous, has a large audience. #litchat //good thought
GLHancock @zaqdapoet I ask again, where does this responsibility come from? Is it a law? Is it a "human rights" issue? That authors MUST .. #litchat
mdbenoit2 Yes. RT @GLHancock: I am a pacifist, but wouldnt dream of imposing my values on others. Expose them, yes, pound on them, not . #litchat
VictoriaMixon Censure what? The author's work? You can't. The work doesn't belong to you. All you can do is choose what projects you accept. #litchat
CarolyBurnsBass @mdbenoit2 It sounds as if the editor in question @VictoriaMixon censures herself. We all do this when selecting reading material. #litchat
nolabill @maggiedana Writers have the same obligation to be decent people as everyone else, no more, no less. #litchat
George9Writer @GLHancock We needn't write *about* peace/morality, or even mention it; sometimes it's enough to write cautionary tales, e.g. #litchat
BrooksSigler @maggiedana I agree with you about the peace of a personal kind. Can't really state to chat--just popping in to say hello. #litchat
maggiedana Agree. RT @nolabill: @maggiedana Writers have the same obligation to be decent people as everyone else, no more, no less. #litchat
LitChat Q2 fm @kashicat: Do books that promote peace always have to show the war/ugliness? Is that contrast necessary? #litchat
GLHancock @VictoriaMixon I agree. I lose a lot of work because I won't work for "defense", which is a huge employer where I am. #litchat
BenRubinstein @RebeccaMather Why? I agree with @GLHancock. Where does this imperative come from? Truth is, "peace" is one value in many. #litchat
LexxClarke @kashicat yes it did but wouldn't your working through your characters issues be coloured by your beliefs? #litchat
LitChat @Johnrobison You can follow the convo by searching #litchat, or go to www.tweetchat.com and enter litchat in the window.
pitchparlour RT @nolabill: @maggiedana Writers have the same obligation to be decent people as everyone else, no more, no less. #litchat
maggiedana @BrooksSigler (((WAVING _____)))) #litchat
VictoriaMixon Exactly, Carolyn ! :) @CarolyBurnsBass @mdbenoit2 @VictoriaMixon censures herself. We all do this when selecting reading material. #litchat

agnieszkasshoes I'm part of the "Love Research Network" (yes, it's a serious academic enterprise, google us!) Coordinator works on War Studies #litchat
agnieszkasshoes her take is that love is often most forcefully/poignantly exhibited in war #litchat
kashicat RT @LexxClarke: wouldn't yr working thru yr char's issues be coloured by your beliefs? #litchat [Everything one writes is, tho.]
George9Writer @GLHancock Not "must" or even "should" ... though it's nice that some authors throughout history have written from conscience. #litchat
maggiedana @johnrobison TweetChat is great for following LitChat (and other Twitter chats). Better than trying to following #hashtag. #litchat
mdbenoit2 @LitChat Q2 No. Saramago's Blindness, e. g., shows how thin society's veneer is and how easy it is to descend into savagery #litchat
kashicat RT @George9Writer: We needn't write *about* peace/morality or even mention; sometimes it's enough to write cautionary tales, e.g. #litchat
pitchparlour @agnieszkasshoes Are War Studies much of a help to the people who actually fight in them? #litchat
LexxClarke @kashicat oh yes indeed, thus the basis of your power as an author over the reader #litchat
agnieszkasshoes 2 answer @kashicat qn, NO, that's based on an outdated Manichaeism dualism. Peace not a "lack of" war. It's active thing in itself #litchat
agnieszkasshoes just like happiness is NOT "lack of sadness". Job of writers = 2 flesh out the content of peace & show it as a goal #litchat
VictoriaMixon We can live w/out war. We can't live w/out love. @agnieszkasshoes love is often most forcefully/poignantly exhibited in war #litchat
johnrobison Promoting decency and goodness does not necessarily have anything to do with war. #litchat
kashicat @mdbenoit2 But doesn't that show the requirement of peace, then, by showing the ease w/which society cd descend into savagery? #litchat
agnieszkasshoes because saying x is "lack of y" makes it actually ALL ABOUT Y. So self-defeating. OK, talk over :-) #litchat
VictoriaMixon War is only one aspect of indecency. @johnrobison Promoting decency and goodness does not necessarily have anything to do with war. #litchat
kashicat @agnieszkasshoes I tend to agree w/you. I'd be interested in seeing a story not based on even minor conflict, tho #litchat
CarolyBurnsBass YES! RT @agnieszkasshoes:...Peace not a "lack of" war. Its active thing in itself #litchat
pitchparlour This just appeared in my feed. @halseanderson Writing battle scenes is exhilarating in a horrible way. #litchat
maggiedana @kashicat Ahh, conflict. Necessary ingredient for fiction. #litchat
George9Writer @LitChat re Q2: Some books DO have to show the ugliness/brutality of war, as well its machinery (industry, profit, religion). #litchat
mdbenoit2 @kashicat It shows us that if we're not good to each other at the start, when the going gets tough, it's each to h/h own #litchat
agnieszkasshoes @VictoriaMixon yes absolutely. Her point = opposite of "peace threatens 2 descend in2 savagery" "War threatens 2 collapse in2 love" #litchat
LexxClarke I read a book as a teenager called "Kiss the Dust" it was about Kurdish refugees that fled to Switzerland, so about war but not #litchat
GLHancock Perhaps we could look at the potential writers have for promoting peace if they so choose? Rather than talk of shouds, musts, etc. #litchat
agnieszkasshoes @VictoriaMixon so it's war that's the temporary "unnatural" state (gess that fits with entropy?) #litchat
VictoriaMixon Write about humanity. Stories are about humanity coping w/conflict. How do we survive? We can't love w/out peace. #litchat
maggiedana Serendipity? RT @pitchparlour: This just in my feed. @halseanderson Writing battle scenes is exhilarating in a horrible way. #litchat
LexxClarke RT @pitchparlour: @halseanderson Writing battle scenes is exhilarating in a horrible way. like train wrecks? #litchat
pitchparlour @VictoriaMixon People can and do live without love all the time. Thomas Hardy? #litchat

LucidGlow What's the topic(s)? #litchat
maggiedana War and peace. RT @LucidGlow: Whats the topic(s)? #litchat
GLHancock Q2 Unfamiliar with that book. Like "Lord of the Flies"? #litchat
VictoriaMixon Anthropologists now believe humanity evolved from social strength--a proclivity for peace! @agnieszkasshoes war's "unnatural" state #litchat
BenRubinstein @GLHancock Agreed. These terms of "decency" and "goodness" are a bit to ethnocentric and relative to be subject to imperatives. #litchat
VictoriaMixon Tess? She loved and was loved. @pitchparlour @VictoriaMixon People can and do live without love all the time. Thomas Hardy? #litchat
maggiedana @pitchparlour Was Hardy unlovable? Or just didn't want/require love? #litchat
George9Writer @LucidGlow Topic is writers, and war and peace, showing it vs not. Choose a side, prepare for battle. #litchat
LucidGlow It's impossible to write anything good about either. It has been done to death. #litchat
mdbenoit2 @agnieszkasshoes But isn't it like yin and yang? You need one to appreciate the other? #litchat
VictoriaMixon Infants die w/out love. None of us would be here w/out love. @pitchparlour @VictoriaMixon People can & do live without love. #litchat
LexxClarke RT @GLHancock: Q2 Unfamiliar with that book. Like "Lord of the Flies"? War and peace in microcosym #litchat
BenRubinstein @kashicat Wasn't that part of a movie? Where a writer wanted to write a story where nothing happened? A dark comedy? #litchat
CarolyBurnsBass Q2 You can write about the effects of war and how it changes people and places. Consider HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF BITTER AND SWEET. #litchat
mdbenoit2 But humanity isn't all about peace and love. RT @VictoriaMixon: Write about humanity. #litchat
VictoriaMixon Baby Jesus Pawn Shop, by @luciaorth @LucidGlow It's impossible to write anything good about either. It has been done to death. #litchat
LexxClarke RT @pitchparlour @VictoriaMixon People can & do live without love. live perhaps but not thrive #litchat
pitchparlour @VictoriaMixon And was executed for it. #litchat
LucidGlow Both war & peace are unnatural states of civilization. Duality is as well. #litchat
pitchparlour @maggiedana Hardy's characters are frequently lacking the internal mechanism to allow themselves to be loved. Bathsheba Everdene? #litchat
kashicat RT @VictoriaMixon: Write about humanity.Stories are about humanity coping w/conflict. How do we survive? We can't love w/out peace. #litchat
VictoriaMixon Humanity is the striving for survival-can't happen w/out some form of peace. @mdbenoit2 But humanity isn't all about peace and love #litchat
LucidGlow They are not opposites, but the same, godd and evil. Constructs of tyranny. #litchat
VictoriaMixon Who? @pitchparlour @VictoriaMixon And was executed for it. #litchat
kashicat @BenRubinstein You may be right.If so,I didn't see the movie, but I don't see many. :-) [Wasn't Seinfeld a show about nothing too??]#litchat
pitchparlour @VictoriaMixon Tess.#litchat
CarolyBurnsBass @VictoriaMixon This discovery of humans originating with proclivity for peace. Are we descending from order to chaos. then? #litchat
George9Writer Maybe next week we can do GOOD and EVIL, a whole separate kettle of fish. #litchat
mdbenoit2 @VictoriaMixon Many survive in the world without peace. Are you rather talking about happiness? #litchat
agnieszkasshoes @mdbenoit2 No, I don't think so. That ONLY applies if you see peace as rather bland. It's not. It's actually rather exciting #litchat
LucidGlow They are not opposites, but the same, like good and evil and similar. Constructs of tyranny. #litchat
RebeccaMather @BenRubinstein I'd like to answer your Q. but I have a longer answer than I can give in 140 word segments. #litchat
GLHancock Don't Nobel lit winners promote peace? I always thought that would be a nice goal, to win a Nobel. No piddly little Pulitzer. #litchat

kashicat @CarolyBurnsBass Good question. Certainly recorded history doesn't support notion that humans have natural proclivity for peace #litchat
mdbenoit2 LOL. So true. RT @kashicat: @BenRubinstein Wasnt Seinfeld a show about nothing too?? #litchat #litchat
agnieszkasshoes @kashicat be interested 2 discuss it some time- as I remember you're a comparative theologian #litchat
LitChat @George9Writer That is an excellent topic: Good & Evil. Next week is already planned, but I'll put it in the schedule. Thanks. #litchat
maggiedana This is turning into a rather ominous LitChat. We're writers, not world leaders. #litchat
kashicat RT @maggiedana: This is turning into a rather ominous LitChat. We're writers, not world leaders. #litchat [THANK YOU]
shakieranthem @agnieszkasshoes Maybe there's a need for literature that defines/offers a vision of peace (as opposed to lack of war) #litchat #litchat
VictoriaMixon Studies show the world is more peaceful now than ever, even w/more people. @CarolyBurnsBass Descending from order to chaos, then? #litchat
agnieszkasshoes @kashicat I actually based current novel on the premise that all its characters were good & see if I could make it work #litchat
George9Writer @LitChat Cool! You could get a whole month out of that topic :-) #litchat
pitchparlour @LexxClarke And it seems neither man, nor nation can thrive without war. #litchat
mdbenoit2 @maggiedana Agree. As writer, I don't feel a responsibility to promote world peace. Only to be true to myself. #litchat
kashicat @agnieszkasshoes That would be fun! Wanna set a date/time? (Or I'll forget, I'm certain.) #litchat
mdbenoit2 Yes, yes! RT @maggiedana: This is turning into a rather ominous LitChat. Were writers, not world leaders. #litchat
BenRubinstein @LitChat Oh yeah, I'd love a talk about good & evil in #litchat !
VictoriaMixon No--many die w/out peace. Those who survive must have some small fragment. @mdbenoit2 @VictoriaMixon Many survive w/out peace #litchat
agnieszkasshoes @VictoriaMixon yes, & "attenuated altruism" is "the most successful" behavioural model in various modelling experiments #litchat
GLHancock @maggiedana Yep! And few of us Nobel-worthy. So what can we little people do with our writing talents? Can, not should. #litchat
BenRubinstein @shakieranthem Only problem is a book about total peace, i.e. no conflict, would be quite boring. #litchat
maggiedana If women ran the world, would it be a more peaceful place? (Running for cover now) #litchat
kashicat @agnieszkasshoes Wow, that's great! I hope it does work! I'd love to hear how it does. #litchat
whimsicalwalney @mdbenoit2 Jumping in - I think it's often more interesting 2 take things that make us uncomfortable & exploring; means some ugly. #litchat
George9Writer @maggiedana Those few writers who do manage to capture huge audiences are at least as important as world leaders. #litchat
maggiedana @GLHancock All I want to do is entertain with my writing. Nothing more. #litchat
mdbenoit2 @VictoriaMixon Well, Sudanese, Palestinians, Rwandans, etc. may disagree with you. #litchat
johnrobison One's duty to promote moral/peaceful behavior depends on how seriously people see you. Pure entertainers prob don't feel that way #litchat
GLHancock @maggiedana If only! I've been soooo disappointed in the women who have ascended to leadership. Except for the ones dead too soon. #litchat
maggiedana @George9Writer Is Dan Brown as important as a world leader? #litchat
LucidGlow @mdbenoit2 we are better than world leaders. That doesn't take much. #litchat
agnieszkasshoes @kashicat we could set a #peacechat for after #litchat next Wed! & invite the other lovely comp religion tweeps
VictoriaMixon The most exciting thing there is! @agnieszkasshoes peace is actually rather exciting #litchat
George9Writer @agnieszkasshoes And what's "attenuated altruism", Dan? Kindness to all, as long as it's not a pain in the ass? #litchat

LexxClarke RT @maggiedana: If women ran the world, would it be a more peaceful place? (Running for cover now) Err Margaret Thatcher.... #litchat
mdbenoit2 @whimsicalwalney Agreed. A writer must challenge him/herself #litchat
TwinkleChar RT @George9Writer: @maggiedana Those few writers who do manage 2 capture huge audiences R at least as important as world leaders. #litchat
kashicat RT @pitchparlour: And it seems neither man, nor nation can thrive without war. #litchat Do you think this can be changed or is innate?
mdbenoit2 @George9Writer So Stephen King and Dan Brown should promote world peace in their writing? #litchat
pitchparlour @maggiedana I just got a bit of sick in my mouth at the thought that have some truth. #litchat
agnieszkasshoes Apologies for timeline clog. Today's #litchat is a very good one. Will shut up afterwards!! Promise
LexxClarke You can 'fight' for both peace and war though even if the methods are very different #litchat
corb21 Sorry, work pulled me away again, many BIG things happening today! Anywho...even just wooing one or two readers can make a diff #litchat
VictoriaMixon A writer must look closely at actual daily lives @mdbenoit2 @VictoriaMixon Sudanese, Palestinians, Rwandans, etc. may disagree #litchat
kashicat @maggiedana Oh, you naughty!! Come back here! <g> My answer wd be no. #litchat
whimsicalwalney @mdbenoit2 I also think it helps us learn more abt ppl's (as well as our own) humanity to investigate the darker sides #litchat
mdbenoit2 @LucidGlow LOL. You're telling me. #litchat
corb21 As a writer, if ONE person reads your book and has an "aha" moment in any spectrum I'd count that success...I'm not talking global #litchat
conniemayfowler @llunalila Great advice! Except I'm no longer any good in the short form. Novel writing has ruined me! #litchat #writechat #authors
agnieszkasshoes @shakieranthem Great idea #litchat
maggiedana Big GRIN! RT @kashicat: @maggiedana Oh, you naughty!! Come back here! <g> My answer wd be no. #litchat
corb21 @LexxClarke both can be appropriate at different times #litchat
George9Writer @mdbenoit2 No, not since they're genre writers. It would be nice if they contributed some cash to the Int'l Red Cross. #litchat
LexxClarke RT @corb21: @LexxClarke both can be appropriate at different times *nods vigorously #litchat
pitchparlour @LexxClarke As opposed to the complete bag of 'cats' we've had since? #litchat
whimsicalwalney @LexxClarke It's the ying & yang of things isn't it? War and peace? #litchat
VictoriaMixon Fiction is all about conflict @whimsicalwalney @mdbenoit2 helps us learn more abt humanity to investigate darker sides #litchat
shakieranthem @BenRubinstein Agreed! So it's back to the question of what peace looks like. Peaceful conflict resolution may be part of it. #litchat
LucidGlow @VictoriaMixon Haven't read that one, but I haven't read any, or know about any that is even remotely interesting #litchat
CarolyBurnsBass Hi @johnrobison. Could it be that one's duty to promote moral/peaceful behavior depends more on how you see yourself? #litchat
pitchparlour Has anyone else read Ruskin's stance on this? #litchat
George9Writer @kashicat As long as humankind has limited resources, religious differences, & financial motive for it, there will be war. #litchat
mdbenoit2 @George9Writer So only literary writers should promote world peace? Altho a lit writer who makes big bucks seems like and oxymoron #litchat
LexxClarke RT @pitchparlour: @LexxClarke As opposed to the complete bag of cats weve had since? touche #litchat
pitchparlour @agnieszkasshoes Dan, you've read a lot of Ruskin, I'm sure? #litchat
whimsicalwalney @George9Writer Is kindness to all necessary? Or just not being cruel or mean? Not the same, are they? #litchat

<p>Ilunalila @conniemayfowler you don't need to show it to anyone. Just write a short piece of anything & start novel fresh #litchat #writechat #authors</p>
<p>agnieszkasshoes @shakieranthem yr observation = like Liz Anscombe's famous injunction 2 "give up philosophy & read novels" in 1955 #litchat (virtue ethics)</p>
<p>CarolyBurnsBass Exactly! Without conflict, there is no story. @VictoriaMixon Fiction is all about conflict. #litchat</p>
<p>VictoriaMixon We talked about it earlier. @LucidGlow Haven't read that one, but I haven't read any, or know about any even remotely interesting #litchat</p>
<p>kashicat @George9Writer That's what I think too. Especially as an ex-fundamentalist myself. #litchat</p>
<p>mdbenoit2 @George9Writer As well as political agendas... #litchat</p>
<p>BenRubinstein @kashicat Yes, I do think countries can thrive without war. Look at current Scandinavian countries. #litchat</p>
<p>corb21 I tried to get the Red Cross to do a promotion/donation...portion of the proceeds-type deal with A TIME FOR SHADOWS, they said no! #litchat</p>
<p>VictoriaMixon Absolutely. @BenRubinstein @kashicat Yes, I do think countries can thrive without war. Look at current Scandinavian countries. #litchat</p>
<p>whimsicalwalney @VictoriaMixon Agreed abt fiction being abt conflict - even in its fluffiest forms, conflict exists. #litchat</p>
<p>TwinkleChar I do my best to promote peace, laughter and forgiveness within my readers.If that happens, I am meeting my goal. #litchat</p>
<p>maggiedana @BenRubinstein Too cold to find in Scandinavia. They're too busy keeping warm to pick fights. #litchat</p>
<p>LucidGlow @George9Writer @kashicat As long as there is injustice there will be war, and injustice is abundant today, everywhere. #litchat</p>
<p>George9Writer @mdbenoit2 Not *promote world peace* necessarily, or even moralizing ... but a moral conscience, respect for impact of words. #litchat</p>
<p>VictoriaMixon The US itself is an experiment in peace-50 states forced to negotiate w/each other @BenRubinstein countries can thrive without war. #litchat</p>
<p>LucidGlow War is just a symptom, not the cause. #litchat</p>
<p>maggiedana @BenRubinstein s/b ... too cold to FIGHT in Scan... #litchat</p>
<p>kashicat @BenRubinstein @VictoriaMixon Good point, about Scandinavian countries. Tho even there, there's now some grumblings #litchat</p>
<p>VictoriaMixon We read to learn how to be human, how to survive conflict. @whimsicalwalney @VictoriaMixon Agreed abt fiction being abt conflict #litchat</p>
<p>mdbenoit2 Same in Canada RT @maggiedana: @BenRubinstein Too cold to find in Scandinavia. Theyre too busy keeping warm to pick fights. #litchat</p>
<p>maggiedana Ben & Jerry have it right. Promote Whirled Piece #litchat</p>
<p>George9Writer @whimsicalwalney Kindness to as many as possible, except where it interferes with own well-being, I guess. #litchat</p>
<p>agnieszkasshoes @George9Writer based on prisoner's dilemma game, G. If opponent plays "default" x1 you STILL play cooperate #litchat</p>
<p>BenRubinstein @VictoriaMixon I'd say the UN more so. They have different native languages! #litchat</p>
<p>kashicat @BenRubinstein @VictoriaMixon I'm not pushing *for* war; just curious if it's even possible to write story ab peace w/o showing alt.#litchat</p>
<p>agnieszkasshoes @George9Writer so basically "give everyone a second cahnce no one a third" #litchat</p>
<p>whimsicalwalney @maggiedana So throw everyone in a pot and stir it up to see what we get Ben & Jerry's style? #litchat</p>
<p>VictoriaMixon War is dispensible. Conflict, however, is part of life. @LucidGlow War is just a symptom, not the cause. #litchat</p>
<p>LucidGlow @VictoriaMixon both Denmark and Norway are currently at war, with Afghanistan, of all things... after an invasion to boot. #litchat</p>
<p>kashicat @agnieszkasshoes I don't have many comp relig contacts here, but I'll see if I can mention it here & there #litchat</p>

maggiedana Worked in the US. RT @whimsicalwalney: @maggiedana So throw everyone in a pot and stir it up to see what we get Ben & Jerrys style? #litchat
George9Writer @TwinkleChar Then that's enough; as above so below. Peace and war occur at all levels, in our homes & on battlefield. #litchat
CarolyBurnsBass Conflict is born in the individual. The individual gathers a crowd. The crowd becomes an army. It doesn't have to be this way. #litchat
GLHancock If this goes on past the hour, I must bid adieu and go write my weekly message of Inspiration. I shall meditate on peace. Bye! #litchat
kashicat RT @corb21: even just wooing one or two readers can make a diff #litchat Bingo! :-)
LucidGlow @VictoriaMixon There is too little conflict in the world, too much war #litchat
VictoriaMixon How ignorant of them. LucidGlow both Denmark and Norway are currently at war, with Afghanistan... after an invasion to boot. #litchat
George9Writer @agnieszkasshoes I choose Free Will. #litchat
LexxClarke @GLHancock a bientot :o) #litchat
iscamedia @maggiedana If women ran the world, would it be a more peaceful place? (Running for cover now) #litchat > Matriarchal would work better, yes
mdbenoit2 Well, tweeples, this has been a confusing convo for me. I have to pull out, so ciao for now. #litchat
VictoriaMixon No, it doesn't. Conflict is inherent to the human condition. War is not. @CarolyBurnsBass It doesn't have to be this way. #litchat
shakieranthem So many aspects to peace besides elimination of war: equality, poverty prevention, etc - all ripe for writing about #litchat
agnieszkasshoes @kashicat can download 4 free here: http://www.smashwords.com/books/view/3308 (Life throws obstacles enough without people adding #litchat)
whimsicalwalney @maggiedana Yes, many days the blended pot in the US works while others, it just provides lots of conflict... #litchat
pitchparlour World peace is a beauty pageant concept: so long as there is money and power to be had, it won't exist. Nice ideal though. #litchat
LexxClarke @pitchparlour is striving for an ideal a lost cause then? #litchat
VictoriaMixon :) I've got plenty of conflict in MY life! You're spot-on re: war@LucidGlow There is too little conflict in the world, too much war #litchat
LucidGlow @VictoriaMixon They're a part of NATO, the most aggressive military alliance today #litchat
whimsicalwalney @George9Writer Easier 2 practice kindness than alternative, but self preservation is top of mind 4 ppl so takes a while 2 get there #litchat
kashicat RT @VictoriaMixon: Fiction is all about conflict #litchat [See, that was my point.]
LitChat We cooked up a good convo today, didn't we? Some people need to dash out, but anyone else is welcome to continue. #litchat
agnieszkasshoes @kashicat Who's the lovely chap who always talks 2 us in these chats? *feels very guilty of sieve-like brain* #litchat
VictoriaMixon We won't know til we try. Nobody thought the French & Germans wd ever stop fighting, either. @pitchparlour World peace won't exist #litchat
nolabill @pitchparlour RT World peace is a beauty pageant concept: so long as there is money and power to be had, it won't exist. #litchat
maggiedana @VictoriaMixon Or that England and France would ever be on the same side. Am still in shock over that one. #litchat
CarolyBurnsBass RT @pitchparlour: World peace is beauty pageant concept: so long as money and power to be had, it wont exist. Nice ideal though. #litchat
annie5050 RT @VictoriaMixon: Write about humanity. Stories are about humanity coping w/conflict. ~YES~merci!~ #litchat
nolabill The word "Peace" is so overused and oversold that is really without meaning anymore. #litchat
pitchparlour @LexxClarke Of course not. That's the best part about being human: knowing it's all flawed, but refusing to admit defeat. #litchat
VictoriaMixon Yes. See what we can do when we try? @maggiedana Or that England and France wd be on the same side. Still in shock over that one. #litchat
shakieranthem @LexxClarke Maybe peace is the process, not the end result. #litchat

VictoriaMixon Just one of the Big Abstractions, that's all. @nolabill The word "Peace" is so overused and oversold it is without meaning anymore #litchat
George9Writer @nolabill "Peace" relative: not as much war as there might be. Without some writers, e.g., world would be ignorant re Iraq war. #litchat
VictoriaMixon Or both. @shakieranthem @LexxClarke Maybe peace is the process, not the end result. #litchat
LitChat Thanks for giving today's topic such depth and sensibility. Be sure to come back on Friday, we're looking back at Sept. 11. #litchat
LexxClarke @shakieranthem @pitchparlour thank you for your responses, good to know that I'm not the only one! #litchat
pitchparlour RT @nolabill The word "Peace" is so overused and oversold that is really without meaning anymore. #litchat Quite.
LexxClarke RT @LitChat: Be sure to come back on Friday, were looking back at Sept. 11. *gulp* #litchat
techtigger peace would require everyone to agree about everything, all the time - not in human nature to always agree (forgot #litchat tag!)
kashicat @agnieszkasshoes Oh dear, I'm not sure who you're referring to. #litchat
Dantomato RT @nolabill: The word "Peace" is so overused and oversold that is really without meaning anymore. #litchat
VictoriaMixon :) @annie5050RT @VictoriaMixon: Write about humanity. Stories are about humanity coping w/conflict. ~YES~merci!~ #litchat
VictoriaMixon No kidding. @agnieszkasshoes Life throws obstacles enough without people adding #litchat
pitchparlour @LexxClarke I sense a Devil's advocate in our midst! #litchat
techtigger negotiation=finding least objectionable alternative, often not peace, but postponment (i will remember #litchat tag, i will, eventually! ;)
kashicat RT @George9Writer: Kindness to as many as possible, except where it interferes with own well-being, I guess.#litchat Then negotiation enters
LexxClarke @pitchparlour I shall take that as a compliment! *grin* #litchat
kashicat RT @maggiedana: Worked in the US. #litchat Except now they are 2 armed camps, ea half hating the other viciously.
kashicat @LexxClarke @pitchparlour I think one always has to strive for the ideal; I am pessimistic that it's ever reachable, tho. #litchat
George9Writer @kashicat They can *negotiate* me a 7 figure advance, while they're at the bargaining table. #litchat
kashicat RT @maggiedana: Or that England and France would ever be on the same side. Am still in shock over that one. #litchat Took 100s of yrs.
RebeccaMather @techtigger peace would require everyone to agree about everything, all the time - // Maybe everyone's definition of peace is diff #litchat
kashicat @George9Writer Oh man, I am so with you there! #litchat
RebeccaMather @techtigger #litchat because that's not what I think. Peace can mean to agree to disagree.
kashicat @techtigger I might not agree. Peace can also be "agreeing to disagree" & not fighting over those areas #litchat
VictoriaMixon Yes. It largely does. Peace means respect, not agreement. @RebeccaMather @techtigger #litchat Peace can mean to agree to disagree.
kashicat RT @VictoriaMixon: Peace means respect, not agreement. #litchat I like that way of describing it.
RebeccaMather So what is your def of respect? to agree about your own belief? #litchat
techtigger (theology question for you all :) Even in heaven a war was fought - how can man find peace if God could not? #litchat
kashicat @techtigger And that (my answer) illustrates why I think there can't be complete peace. Believers *always* want to force beliefs #litchat
RebeccaMather #litchat That in order to find peace there is conflict. And there is a God.
techtigger *lol* Yes, as we are all doing here on this topic! :) RT @kashicat: Peace can also be "agreeing to disagree" #litchat
LucidGlow The viewpoint of war and peace as opposites is just a part of the current wrong view of existence, and should be abandoned #litchat

RebeccaMather Even in heaven a war was fought - how can man find peace if God could not? theologically speaking then we would acknowledge #litchat (forgot
RebeccaMather so hard to get some thoughts across in 140 characters or less #litchat :)
kashicat @techtigger And this is where @RebeccaMather and I would cordially agree to disagree, because I respect her. :-) #litchat
LucidGlow Looking at existence as a duel, a duality between opposites is wrong, and should be abandoned, also in art #litchat
LucidGlow artists portraying the myth of duality help duping people #litchat
kashicat @RebeccaMather One of my Follows, a theologian, did a Twitter series summing up ea religion in 140 chars. Hilarious. #litchat
LexxClarke @kashicat I'd love to see those! #litchat
kashicat @LucidGlow My brother says, about non-duality, "Take someone & bash their head on wall for a while & say 'This is not "bad."'" #litchat :-)
kashicat @LexxClarke Oh dear, I've scrolled back, & I'm not sure what "Those" you're referring to. <scattered> #litchat
CarolyBurnsBass @kashicat Would love to see those religions in 140 characters. Is this on a blog anywhere? #litchat
LexxClarke RT @kashicat One of my Follows, a theologian, did a Twitter series summing up ea religion in 140 chars. Hilarious. those *those* #litchat
kashicat @CarolyBurnsBass @LexxClarke I'll see if I can at least find his Twitter pg; they should still be there. They were great! #litchat
RebeccaMather Thanks for the respect, I respect you back and agree to disagree to keep the peace as we chat about the conflict of our differences. #litchat
LexxClarke @kashicat fankoo :o) #litchat
LucidGlow I want to start a war over "the agree to disagree" horror... #litchat
LexxClarke has @maggiedana run away with the teapot again? #litchat
kashicat @LexxClarke @CarolyBurnsBass I think you guys can see my "favorites" on the regular Twitter site, right? I've just favourited them. #litchat
kashicat @LucidGlow What's the alternative? Force someone to agree w/something they don't agree with? #litchat
techtigger @kashicat @RebeccaMather: this is why twitter rocks - so many great people arguing politely on great topics :) #litchat
kashicat @LucidGlow The only sane way to deal w/fact that not everyone is a clone of ea/other is "agree to disagree" & be at peace #litchat
LucidGlow I don't respect you (insert name and/or derogatory here). I hate your guts... #litchat
kashicat @RebeccaMather :-) You're one of the goodest eggs around. #litchat
RebeccaMather @kashicat What's the alternative? Force someone to agree w/something they don't agree with? #litchat I will probably lose a lot of followers
RebeccaMather #litchat What's the alternative? Force someone to agree w/something they don't agree with? #litchat because I'm "religious" I'm often accuse
LucidGlow @kashicat Nope. that's a typical insane and civilized way of avoiding the problem #litchat
RebeccaMather of forcing beliefs on others #litchat however I am being forced now to allow books into my children's schools that I don't agree w/ #litchat
LexxClarke @kashicat aweseom, simply awesome sorry had to rectify tweepiquette #fail #litchat
RebeccaMather #litchat I want to teach my own children certain things. #litchat
RebeccaMather #litchat I don't feel that I force my beliefs on others. I share what I believe and others can accept or deny.
kashicat @RebeccaMather Not being accusatory. Just curious what you think about their desire that their kids *should* have access. #litchat
techtigger @RebeccaMather - my only problem is, books you want, others might not. What next, no books, because someone might not like them? #litchat
kashicat RT @RebeccaMather: #litchat don't feel that I force my beliefs on others. I share what I believe & others can accept or deny. [This is peace]

LucidGlow @kashicat Peace is a pipe dream. I abhor peace, I abhor war, and the hold both have on the current humanity. #litchat
kashicat @RebeccaMather My dilemma: don't know what to do ab/books. I believe in total access, but how not to cause you problems? Tough 1. #litchat
LucidGlow The peace we might have today btw is the peace of the gun and the grave. We can sleep when we are dead #litchat
RebeccaMather maybe be an adult section in a library? That way the choice is there for an adult to talk withkids #litchat (forgot the #litchat)
techtigger @RebeccaMather - and, if you force them to remove books you don't like, isn't that forcing your belief on others? #litchat
kashicat @LexxClarke Weren't they great?? :-) #litchat
pussreboots RT @techtigger: @RebeccaMather - and, if you force them to remove books you don't like, isn't that forcing your belief on others? #litchat
kashicat @techtigger This is where the dilemma comes in. Each group wants other to live by their book preferences,thinking their way is best #litchat
RebeccaMather my response didn't make it in time - not a force issue, just a different venue. Parental discussion and involvement #litchat
pussreboots @RebeccaMather And who gets to decide what is "adult"? You? I'd rather trust the librarian and not "concerned" parents. #litchat
kashicat @techtigger But in democ, civil society, something MUST be figured out so 1 side doesn't make other feel "this isn't my country"#litchat
LexxClarke stepping out now, thanks for the stimulating chat as ever :o) #litchat
kashicat My only solution to this wd be to issue kids different library cards, have those not allowed to read certain bks not allowed access.#litchat
LucidGlow In a place where they are burning books they are also burning people, and we see that, today as well #litchat
RebeccaMather Society has learned how to rate movies according to nudity, violence and "adult language. Just a suggestion. #litchat.
WestofMars @pussreboots But you have to hope the librarian shares your judgment, too. This is a sticky one. #litchat
kashicat I don't think that's a real solution, but I could never support removing the bks altogether. This cd be a sort of compromise. #litchat
techtigger I guess i just think, if child brings home book you don't like, see it as opportunity to explain why you think it's wrong to them #litchat
agnieszkasshoes Thank you to everyone for a great #litchat Will catch up with every follow etc tomorrow
LucidGlow No there should be no adult section in a library Every book should be available to all people Dangerous thoughts should be explored #litchat
WestofMars @kashicat Isn't that creating the sort of thing where a girl dates a boy she knows mom hates, just to spite her? #litchat
kashicat @RebeccaMather That's true, about the rating. And they constantly rate extreme violence with lower rating (so kids can see) #litchat
RebeccaMather I don't always agree with how movies are rated either but it's a better solution than no solution at all IMHO. #litchat
kashicat @techtigger I know of some Christian fundamentalists who do that; they read book *with* their kids & expl what's wrong w/it #litchat
kashicat @techtigger Or if they didn't actually let the child read it, they at least talked about it. #litchat
techtigger @WestofMars - oh yes, never underestimate ingenuity of children to circumvent parents rules! #litchat
RebeccaMather #litchat Education is vital and so is parental involvement. #litchat
LucidGlow The rating system for movies is just plain wrong. It is censorship and all sorts of censorship is BAD #litchat
RebeccaMather #litchat kids begging for dinner poor babies. thanks for the chat ♥
kashicat @WestofMars: That's what I was thinking. I know my mom forbidding me a book meant I wanted to read it. And always managed to. #litchat

WestofMars @techtigger Exactly! Why else did I pick up Judy Blume's Forever??? #litchat
kashicat @WestofMars On the other hand, that happens w/everything. You can't stop forbidding your kids stuff that hurts them bc of it. #litchat
kashicat RT @RebeccaMather: #litchat Education is vital and so is parental involvement. #litchat Totally agree!
LucidGlow This is just what i was talking about. is there room for respect here, for "agree to disagree"? Not in my book #litchat
pitchparlour @RebeccaMather I agree with that, but as a parent of special children you are also in a stronger position than many to supervise. #litchat
WestofMars @kashicat That's my point, Kashi. Better to be open than use that FORBID concept. #litchat
techtigger argh, must go, thanks for great discussion! #litchat
kashicat @RebeccaMather I really do hope you haven't felt attacked, & that you felt this was a respectful discussion. xoxo #litchat
LucidGlow I don't respect christians. I think christianity is a pox on mankind and all life on Earth #litchat
kashicat @WestofMars I remember how my jaw dropped when my fundie cousin found out his early teenage son had been drinking... (cont'd) #litchat
LucidGlow I hope Rebecca felt she was attacked. She should be #litchat
kashicat @WestofMars My cousin took son to barn w/a 6-pack, & made his son finish it with him. The kid got so! sick! Stayed away from it. #litchat
kashicat @LucidGlow That's a pretty natural reaction, given the fundies (of all religions) these days. Many have done great good too, tho #litchat
kashicat @LucidGlow Oh, grow up, honey. #litchat
WestofMars @kashicat Hmm. I'm not sure that's what I'd do, but ... it takes all kinds to rock the world. #litchat
kashicat @LucidGlow The world is far more complex than you're assuming. #litchat
LucidGlow @kashicat all stupid people say such things like "grow up". It's disgusting, really #litchat
kashicat @WestofMars I did feel it was...perhaps a tad extreme. <g> It did work, tho. Ha! I do hope the kid learned moderation later. #litchat
kashicat Ah, the block function is a wonderful thing. #litchat
WestofMars @kashicat My mom told the story of my uncle coming home drunk and throwing up and my grandfather saying, "Serves you right." #litchat
LucidGlow @kashicat It doesn't work here on #litchat though. We can still see each other. funny
kashicat @WestofMars Ha! I guess there are "have you learned from experience?" moments like that. #litchat
LucidGlow @kashicat I don't want to see you. you don't want to see me. We agree on something #litchat
pussreboots @WestofMars Yes but librarians require special training. I'm just some ornery parent w/ no special training. #litchat
johnrobison @CarolyBurnsBass Yes, I'm sure one's own self images plays a role in how we promote moral or peaceful behavior. #litchat
johnrobison When you think about advocating-whether it's violence or peace-you have to take what you say more seriously as yr audience grows #litchat
Friday, September 11
LitChat Here we are on September 11th. Eight years ago hate had a major victory in the US. Join us now and share with our global community. #litchat -1:02 PM Sep 11th, 2009
GLHancock Hi Gale, LitChat, all. Twitter is messed up today, huh? #litchat -1:03 PM Sep 11th, 2009
pitchparlour Taking part in #litchat, so sorry if you get a lot of my face in your feed. -1:04 PM Sep 11th, 2009
LitChat LitChat is a fan of @SusanOrlean, guest host right now in #followreader. If you want to follow both chats, use www.tweetgrid.com. #litchat -1:04 PM Sep 11th, 2009
LexxClarke I remember exactly where I was when I heard about the attacks, on a beach nr Bournemouth in the SW UK #litchat -1:05 PM Sep 11th, 2009
kashicat @LitChat TweetDeck, too, can follow both #litchat and #followreader, just so people know. -1:06 PM Sep 11th, 2009
pitchparlour Eight years? Can't believe it: that it happened, or that the time has gone so quickly. MissP, pitch doctor, historian and blogger. #litchat -1:06 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LitChat If you lived in NYC on 9/11/08, would you like to share a few tweets about your experiences? #litchat -1:06 PM Sep 11th, 2009
pitchparlour Are we still on patriotism? #litchat -1:06 PM Sep 11th, 2009
charabbott RT @kashicat: @LitChat TweetDeck, too, can follow both #litchat and #followreader, just so people know. -1:06 PM Sep 11th, 2009
LitChat What was the vibe over there in Britain right after 9/11? @LexxClarke #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 11th, 2009
jesshadd RT @kashicat: @LitChat TweetDeck, too, can follow both #litchat and #followreader, just so people know. #followreader -1:09 PM Sep 11th, 2009
LitChat @pitchparlour Yes, we're on patriotism as it relates to 9/11. #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 11th, 2009
GLHancock Are we flying the flag today? #litchat -1:10 PM Sep 11th, 2009
LexxClarke @LitChat Unbelievable shock,anger and terror but unfortunately there was also a lot of hatred #litchat -1:10 PM Sep 11th, 2009
wwwgalelaurecom was not in NYC. I was putting on my daily makeup & saw it on my bedroom TV. I will never forget! GL #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 11th, 2009
pitchparlour I was in France, with a man watching his daughter die on television. Her fiancé watched the tower fall from their apartment. #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 11th, 2009
LitChat @LexxClarke What kind of hatred? Toward the US? #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 11th, 2009
LexxClarke there was a lot of anti Muslim feeling from some quarters #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 11th, 2009
wwwgalelaurecom wonders--is there less hate today than when 9/11 happened? #litchat GL -1:14 PM Sep 11th, 2009
amyknichols @LitChat I wasn't in NY, but in my friend's welding shop. He ran out of his office to get me. We watched on his tv. Scared, sad. #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 11th, 2009
LexxClarke I was on holiday with some friends at the time one of home was vehemently of the opinion that 'bomb them all' was the answer #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 11th, 2009
LexxClarke @pitchparlour oh my goodness, how terrible! #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 11th, 2009
kashicat Was on 2 discussion forums; e/e banded together for mutual comfort. Spent about 12 hrs on forums till all our NY people checkd in. #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 11th, 2009
dragynstarre I'm so glad we were homeschooling. Husband & I hugged our son and talked about what was happening on 9/11. #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 11th, 2009
pitchparlour But this isn't a question for litchat, surely? Can't we have a proper discussion? #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 11th, 2009
kashicat NY people on our forums cd get online but not phone. Many of us called their loved ones outside NY to say they were all right. #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 11th, 2009
wwwgalelaurecom is going to have to get off for now. My computer is going wacky on twitter today. I can't see what is posted. #litchat GL -1:17 PM Sep 11th, 2009
pitchparlour @LexxClarke It was shit, but he was amazing, and handled it with more dignity than I've seen before or since. #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 11th, 2009
pussreboots @dragynstarre My children weren't born yet. #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 11th, 2009
dragynstarre Can also follow multiple chats on Seismic Desktop. #litchat #followreader -1:18 PM Sep 11th, 2009
LexxClarke There was also an overwhelming feeling of unity though, against the perps of the attacks,regardless of faith or race #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 11th, 2009
latta #litchat i was at the pentagon & other locations, prepping er beds & body bags that were never needed or able to be filled. @litchat -1:19 PM Sep 11th, 2009
bookladysblog Late to convo. I was in my freshman year of college in Chicago. Terrified we were going to be attacked next. #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 11th, 2009
LitChat Tweetchat is dropping a lot of our tweets today. So sorry. #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 11th, 2009
LexxClarke Have there been books written in the US in response to or sharing experiences of 9/11? #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 11th, 2009
LitChat I will RT as many dropped tweets as appear in my general feed. #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 11th, 2009
amyknichols @LitChat The first book I read post-9/11 that mentioned the event was Time Traveler's Wife. It shocked me. But she did it well, IMO #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 11th, 2009
kashicat @LexxClarke A friend of mine sent me link to site w/100s of photos of memorials & support msgs fr all over the world the next wk. #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 11th, 2009

SterlingKids @kashicat #litchat I was 20 blocks away. The only way I could reach my family was by e-mail. Phones were down almost immediately. -1:25 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LitChat RT @amyknichols: I wasn't in NY, but in friend's welding shop. He ran out of his office to get me. We watched on tv. Scared, sad. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 11th, 2009

bookladysblog @LexxClarke Oh god, yes. "Post 9/11" fiction is a term I'd be happy to never hear again. #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LitChat RT @rebeccawoodhead: @LitChat I was on the phone to America from England when it happened. Bad memories.n #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 11th, 2009

kashicat @SterlingKids I thought the internet cables must be underground or at least not connected to comm. near towers. #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LexxClarke @bookladysblog not a positive experience then..... #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LitChat RT @CarolyBurnsBass: @pitchparlour Your friend... the kind of human drama that never seems to vanish from our empathy. #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LitChat RT @pitchparlour: @pussreboots Good for them. #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 11th, 2009

bookladysblog @LexxClarke Some of it has been quite good (Netherland by Joseph O'Neill is one), but new "genre" is overplayed. #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LitChat RT @bookladysblog: @LexxClarke Some of it has been quite good (Netherland by Joseph O'Neill is one), but new "genre" is overplayed. #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 11th, 2009

pussreboots RT @bookladysblog: @LexxClarke Oh god, yes. "Post 9/11" fiction is a term I'd be happy to never hear again. #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LexxClarke RT @pussreboots: @LexxClarke We're still recovering from the anti Muslim sentiments. Things are not 100% rosy. #litchat Oh i know... -1:35 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LitChat Are we any closer today to understanding the reasons why people chose violent acts of terrorism? #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 11th, 2009

pussreboots @LexxClarke And it extends to any community who looks vaguely mid eastern. #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LexxClarke RT @pussreboots: And it extends to any community who looks vaguely mid eastern. || i.e. anyone not white... so scary #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 11th, 2009

kashicat @pussreboots Yep. Even here in Toronto, we had some lunatics setting fire to a SIKH temple. #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LexxClarke RT @LitChat: Are we any closer today to understanding the reasons why ppl chose violent acts of terrorism? | worryingly I think not #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LexxClarke I'd like to ask a Q not directly related to 9/11 if I may? #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LitChat @LexxClarke Send it to me w/out hashtag and I'll look at it. Sound okay? #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LexxClarke @LitChat no problem #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 11th, 2009

nicolamorgan @bookladysblog my daughter at uni had to do a whole module on 9/11 literature last term - I didn't no there was a genre till then #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LitChat @LexxClarke Excellent question. I will definitely post, as it figures around terrorism, which was the thrust of 9/11. #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 11th, 2009

bookladysblog @nicolamorgan Do you know what they read? Would be very interested in seeing assigned reading for that class. #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LitChat Q fm @LexxClarke: I was wondering if those in the US perhaps understood better how the UK felt during the IRA bombings after 9/11? #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LexxClarke @LitChat Many thanks #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 11th, 2009

kashicat @pussreboots Oh, how horrible and sad. :(#litchat -1:51 PM Sep 11th, 2009

pitchparlour @nicolamorgan I can't believe there is. What purpose does it serve? #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 11th, 2009

bookladysblog @lexxclarke After this much time, maybe. In the moment (and for a while after), all we could think about was ourselves. #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 11th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass When I toured Belfast in June, I asked my guide about this. He said the US reaction to terrorism at home helped Irish peace. #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LexxClarke @bookladysblog that's completely understandable, I'm sure that those directly involved in an IRA incident did the same #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 11th, 2009

amyknichols @LitChat re: Q fm @LexxClarke Yes, but I also had experienced a couple bomb scares while in the UK before 9/11. #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 11th, 2009

bookladysblog @LexxClarke Think it's the nature of tragedy like that. You become self-centered by necessity. #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 11th, 2009

amyknichols @bookladysblog Doesn't Safron Foer's Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close deal with 9/11? (I haven't read it.) #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LexxClarke @bookladysblog I think that is the only way to cope in the initial aftermath of such a tragedy #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 11th, 2009

bookladysblog @LexxClarke I agree. I wish it would give us better perspective/understanding, but very few take time to think of that. #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 11th, 2009

amyknichols @LitChat Oops, kiddo is up early from his nap. Have to run. Thanks for the #litchat. Nice to connect w/others on this topic. -2:00 PM Sep 11th, 2009

pitchparlour @nicolamorgan It was dreadful, but a thousands people die every a year in grim disasters. World Wars were different. Millions. #litchat -2:01 PM Sep 11th, 2009

CarolynBass @LexxClarke The Belfast guide was a loyalist, he hid it well during the tour, but confessed his convictions afterward. #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 11th, 2009

christopheleroy @LitChat. terrorism is old and has been well studied. news outlet don't tell you that though #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 11th, 2009

CarolynBass @kashicat According to 2nd guide, much money for IRA came from Irish NYers. Many who had funded IRA felt real pain of terrorism. #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 11th, 2009

maggiedana Jumping in late. Nobody in US (except for those in Pearl Harbor) what it's like to be bombed, all the time. #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 11th, 2009

kashicat @CarolynBass Oh wow. I hadn't even thought of that angle. I guess...a sort of silver lining, in a horrifying way, then. #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LexxClarke @CarolyBurnsBass difficult position to be in but much respect to him for not making it obvious during the tour #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 11th, 2009

CDominiqueG I'm late again :-(#litchat -2:06 PM Sep 11th, 2009

CarolynBass @SterlingKids My tour of Belfast was the most powerful part of trip to Ireland. I am still percolating my story. Very hard. #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LexxClarke @maggiedana hey there!! :o) #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 11th, 2009

CDominiqueG @maggiedana or the those that immigrated from countries like Lebanon, Somalia etc. #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LexxClarke @CDominiqueG late but very welcome :o) #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 11th, 2009

maggiedana Yes. RT @CDominiqueG: @maggiedana or those that immigrated from countries like Lebanon, Somalia etc. #litchat -2:08 PM Sep 11th, 2009

kashicat Did manage to sneak into #litchat a bit today, but must dash now. Have a good evening! -2:08 PM Sep 11th, 2009

maggiedana The US mainland came through WW II unscathed in terms of direct hits. Has no idea what it was like for civilians in Europe. #litchat -2:09 PM Sep 11th, 2009

CDominiqueG @maggiedana I hav soror.sis.who immigrated from Lebanon as a child. She shared some stories with us that would bring u to ur knees #litchat -2:09 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LitChat Many thanks to everyone who joined us today for LitChat. Do let the convo continue as you wish. #litchat -2:09 PM Sep 11th, 2009

CDominiqueG I also have a friend, A Lost Boy of Sudan,he brought us pictures of the camp US soldiers retrieved him from... so sad #litchat -2:10 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LexxClarke @kashicat you too!! #litchat -2:11 PM Sep 11th, 2009

CDominiqueG @LexxClarke thanks Tweet Boss Lexxy :) #litchat -2:11 PM Sep 11th, 2009

LexxClarke @CDominiqueG When I was a little boy, a new girl joined my class, she and her family had fled from Armenia.sim. to what you desc #litchat -2:13 PM Sep 11th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @charabbott Have @LuciaOrth search #litchat this week, she was a hot topic of discussion on Wednesday, especially. #followreader -2:15 PM Sep 11th, 2009