



## LitChat September 25

Topic of the Week: THE CREATIVE BATTLEGROUND

With Guest Host Steven Pressfield (@SPressfield)

### FRIDAY Guest Host@SPressfield (Steven Pressfield, author)

LitChat Welcome to LitChat with guest host, author Steven Pressfield, who is joining us from sunny LA. #litchat -1:00 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @LitChat Hi, Carolyn, I'm here in roasting L.A. #Litchat -1:01 PM Sep 25th, 2009

LitChat Steven Pressfield (@SPressfield) is author of THE WAR OF ART, a guide to winning creative battles. #litchat -1:02 PM Sep 25th, 2009

GLHancock \*waves at Steven\* Hi! I'm just down the road in San Diego! Welcome to #litchat -1:02 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser Heading now = tweets flood. RT @LitChat: Welcome to LitChat with guest host, author Steven Pressfield, who is joining us from LA. #litchat -1:02 PM Sep 25th, 2009

webook RT @LitChat Join us in 5 minutes with guest host, author and writing guru @SPressfield. Go to <http://bit.ly/d0BWh>, enter #litchat. -1:02 PM Sep 25th, 2009

George9Writer NEW BLOG POST "Full Stop! Punctuation Police!" <http://tinyurl.com/krrhtk> #litchat #writechat #writing #editing #punctuation -1:03 PM Sep 25th, 2009

kashicat To myk contacts: I'm heading into #litchat, so put me into twittersnooze.com if you don't want a flood of book-related tweets. Or join in! -1:03 PM Sep 25th, 2009

LitChat Steven is also the author of the NYT bestselling THE LEGEND OF BAGGER VANCE and several other novels. #litchat -1:04 PM Sep 25th, 2009

ficwriter @SPressfield I'm in a hot LA! But Louisiana! #LitChat -1:04 PM Sep 25th, 2009

corb21 hi #litchat! I'ma try to be here some...crazy day, I'm all over the place (what's new?) -1:04 PM Sep 25th, 2009

kashicat RT @LitChat: Welcome to LitChat with guest host, author Steven Pressfield, who is joining us from sunny LA. #litchat -1:04 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @ficwriter LA + Los Angeles. Questions, anybody? #Litchat -1:05 PM Sep 25th, 2009

CDominiqueG Hey everyone! #litchat -1:05 PM Sep 25th, 2009

LitChat @SPressfield Welcome! Please tell us a bit about your background and how you became a writer. #litchat -1:05 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mdbenoit2 Hi, I'm here in chilly Ottawa, Canada. Can I have some of your heat, @SPressfield? #litchat -1:05 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @LitChat That's hard in 131 characters. Had no choice really, would've failed miserably at anything else. #Litchat -1:06 PM Sep 25th, 2009

ficwriter RT @kashicat RT @LitChat: Welcome to LitChat with guest host, author Steven Pressfield, who is joining us from sunny LA. #litchat -1:06 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @LitChat Actually started in ad biz in NYC, moved to LA for movies, lots of weird jobs, finally finally broke through ... #Litchat -1:07 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mdbenoit2 Was the title of you book, The War of Art a play on Sun Tzu's Art of War? #litchat -1:07 PM Sep 25th, 2009

LitChat @SPressfield Everything's hard in 131 characters. Great exercise on succinct thoughts and precise word-choices. #litchat -1:07 PM Sep 25th, 2009

bestofchat RT @mdbenoit2 Was the title of you book, The War of Art a play on Sun Tzu's Art of War? #litchat <http://bit.ly/XKF8m> -1:07 PM Sep 25th, 2009

bestofchat RT @mdbenoit2 Hi, I'm here in chilly Ottawa, Canada. Can I have some of your heat, @SPressfield? #litchat <http://bit.ly/16pdwc> -1:08 PM Sep 25th, 2009

bestofchat RT @LitChat @SPressfield Welcome! Please tell us a bit about your background and how you became a writer. #litchat <http://bit.ly/HKiWG> -1:08 PM Sep 25th, 2009

bestofchat RT @CDominiqueG Hey everyone! #litchat <http://bit.ly/V1Rz8> -1:08 PM Sep 25th, 2009

bestofchat RT @SPressfield @ficwriter LA + Los Angeles. Questions, anybody? #Litchat <http://bit.ly/1Nwkhd> -1:08 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @mdbenoit2 Indeed, it was my wonderful publisher Shawn Coyne's idea. My original title was The Writer's Life. #Litchat -1:08 PM Sep 25th, 2009

bestofchat RT @ficwriter @SPressfield I'm in a hot LA! But Louisiana! #LitChat <http://bit.ly/U93kN> -1:08 PM Sep 25th, 2009

bestofchat RT @kashicat To myk contacts: I'm heading into #litchat, so put me into twittersnooze.com if you don't want a flood... <http://bit.ly/161Qck> -1:08 PM Sep 25th, 2009

bestofchat RT @George9Writer NEW BLOG POST "Full Stop! Punctuation Police!" <http://tinyurl.com/krrhtk> #litchat #writchat #wri... <http://bit.ly/OBjm2> -1:08 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mdbenoit2 @SPressfield Much more catchy :) #litchat -1:08 PM Sep 25th, 2009

webook @spressfield what is your #1 piece of advice for aspiring authors? #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 25th, 2009

corb21 RT @LitChat: @SPressfield Everything's hard in 131 characters. Great exercise on succinct thoughts and precise word-choices. #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @webook Keep writing and don't let anybody or anything stop you -- particularly inner doubts, fears and self-sabotage. #LitChat -1:09 PM Sep 25th, 2009

kashicat @mdbenoit2 I was wondering the same thing about Sun Tzu #litchat -1:10 PM Sep 25th, 2009

corb21 @LitChat @spressfield oooo Bagger Vance! Good stuff! #litchat -1:10 PM Sep 25th, 2009

joblessmuse Love what you say about turning pro. How did you learn to think like an entrepreneur about your writing? #LitChat -1:11 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mciddangelo Hey everyone! #litchat be on, babies! -1:11 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mdbenoit2 @kashicat I actually read portions of it in my twenties. #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 25th, 2009

LitChat THE WAR OF ART names Resistance as an enemy to creative endeavor. Why is Resistance such a pest against productivity? #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 25th, 2009

GLHancock RT @SPressfield: Keep writing and don't let anybody or anything stop you -- particularly inner doubts, fears and self-sabotage. #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 25th, 2009

ficwriter How do you like twitter? Do you enjoy connecting to readers and writers in this format? #litchat -1:12 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @joblessmuse Hi, Barbara. Writing is entrepreneurship in that you don't expect payment until you've "created value" for others #LitChat -1:12 PM Sep 25th, 2009

MassDaddy @spressfield: do you write linearly or create the scenes you know have to happen and build around them? #litchat -1:12 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @joblessmuse Also the writer, like the biz man, has to self-motivate and self-validate. #LitChat -1:12 PM Sep 25th, 2009

cafenirvana RT @SPressfield: Keep writing and don't let anybody or anything stop you -- particularly inner doubts, fears and self-sabotage. #litchat -1:12 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield #LitChat is my first Twitter Chat. Answering questions/tweeting for the next hour, from 4-5 pm ET. Join in! -1:13 PM Sep 25th, 2009

julichilliard RT @SPressfield Keep writing and don't let anybody or anything stop you -- particularly inner doubts, fears and self-sabotage. #LitChat -1:13 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @LitChat More than a pest, a total Alien Destructor, as anyone who has stared at a blank page knows only too well! #LitChat -1:13 PM Sep 25th, 2009

webook @spressfield #litchat well said. -1:13 PM Sep 25th, 2009

GLHancock RT @SPressfield: Also the writer, like the biz man, has to self-motivate and self-validate. #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 25th, 2009

LitChat RT @julichilliard: I'm finishing ms in cpl of days. Will take 1-2 weeks off B4 editing/revising, then query. Any advice 4 editing? #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @MassDaddy I do both. Mainly the scenes "present themselves" as if they want to be in there. #LitChat -1:14 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mdbenoit2 @SPressfield What do you mean by resistance? Resistance to writing? #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser RT @SPressfield @joblessmuse Writing is entrepreneurship in that you don't expect payment until you've "created value"; for others #LitChat -1:14 PM Sep 25th, 2009

kashicat @SPressfield Do you think there's any conflict between writing and "creating value" for others and creating art from your soul? #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser RT @SPressfield @joblessmuse Also the writer, like the biz man, has to self-motivate and self-validate. #LitChat -1:14 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @LitChat Enjoy it! It beats writing the first time. Seriously, be relentless and keep your mind in the place of the reader. #LitChat -1:15 PM Sep 25th, 2009

kashicat @mdbenoit2 I've got a boxed set of "Art of War" flash cards. <g> I believe I read the book too, when I was younger #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 25th, 2009

corb21 YES! RT @SPressfield @joblessmuse Writing is entrepreneurship that you don't expect payment until you've created value for others #Litchat -1:15 PM Sep 25th, 2009

BenDawe WRITER? RT @mariblaser: RT @SPressfield @joblessmuse Writing is entrepreneurship - no payment until you've created value #litchat #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 25th, 2009

corb21 RT @GLHancock: RT @SPressfield: Also the writer, like the biz man, has to self-motivate and self-validate. #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 25th, 2009

ficwriter RT @SPressfield Enjoy it! It beats writing the first time. Seriously, be relentless and keep your mind in the place of the reader. #Litchat -1:16 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @kashicat Flash cards? Why didn't I think of that? Are you sure we're talking about the same book? #LitChat -1:16 PM Sep 25th, 2009

GLHancock @kashicat Do you mean "War of Art"? #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 25th, 2009

CDominiqueG Does anyone have any suggestions of good books on human trafficking? #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 25th, 2009

heidi2524 RT @SPressfield #LitChat is my first Twitter Chat. Answering questions/tweeting for the next hour, from 4-5 pm ET. Join in! -1:17 PM Sep 25th, 2009

kashicat @SPressfield But I'm still curious if you find any conflict between authorial entrepreneurship and staying true to your art #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 25th, 2009

Lindsay\_Powell RT @SPressfield #LitChat is my first Twitter Chat. Answering questions/tweeting for the next hour, from 4-5 pm ET. Join in! -1:18 PM Sep 25th, 2009

BenDawe @SPressfield That was a great quote about not expecting payment until you have created value. What's your number #1 value-creator? #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 25th, 2009

GLHancock @CDominiqueG Fiction or nonfiction? #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mciddangelo Is there a way we can regulate our questions to Mr. Pressfield so that he is not bludgeoned? #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser @SPressfield I like your concern on informing the soldiers on were they're going to fight. #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser @SPressfield How has your marine experience influenced your writing? #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @kashicat Good question: I try to stay in the area that covers both. Like two circles overlapping, there's a space common to both. #LitChat -1:19 PM Sep 25th, 2009

MassDaddy #litchat Re: Art of War flash cards - Makes sense really, the whole book has been turned into a series of business sound bites. Shame. -1:19 PM Sep 25th, 2009

julichilliard @SPressfield Thank you! Fla's weather should be less sweaty soon, and I'm going to enjoy editing outside -- on the beach, etc. #Litchat -1:19 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @mariblaser It taught me how to be miserable -- a crucial skill for a writer. Seriously, not to complain but keep doing it. #LitChat -1:20 PM Sep 25th, 2009

LitChat PSA: Let's keep topic on questions to @SPressfield during this hour of LitChat. Pitches and general chatter can follow. Thanks! #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 25th, 2009

joblessmuse RT @SPressfield Hi, Barbara. Writing is entrepreneurship in that you don't expect payment until you've "created value" for others #Litchat -1:20 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mdbenoit2 @julichilliard While we're thinking we'll take out the woolies soon... #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 25th, 2009

BenDawe @mariblaser Yep. How fast is this #litchat? -1:21 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser @mciddangelo @SPressfield Mentions can be controlled easily on @TweetDeck application. #Litchat -1:21 PM Sep 25th, 2009

LitChat @mciddangelo Unfortunately Twitter doesn't have sophisticated sorting tools. If you have questions, begin with @SPressfield. #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 25th, 2009

Lindsay\_Powell How do you structure your working day? @SPressfield #LitChat -1:22 PM Sep 25th, 2009

julichilliard RT @SPressfield Writing is entrepreneurship in that you don't expect payment until you've "created value" for others #Litchat -1:22 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mmj5170 RT @mdbenoit2: @SPressfield What do you mean by resistance? Resistance to writing? #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 25th, 2009

BenDawe @SPressfield Hi there. Whats your number #1 value-creator? #litchat #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @Lindsay\_Powell Just like a job: four hours, usually in the AM. #LitChat -1:23 PM Sep 25th, 2009

joblessmuse What's your process for researching your historical novels? #LitChat -1:23 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser @SPressfield Agree. We must have tough life experiences to be able to relate with the characters miseries. Generates better stories. #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @mmj5170 Resistance is that negative force that tries to stop us from doing what we know we should--write, work out, etc. #LitChat -1:23 PM Sep 25th, 2009

MassDaddy @SPressfield What pitfalls did you encounter on your road to being published would you warn those behind you of? #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @joblessmuse I write 'em first, then do the research. #LitChat -1:24 PM Sep 25th, 2009

ficwriter SPressfield [marines] taught me how to be miserable -- a crucial skill for a writer. Seriously, not to complain but keep doing it. #LitChat -1:24 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser @BenDawe Pretty fast. Keep it up! ;) #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 25th, 2009

julichilliard RT @SPressfield Resistance is that negative force that tries to stop us from doing what we know we should--write, work out, etc. #LitChat -1:24 PM Sep 25th, 2009

LitChat @SPressfield Recognizing Resistance as the negative force, can you identify what is the positive force? #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @mariblaser I mean the misery that can come with a long, hard project. Keeping up the enthusiasm and level of effort. #LitChat -1:25 PM Sep 25th, 2009

kashicat RT @SPressfield: @joblessmuse I write 'em first, then do the research. #litChat [I love this!] -1:25 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mciddangelo @SPressfield @Lindsay\_Powell Just like a job: four hours, usually in the AM. #LitChat <this is how I approach it> -1:25 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mdbenoit2 @SPressfield What creates resistance? self-doubt? laziness? #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 25th, 2009

Lindsay\_Powell @SPressfield #LitChat RT @joblessmuse That's a great approach - frees creativity, then nitpick with the fact checking: I must do that. -1:25 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @MassDaddy Perseverance and self-belief are the keys. No substitute for finding what you REALLY love and sticking to it relentlessly #LitChat -1:26 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser Ditto. ;) RT @LitChat: @SPressfield Recognizing Resistance as the negative force, can you identify what is the positive force? #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @joblessmuse Here's a link to a Writing Wednesday's piece that I wrote about research <http://tinyurl.com/p7k6w3> #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @mdbenoit2 I think it's in the Little Ego, that resists the move to the Big Self that we all do when we're really working fm th hrt #LitChat -1:26 PM Sep 25th, 2009

BenDawe @SPressfield You answered my question indirectly - demonstrating value is focussing on your audience's needs. #litchat #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @mariblaser I believe in the Muse and all sorts of unquantifiable but real "allies" that appear--ideas, new friends, \$. #LitChat -1:27 PM Sep 25th, 2009

kashicat @SPressfield Of course you know that you're going to have to define "the Big Self" for us now, right? ;-) #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 25th, 2009

ficwriter RT @SPressfield @joblessmuse Here's a link to a Writing Wednesday's piece that I wrote about research <http://tinyurl.com/p7k6w3> #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @BenDawe Ben, I don't mean catering to an audience or pandering. Doing what feels great to us will feel great to others. #LitChat -1:28 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mdbenoit2 @SPressfield Would fear be also part of resistance? (of makg a fool of yrself, or failure, of not being good enoug, etc.) #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 25th, 2009

julichilliard RT @SPressfield Here's a link to a Writing Wednesday's piece that I wrote about research <http://tinyurl.com/p7k6w3> #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser @SPressfield I relate completely with your view. May I add the infamous positive thinking to the list? #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @mdbenoit2 Absolutely. Resistance takes form as fear. Overcoming Resistance is primarily overcoming fear. #LitChat -1:30 PM Sep 25th, 2009

kashicat RT @SPressfield: I don't mean catering to an audience or pandering. Doing what feels great to us will feel great to others. #LitChat -1:30 PM Sep 25th, 2009

MassDaddy @SPressfield if you could have written one existing book not of your own, what would it be? #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mciddangelo Author Steven Pressfield @spressfield is on #litchat ! -1:30 PM Sep 25th, 2009

BenDawe @SPressfield OK, so finding the "feels great" factor in a writing voice is a great start? #litchat #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 25th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @SPressfield Did/do you ever get story ideas that feel bigger than your ability to scribe? If so, did you/how did you triumph? #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 25th, 2009
Lindsay_Powell @SPressfield #LitChat What other periods of history or events fascinate you? -1:31 PM Sep 25th, 2009
mariblaser RT @SPressfield: I don't mean catering to an audience or pandering. Doing what feels great to us will feel great to others. #LitChat -1:31 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @MassDaddy Either "The Sun Also Rises" or Walker Percy's "The Moviegoer." Excellent question! #Litchat -1:31 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @CarolyBurnsBass Yes. And the amazing truth is you can do it. We can write characters that are smarter than we are. #Litchat -1:32 PM Sep 25th, 2009
mojo55 @SPressfield Resistance deflates many of my "ideas." How do you recognize the genuinely good ones? #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @Lindsay_Powell Most of my stuff is set in ancient Greece, but my newest is WWII. I love history of all periods. #Litchat -1:32 PM Sep 25th, 2009
mciddangelo @SPressfield What inspired you to write "The Legend of Bagger Vance"? #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 25th, 2009
mariblaser @SPressfield I'm curious on the "The Big Self" definition too. #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @mojo55 I don't know about "good," but my rule of thumb is: Whatever scares me most ... do it. #Litchat -1:33 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @mdbenoit2 "Showing Up" is a good way to overcome fear. See <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y9au8sa">http://tinyurl.com/y9au8sa</a> #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 25th, 2009
kashicat @SPressfield In writing characters smarter than we are, I picture writers hanging on by their fingernails, heh. #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 25th, 2009
George9Writer @SPressfield Welcome to #litchat! Who is your favorite author, for your own personal reading? -1:33 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @mciddangelo I ripped off the Bhagavad-Gita, with the warrior Arjuna receiving spiritual counsel from his charioteer. #Litchat -1:34 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @kashicat No, it's tapping into that Big Self and trusting it. #Litchat -1:34 PM Sep 25th, 2009
Lindsay_Powell @SPressfield #Litchat I was just wondering if your recent blogs hinted at a novel set in one of the contemporary military campaigns. -1:35 PM Sep 25th, 2009
CDominiqueG @SPressfield if there was one writer that has gone before us that you could meet, who would it be and why? #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 25th, 2009
mdbenoit2 Love that. RT @SPressfield: @mdbenoit2 "Showing Up" is a good way to overcome fear. See <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y9au8sa">http://tinyurl.com/y9au8sa</a> #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @George9Writer I love Walker Percy. #Litchat -1:35 PM Sep 25th, 2009
mciddangelo @SPressfield heheheh. I'm glad I'm not the only one who dies that! ;-) #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @Lindsay_Powell Very astute, Lindsay! My next is a war story set "fifteen minutes into the future." #Litchat -1:36 PM Sep 25th, 2009
BenDawe RT @SPressfield: @mdbenoit2 "Showing Up" is a good way to overcome fear. See <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y9au8sa">http://tinyurl.com/y9au8sa</a> #writing #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 25th, 2009
deberryandgrant RT @SPressfield: @mdbenoit2 "Showing Up" is a good way to overcome fear. See <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y9au8sa">http://tinyurl.com/y9au8sa</a> #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 25th, 2009
mdbenoit2 @SPressfield What is the Big Self? The Superego? The reasonable adult? #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @CDominiqueG Thucydides or Plato, my all-time faves. #Litchat -1:36 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @BenDawe This is a piece I wrote, titled "The Most Important Lesson I ever Learned" <a href="http://tinyurl.com/mzrxgc">http://tinyurl.com/mzrxgc</a> Might answer your Q. #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 25th, 2009
ficwriter RT @SPressfield @George9Writer I love Walker Percy. #Litchat -1:36 PM Sep 25th, 2009
LydiaBreakfast @SPressfield Agree about "showing up" however, how to stay focused when the demon is still whispering? #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 25th, 2009
CDominiqueG @GLHancock non fiction #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 25th, 2009
Lindsay_Powell @SPressfield #Litchat Hear, hear! Maybe Tacitus or Suetonius, too? -1:37 PM Sep 25th, 2009
BenDawe @SPressfield Great, thanks Steven. Liking your blog... <a href="http://tinyurl.com/mzrxgc">http://tinyurl.com/mzrxgc</a> #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @LydiaBreakfast Going deep is the only way, at least to me. Losing yourself in it. #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 25th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Fascinating. RT @SPressfield: ... My next is a war story set "fifteen minutes into the future." #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 25th, 2009
Lindsay_Powell "Very astute, Lindsay! My next is a war story set "fifteen minutes into the future." #litchat RT @SPressfield -1:38 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @Lindsay_Powell Ah, the Romans. They're next! #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 25th, 2009
CDominiqueG @SPressfield I'd love to meet Plato too, but for a completely different reason all together #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 25th, 2009
kashicat @SPressfield So, how do you "go deep"? Do you meditate? Read so much about your topic you're not thinking of anything else? #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @LydiaBreakfast You have to make the choice to lose yourself in it. Read "The Nature of Epiphanies" <a href="http://tinyurl.com/nfq17h">http://tinyurl.com/nfq17h</a> #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 25th, 2009
LydiaBreakfast @SPressfield Is that how you overcame your earlier not-so-successful attempts? #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 25th, 2009
mariblasier @SPressfield As an unpub author and beginner, I feel difficulty to write the long proj, and skip to the shorts. Any advice on that? #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 25th, 2009
mariblasier RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Fascinating. RT @SPressfield: ... My next is a war story set "fifteen minutes into the future." #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 25th, 2009
Lindsay_Powell @SPressfield SPRESSFIELD #LitChat Losing oneself in one's work is called 'flow' by author Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi (howzat for a name!) -1:40 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @kashicat Like anything we might do, at the gym, in real life. Commit full attention. Focus and concentration. Cliche but true. #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 25th, 2009
MassDaddy @SPressfield do you write better in a vacuum or with some ambient sound? #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @BenDawe Thanks. Blog should be easier to navigate now. Had it reorganized, and relaunched today. #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 25th, 2009
mciddangelo @SPressfield Do you have nay comments on how the state of the publishing industry is these days? #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @mariblasier Long is better for us, I think. Short stuff leaves us scattered. Answer this truly: Are you afraid to "go long?" #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @MassDaddy I'm a vacuum guy. #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 25th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim RT @SPressfield @CarolyBurnsBass And the amazing truth is you can do it. We can write characters that are smarter than we are. #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @mciddangelo It's tough everywhere. Incumbent on writers today to do almost everything themselves--write, promote, etc. #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 25th, 2009
LitChat Here's the direct link to @SPressfield's "Writing Wednesdays" section on his website: <a href="http://bit.ly/2m44YV">http://bit.ly/2m44YV</a> #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 25th, 2009
Lindsay_Powell @SPressfield #LitChat I certainly hope so (Romans are my time period), so many stories to tell. -1:43 PM Sep 25th, 2009
mariblasier @SPressfield I think I'll keep the answer to myself (to reflect upon). But thanks for the thought. An important one. #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 25th, 2009
TomYHowe @SPressfield Going long is the grind of writing. Twitter is a snap, which I think is why I do it waaay too much. #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 25th, 2009
ficwriter RT @LitChat Here's the direct link to @SPressfield's "Writing Wednesdays" section on his website: <a href="http://bit.ly/2m44YV">http://bit.ly/2m44YV</a> #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @mariblasier I find that long projects make me settle in in a good way. They're soul-nourishing. I recommend them. #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 25th, 2009
Lindsay_Powell @SPressfield #LitChat what role do you see for literary agents going forward? Do you have one? -1:44 PM Sep 25th, 2009
SPressfield @TomYHowe Tweeting is good discipline, but long projects really teach you who you are. They build up focus and strength. #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 25th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim @SPressfield The concept of "going long" connected to "commit full attention/focus, concentrate" is critical. Thank you for that. #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 25th, 2009
mdbenoit2 RT @SPressfield I find that long projects make me settle in in a good way. They're soul-nourishing. I recommend them. #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @Lindsay\_Powell They're even more important today. I have a great one: Sterling Lord. I'm a big partisan for agents. #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser @SPressfield I see your point. Maybe the challenge of a first long \*is\*scaring me a bit. I'm having so much fun with the short ones!#litchat -1:46 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @Eugenia\_Kim You're right, Eugenia. Depth of work and continuity of commitment: the Muse likes these. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser RT @LitChat Here's the direct link to @SPressfield's "Writing Wednesdays" section on his website: <http://bit.ly/2m44YV> #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 25th, 2009

kashicat @SPressfield Thanks for the comments on longer projects. I almost always go long as well. I get kind of jittery with short pieces. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 25th, 2009

George9Writer @SPressfield From what I gather, I admire your realism, and your work ethic. Writers have to get tough and buckle down. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 25th, 2009

Lindsay\_Powell @SPressfield #LitChat But for aspiring writers, they can represent another barrier to being published. For mine (non-fiction) I went direct. -1:47 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mojo55 @SPressfield How to separate/sift legit ideas from all the self trash talk that rarely seems to stop? #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @Eugenia\_Kim A little more on what the Muse likes: <http://tinyurl.com/qn8f6y> #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mikebilleter Bummed that I'm missing #LitChat with @SPressfield right now, even if it is for a good meeting. Check it out though, everyone else. -1:48 PM Sep 25th, 2009

AlexCampion @Lindsay\_Powell Literary agents are bound to increase in importance as the industry shifts to electronic transmission. #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 25th, 2009

TomYHowe @SPressfield Hard to build much resistance to 140 chars, but it comes down like a ton of bricks on long projects. #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @Lindsay\_Powell That's true. Sometimes it's harder getting an agent than finding a publisher. Congrats to you, Lindsay! #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 25th, 2009

artisstu @mciddangelo Salman Rushdie said essentially the same thing (like a job) in this interview <http://bit.ly/3uHcOy> #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @TomYHowe All the more reason to whip that sucker's butt. #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 25th, 2009

AlexCampion @Lindsay\_Powell Most Continental countries in Europe don't have agents. It's easier to get published but harder to make a living. #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 25th, 2009

TomYHowe @George9Writer George, have you checked out The War of Art? Talk about great work ethic, and common sense writing advice! #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 25th, 2009

BenDawe MASTERCLASS No one wants to read your stuff? @SPressfield #litchat <http://bit.ly/fWBUB> -1:51 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mciddangelo @SPressfield How illuminating your words are, Mr. Pressfield. I for one am glad for candidacy. #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 25th, 2009

Eugenia\_Kim @SPressfield Love this: The sin of pride. "The Muse also demands humility." #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 25th, 2009

CDominiqueG @SPressfield Is there any particular part of the writing process that you dont like? #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 25th, 2009

George9Writer @TomYHowe Not yet Tom, but I will. #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 25th, 2009

TomYHowe @SPressfield I have zero resistance to writing a beautiful sentence, and massive resistance to creating a readable plot. #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 25th, 2009

CDominiqueG @GLHancock thank you for wanting to help #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 25th, 2009

Lindsay\_Powell @SPressfield #LitChat You are very kind. I appreciate the compliment :-)-1:53 PM Sep 25th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @SPressfield In TWA, you say a professional dedicates himself to mastering craft. What is most important element of craft? #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mdbenoit2 @SPressfield Must go, unfortunately. Tx for great advice. Looking forward to reading War of Art, on reserve frm library. #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @TomYHowe Tom, that goes to show you that you should focus there and break that Resistance. Trust me, it's fun. #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser Most valuable advice for #writers! RT @SPressfield: @Eugenia\_Kim A little more on what the Muse likes: <http://tinyurl.com/qn8f6y> #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @mdbenoit2 Oh, writers hate that word "library!" It means no sales. But I hope you read it anyway. Yr \$ back if u dont like it. #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 25th, 2009

kashicat @SPressfield I'm astonished that writers would hate the word "library." I've bought SOOO many bks bc I loved them as library bks. #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @CarolyBurnsBass The technical aspects (plot, characters, etc.) But most important is just sitting down every day and doing it. #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 25th, 2009

CDominiqueG @kashicat what's wrong with the library? Im a broke college student, I cant afford to buy every book I want #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 25th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @mdbenoit2 Spring for your own copy of the book. I keep mine next to my desk and refer to it when I need a kick in the butt. #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 25th, 2009

joblessmuse Loved this from your blog: "There's tremendous power in putting your ass where your heart wants to go." Been quoting wildly. #LitChat -1:57 PM Sep 25th, 2009

corb21 Pubs too! RT @SPressfield: @mdbenoit2 Oh, writers hate that word "library!" It means no sales. #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 25th, 2009

kashicat @CDominiqueG I was responding to @SPressfield's remark that writers think of libraries as "no sales." My exper has been opposite #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @CarolyBurnsBass A little more on bring a professional: <http://tinyurl.com/mm34qc> #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 25th, 2009

deberryandgrant @kashicat And we writers understand that libraries have to buy the books they lend-but a 1 on 1 sale is much more encouraging! #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 25th, 2009

corb21 RT @joblessmuse: Loved this from your blog: "There's tremendous power in putting your ass where your heart wants to go." #LitChat -1:58 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mciddangelo RT @SPressfield writers hate that word "library!" means no sales. Yr \$ back if u dont like it. #litchat <but we love it, we unemplvble ones> -1:58 PM Sep 25th, 2009

deberryandgrant Most valuable advice for #writers! RT @SPressfield: @Eugenia\_Kim A little more on what the Muse likes: <http://tinyurl.com/qn8f6v> #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 25th, 2009

George9Writer RT @SPressfield: ... technical aspects (plot, characters, etc.) But most important is just sitting down every day and doing it. #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 25th, 2009

TomYHowe @SPressfield It took me 20 years to write first nov and it still sucks. Way o-written. More about words than story. Poetry, oh yay. #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 25th, 2009

BenteGallagher Not me. I love libraries! RT @corb21: Pubs too! @SPressfield: @mdbenoit2 Oh, writers hate that word 'library': It means no sales. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser library = lots of research resources RT @SPressfield: @mdbenoit2 Oh, writers hate that word "library!"; It means no sales. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 25th, 2009

Melwyk Librarians also hand "sell" many books -- leading to individual sales in bookstores afterward #litchat #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 25th, 2009

GLHancock @SPressfield: So how do you feel about writers who "give away" novels online? #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 25th, 2009

kashicat @deberryandgrant So you feel libr's take away sales 2? For most people I know, libr's CAUSE sales of bks they like. I'm surprised. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield Hey, thanks, everybody ... gotta sign off now. This was fun. Hope it helped a little. Excellent questions! #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 25th, 2009

LindaFarley RT @joblessmuse: Loved ths from yr blog: "There's tremendous power in putting yr ass whr yr heart wants 2 go." bn quoting wildly. #LitChat -2:00 PM Sep 25th, 2009

corb21 @BenteGallagher I enjoy them as a reader....and for events they're ok too. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 25th, 2009

Eugenia\_Kim @SPressfield You've been incredibly generous and thoughtful today. Grateful and inspired. Will follow your blog. #litchat -2:01 PM Sep 25th, 2009

LitChat Yes, we've hit the end of our posted LitChat hour. Please join me in thanking @SPressfield for a great chat today. #litchat -2:01 PM Sep 25th, 2009

Melwyk @mariblaser @SPressfield yes, librarians also spend LOTS of time helping writers with their research #litchat #litchat -2:01 PM Sep 25th, 2009

Lindsay\_Powell @SPressfield #LitChat Thanks for inspiring me! -2:02 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mariblaser @SPressfield Thanks for stopping by! Great answers too. Made us \*think\*. Excellent #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 25th, 2009

BenteGallagher When libraries buy a book, it's sold, though. No returns! #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 25th, 2009

TomYHowe @SPressfield Thanks Steven, looking forward to reading your blog. #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mciddangelo @Melwyk The only reason I might go to the library is that I have no cash to buy the "feel" of a good book in my hands. #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 25th, 2009

LitChat Let's give @SPressfield a HUGE round of {{{APPLAUSE}}} for his insights and time with us today. #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 25th, 2009

SPressfield @LitChat Thanks, Carolyn. This was fun. I'm off to the library! #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 25th, 2009

GLHancock Claps to the excellently prepared guest. Hey! Tweetchat just threw me out! #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mmj5170 @SPressfield Thanks for your insight and time during #litchat today. -2:03 PM Sep 25th, 2009

Melwyk @SPressfield ha! thanks for your illuminating comments today #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 25th, 2009

deberryandgrant @kashicat Not so much that they take away sales, b/c they do have to buy books & libr often lead to new readers. But when this is #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 25th, 2009

George9Writer Many thanks to @SPressfield , for his wisdom about the writing life - and putting in the hours. {{APPLAUSE}} #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 25th, 2009

corb21 @BenteGallagher this is very true. #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 25th, 2009

mciddangelo @SPressfield Thank you, Mr. Pressfield. A C lass Act! #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 25th, 2009

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deberryandgrant @kashicat your job, every% of every book sale counts toward the writer's earnings. It's how we get paid. #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 25th, 2009

LitChat You heard it here, tweeps: @SPressfield is off to the library. Happy writing and weekending, everyone. #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 25th, 2009

LitChat Chatscripts of today's LitChat with @SPressfield will be posted to LitChat blog this weekend. #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 25th, 2009