



LitChat October 16, 2009

Topic of the Week: CHARACTER FAULTS & FETISHES

Guest host: Brooks Sigler, author of FIVE FINGER FICTION

FRIDAY, October 16, 2009 - Guest host @BrooksSigler

LitChat The door's open. We're ready for @BrooksSigler in today's #litchat -1:00 PM Oct 16th, 2009
GLeeHancock (don't folo this ID) San Diego editor/writer/publishing consultant ordinarily known as @GLHancock checking in now with #litchat -1:00 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 all this info: http://bit.ly/3VH0BL RT @GLeeHancock: @BrooksSigler I hope you'll tell us first what your book is about. #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 16th, 2009
maggiedana Hello all, and uh, oh ... what happened to my background on #tweetchat? It's solid blue? Anyone else seeing this? #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 16th, 2009
juxtabook RT @LitChat The door's open. We're ready for @BrooksSigler in today's #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 16th, 2009
caitlinconstan Caitlin Kuleci Constantine, a web journalist-slash-aspiring memoirist, checking in from work. (Shh, don't tell.) #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @LitChat I'm here. I'm here! #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 16th, 2009
LitChat Welcome everyone and especially @BrooksSigler. Brooks is author of FIVE FINGER FICTION, a book about faults and fetishes. #litchat -1:02 PM Oct 16th, 2009
amyknichols @maggiedana Solid blue here, too. Kind of a nice change. Icy. Soothing. #litchat -1:02 PM Oct 16th, 2009
maggiedana Hello @BrooksSigler. As a convent-school survivor (from eons ago) I'm looking forward to today's chat. #litchat -1:02 PM Oct 16th, 2009
GLeeHancock @maggiedana Yes, it's dark blue and you were supposed to be bringing margaritas. Where's mine? #litchat -1:02 PM Oct 16th, 2009
maggiedana Hey, @caitlinconstan's boss ... do you have any idea what she's up to? #litchat -1:02 PM Oct 16th, 2009
CDominiqueG @BrooksSigler thanks ! #litchat -1:02 PM Oct 16th, 2009
LitChat Great to have you today, Brooks. You've stepped in as moderator before, so you know how things fly in #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 16th, 2009
maggiedana It is nice. No distractions. Glad it's not just me. RT @amyknichols: Solid blue here, too. Kind of a nice change. Icy. Soothing. #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 16th, 2009
maggiedana @GLeeHancock Hold out your glass, dammit ... steadily. It's wobbling all over the place. #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 16th, 2009
Brattyhack I think kleptomania is a nice, quirky kind of fault for a character. #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @LitChat I do indeed know how the conversation flies here in TweetChat world. My background is deep blue something as well. #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 16th, 2009
caitlinconstan @maggiedana Oh you! I'm lurking..and working. And a poet, evidently! #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 16th, 2009
GLeeHancock @maggiedana Can't help it. Got the shakes. Had to wait so looooong! #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 16th, 2009
techtigger hello #litchat! things are finally quiet enough at work for me to sit in again :) -1:05 PM Oct 16th, 2009
LitChat We're going to turn everything over to @BrooksSigler now and ask that you direct all of your tweets to her. She's open for Q&A. #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 16th, 2009
amyknichols @Brattyhack I agree. Especially a character who steals tongue depressors. #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 16th, 2009
LitChat @BrooksSigler What made you choose klepto and a voyeurism for your characters? #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 16th, 2009
Brattyhack @brooksSigler what made you want to write a character with this type of fault? #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @amyknichols When I went to my signing @rjjulia, a cousin handed me a tongue depressor she had pilfered from the doctor's office. #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 16th, 2009
Brattyhack @amyknichols adds that Grey's Anatomy element to the drama! #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 16th, 2009
maggiedana @BrooksSigler You were at RJJ? When? I'm sorry I missed it. I live 12 miles away. #litchat -1:08 PM Oct 16th, 2009

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BrooksSigler I started to think about how all our compulsions are really not that dissimilar. No matter what we do we cannot shake them. #litchat -1:08 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @maggiedana I was @rjulia in late February/early March. #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 16th, 2009
GLeeHancock Tongue depressors as a fetish? Sounds like a new one! #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 16th, 2009
nicolamorgan oops, sorry - didn't mean to put that ghost tweet in litchat. Will now go away back to twitter #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 16th, 2009
amyknichols @BrooksSigler Was that incident (the pilfered tongue depressor) the start of the idea for the book? #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 16th, 2009
SueCookcom @BrooksSigler With FFF How much were you writing 'what you know' and how much was research? #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler Many of us sit in judgment about other people's compulsions, but what if they truly can't help it? #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 16th, 2009
maggiedana It's the gag reflex that's addictive. RT @GLeeHancock: Tongue depressors as a fetish? Sounds like a new one! #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 16th, 2009
GLeeHancock @BrooksSigler A point I'd been trying to make here recently. Mental illnesses are really illnesses like physical ones! #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @amyknichols No, the tongue depressor wasn't the impetus. My stint at Catholic school probably was . . . Ponder that. #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 16th, 2009
GLeeHancock @maggiedana Aha! So you could do it digitally and save the steal? #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @SueCookcom I researched a bit. However, I understand compulsions for sure. Let's just leave it at that. #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @SueCookcom I did use my Catholic school experience and some instances from my life. I used a direct quote from my aunt. #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 16th, 2009
latta @brookssigler &that, of course, would be why they are called 'compulsions.' #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 16th, 2009
scgreen Stepping in late to #litchat. What are we talking about today? -1:13 PM Oct 16th, 2009
maggiedana @BrooksSigler How long/where were you at Catholic school? #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 RT @BrooksSigler: think about how all our compulsions are really not that dissimilar. No matter what we do we cannot shake them. #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 16th, 2009
Brattyhack @maggiedana I suppose anything could be a fetish item, doesn't it depend on imprinting? #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 @BrooksSigler personally, what would you say your compulsion is? #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @latta I'm from the Department of Redundancy Department. #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @maggiedana I attended Catholic school for nine years. #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 16th, 2009
Hippiechick68 RT @BrooksSigler: Many of us sit in judgment about other people's compulsions, but what if they truly can't help it? #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 16th, 2009
amyknichols @BrooksSigler I imagine Catholic school gave you lots of material. Cool that incidental like tongue depressor ended up in the book. #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @corb21 I'm taking the fifth on my compulsions. #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 16th, 2009
LitChat @scgreen We have guest host @BrooksSigler taking questions. Feel free to review back a bit to learn about her. #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 16th, 2009
SueCookcom The exploration of Catholic guilt and repression seems to have inspired some of the world's best novels imho #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 16th, 2009
GLeeHancock A compulsion is so named because that is the English term for a specific type of mental illness. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler One of my favorite lines from Catholic school when kids are standing too close in the hallway? #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 16th, 2009
Brattyhack @brookssigler Any other contemporary characters with quirks that inspired you? #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler "Leave enough room for the Holy Ghost." #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 16th, 2009
LexClarke Not just me then RT @SueCookcom: The exploration of Catholic guilt&repression seems 2v inspired some of the worlds best novels imho #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @Brattyhack I'm not sure if he inspired me, but Dexter surely intrigues me. #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @BrooksSigler Yikes. Mary got pregnant from the Holy Ghost. #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 16th, 2009

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MarDixon @BrooksSigler Do you feel Catholic school experience impacts pupils in significant way? (Eg strict rules/routines =compulsions? #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 16th, 2009

amyknichols @BrooksSigler Hahahaha! Great line! #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 16th, 2009

maggiedana <--- is old enough to have been whacked on back of hand w/ruler by the nuns. #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 16th, 2009

caitlinconstan @BrooksSigler LOL, we heard that, too, but we were Mormons, so sometimes we had to leave room for the Book of Mormon, too. #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 16th, 2009

SueCookcom Do you think compulsions arise from repression? #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler @MarDixon As intense as Catholic school, I think it was a good source of discipline for me. I was a rudderless child. #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 16th, 2009

MarDixon @BrooksSigler Sorry if my asked/answered - very slow connection here tonight. #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler @caitlinconstan I was chaperoning a dance once & scolded kids for sitting on each others' laps. Nickname? "Sister Mary Veronica." #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 16th, 2009

deegospel joining #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 16th, 2009

markable RT: @SueCookcom Do you think compulsions arise from repression? #litchat >> I hope so :) -1:20 PM Oct 16th, 2009

LexxClarke @maggiedana Surely not! #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 16th, 2009

CDominiqueG @BrooksSigler did catholic school -12 in the West Indies, pretty diff from Catholic School here tho, but same looming guilt. #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 16th, 2009

GLeeHancock @BrooksSigler How many books do you have published? All fiction? #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 16th, 2009

mizwrite @BrooksSigler Has anyone with kleptomania commented on your handling of it in the book? Related to it? #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 16th, 2009

LexxClarke @BrooksSigler Seven years of Catholic school.... #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler @GLeeHancock I'm a one-hit (pop fly) wonder at the moment. #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 16th, 2009

Brattyhack @brookssigler did you refer to DSM-V while writing to make sure the symptoms were classifiable? or? #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler @mizwrite No, but a therapist friend read it and thought it rang true. #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler @mizwrite Friends have mentioned the book is a good gift for intense mothers? #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 16th, 2009

Hippiechick68 @BrooksSigler What was the inspiration for Lucy's character? And, more importantly, will we hear\ more from her? #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 16th, 2009

maggiedana 9 years, here. RT @LexxClarke: @BrooksSigler Seven years of Catholic school.... #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 16th, 2009

GLeeHancock @BrooksSigler Way2Go! Tell us of your struggles to get an agent? Who? #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 16th, 2009

maggiedana Have scars to prove it. RT @LexxClarke: @maggiedana Surely not! #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler @Brattyhack I didn't read the DSM-V, but I did some net research and have taken some counseling classes myself. #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 16th, 2009

marisabirns RT@ LexxClarke: @BrooksSigler Seven years of Catholic school.... #litchat ~ Me, too. Last nun was Sister St. Cornelia. Still shudder, heh. -1:24 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler @Hippiechick68 I want to write a sequel from Lucy's (Lila's sister) point of view. #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 16th, 2009

Hippiechick68 @BrooksSigler @mizwrite No, but a therapist friend read it and thought it rang true. #litchat /Therapist here. I was impressed w/the insight -1:25 PM Oct 16th, 2009

Brattyhack @BrooksSigler did you learn anything surprising that you later incorporated into the character's quirks? #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler @Hippiechick68 Inspiration for Lucy? People who fly under the radar better than I do. #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 16th, 2009

dotterel RT @iceapartment: Snorri Sturluson, wrote the Prose Edda and the Heimskringla #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler @GLeeHancock I don't have an agent . . . Sh! #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler @Brattyhack Surprising? Do yo mean as I wrote? The ending was a surprise for sure. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 16th, 2009

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amyknichols @BrooksSigler No agent?! Do tell. How did you get published? #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 16th, 2009
latta @brookssigler dammit, that's my line. Dammit, that's my line. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @BrooksSigler What did you learn about yourself while writing FIVE FINGER FICTION? #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 16th, 2009
George9Writer Loving this fascinating #litchat, and hearing about Brooks Sigler! -1:27 PM Oct 16th, 2009
Ms_Menondji Preparing for first reading/book signing tomorrow #litchat, looking forward to meeting & opening up to new supporters -1:27 PM Oct 16th, 2009
MarDixon @BrooksSigler <I want to write a sequel from Lucy's point of view> Oh, that would be interesting! Have you started writing it yet? #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @amyknichols I had something in the works, and I asked a bookstore friend (they love that *sarcasm*) about what I should do. #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @amyknichols My friend recommended a local publisher, and there I went. #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 @BrooksSigler but you've got more in the works....right? #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 me too! RT @George9Writer: Loving this fascinating #litchat, and hearing about Brooks Sigler! -1:29 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @CarolyBurnsBass I learned that all the characters are me and not me. Does that make sense? #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 16th, 2009
mizwrite @Hippiechick68 @BrooksSigler So you were able to incorporate gen knowledge of compulsions and make it ring true? That's excellent. #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 FFF was on the NH Magazine Summer Reading List this year , it's a great beach read, but also stocking-stuffer sized #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 16th, 2009
Brattyhack @BrooksSigler Ah, no "local" pubs here in Eastern WA. So you were lucky to have one handy! Good for you! #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @CarolyBurnsBass I also learned that I can actually finish something I start. Don't know if I went deep enough w/this book. #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @BrooksSigler Totally makes sense. It's scary where things come from, the impulses that run through a writer's brain. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 16th, 2009
amyknichols @BrooksSigler Cool. Encouraging to hear less traditional routes to getting published. :) #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @MarDixon I have just a couple of pages of the sequel from Lila's sister's perspective. Want to call it LOOSE LIPS SINK BITCH. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @corb21 Yes, I have three more books I am trying to finish, but I started a new job and that takes up most of my time. #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 16th, 2009
SueCookcom Seems your character Lucy is so overwhelmed by her OTT (in various ways) family that she is attention-seeking as much as anything?#litchat -1:32 PM Oct 16th, 2009
GLeeHancock @BrooksSigler Is this "local publisher" a traditional one or, um, you know ... #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @amyknichols @PublishingWorks did a great job with the design of the book. Love the cover and the hot pink bookmark. #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 16th, 2009
amyknichols @CarolyBurnsBass It is scary and fascinating. Some very nice people invent the darkest stuff. Where does it come from? Mwahahaha... #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 16th, 2009
maggiedana Great title! RT @BrooksSigler: Want to call it LOOSE LIPS SINK BITCH. #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 16th, 2009
Brattyhack @BrooksSigler finishing is half the battle! #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @SueCookcom The main character is Lila--Lucy is the sister. Did you mean Lila? #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 16th, 2009
amyknichols @BrooksSigler Can you talk a bit about how you juggle work and writing? Tricks and tips? #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @George9Writer Thanks. #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 16th, 2009
Ms_Menondji RT @amyknichols: @BrooksSigler Cool. Encouraging to hear less traditional routes to getting published. :) #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 To read a section of FFF, http://bit.ly/12W7YO contest is over, but if u enter info we'll give away an autographed book today! #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass How long did your first draft take to complete? #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 16th, 2009

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caitlinconstan Yes, please! I always struggle with that. @BrooksSigler Can you talk a bit about how you juggle work and writing? Tricks and tips? #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @amyknichols I was better about juggling work and writing with the first one. I got out of the routine I was in, have to regroup. #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 16th, 2009
mariblaser Late to #litchat. Hope I didn't miss much. Will read back now. -9:34 AM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 @BrooksSigler and they all star the same group of characters? themed together? a series? #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 16th, 2009
LitChat We're giving away a copy of FIVE FINGER FICTION also. It will go to the next tweet that pops into my feed (must be on topic). #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @GLeeHancock You can check out the local publisher here: www.publishingworks.com . #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 @thebookmaven @brookssigler is in #litchat now...talking about quirk and compulsion...join us? #fridayreads -1:36 PM Oct 16th, 2009
GLeeHancock @LitChat Is this a self-pubbed book? #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @caitlinconstan Honestly, what worked for me this summer was writing down the number of words I wrote each day on a calendar. #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 16th, 2009
MarDixon @BrooksSigler Love the title #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 16th, 2009
amyknichols @BrooksSigler Some say writing the second book is harder than the first. True, not true for you? (Hope it's not true.) #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 16th, 2009
LitChat @BrooksSigler Sorry, you can't win your own book. So the next tweet after this one is the winner (if it's not Brooks). #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 16th, 2009
saramclungchat hi - late arrival catching up :) #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 16th, 2009
amyknichols @BrooksSigler That's a great idea, the numbers on a calendar! Thanks. #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @caitlinconstan I make the time to brush my teeth, so they don't fall out of my head. #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 Publisher rep speaking: no it's not. RT @GLeeHancock: @LitChat Is this a self-pubbed book? #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @caitlinconstan So, I better start making the time to write, so my brains don't fall out of my head either. : p #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 16th, 2009
LitChat Hey, you're just in time to win Brook's book. RT @saramclungchat: hi - late arrival catching up :) #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @GLeeHancock No, the book is not self-published. :) #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 16th, 2009
caitlinconstan @BrooksSigler I am going to try that. #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 @GLeeHancock you can check out our other titles at www.publishingworks.com/catalog #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @amyknichols Writing the second and third books have been harder because they are of a different genre. First felt easier. #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 16th, 2009
SueCookcom What makes you want to write? Is it to leave 'footprints in the sand' ? To pay the bills? An irresistible force? Or all 3? #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 On making time to write RT @BrooksSigler: what worked for me was writing down the number of words I wrote each day on a calendar. #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 16th, 2009
LitChat @saramclungchat Please DM your mailing addy to me so you can get your signed copy of Brook's FIVE FINGER FICTION. #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 16th, 2009
caitlinconstan @BrooksSigler LOL. When you put it like that...#litchat -1:39 PM Oct 16th, 2009
GLeeHancock @BrooksSigler Yay! I visited your blog and the pub site three times and still could not tell. Maybe they need to make it clear! #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @CarolyBurnsBass I started the first draft in September of 2008. Let it sit. Made a New Year's resolution & finished by February. #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 RT @LitChat: Hey, you're just in time to win Brook's book. #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @SueCookcom I am compelled to write. There, I said it. That's one of my compulsions which I often bury under a layer of chocolate. #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 16th, 2009
saramclungchat RT @LitChat: @saramclungchat Please DM your mailing addy >> will do - I'm so excited :) I can't wait to read it!! #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @corb21 No, all the books do not star the same characters, just LOOSE LIPS SINK BITCH. #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 16th, 2009

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BrooksSigler @saramclungchat I hope you enjoy it. #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass What was the most challenging thing about writing your first novel? What did you do to prepare for the journey? #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 16th, 2009
SueCookcom @BrooksSigler Sorry yes I meant Lila #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 16th, 2009
amyknichols @BrooksSigler That's a quick timeline! Inspiring, really. #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 16th, 2009
thebookmaven I am compelled...to read. #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 16th, 2009
saramclungchat @BrooksSigler it sounds so fabulous - I'm sure I will! #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 16th, 2009
CDominiqueG @BrooksSigler I ask everyone this, but If you had to meet any author who has gone before us who would it be and why #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 16th, 2009
marisabirns @BrooksSigler You said chocolate? Do you know @nicolamorgan? She has loads of it! #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @SueCookcom Lila is really battling against her mother and other forces, which tell her up is down and vice versa. #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @thebookmaven Yes, there's much to learn about writing by reading good writing. #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 16th, 2009
SueCookcom @marisabirns I simply can't write without chocolate #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 16th, 2009
maggiedana She also has lots of boots. RT @marisabirns: @BrooksSigler You said chocolate? Do you know @nicolamorgan? She has loads of it! #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 @GLeeHancock PublishingWorks isn't a self-pub press...As it says on our site, we're an independent publisher. #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 16th, 2009
publishingworks RT @GLeeHancock Not sure what you mean. Clear that we're publishers? We're proud of FFF and all of our books. #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 @BrooksSigler you come up with some great titles, are you willing to share the others? #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @CDominiqueG I would have loved to hang out with Kurt Vonnegut. If not Vonnegut, then Fitzgerald. #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 16th, 2009
George9Writer #FF @BrooksSigler Author of FIVE FINGER FICTION http://tinyurl.com/ykgsic6 , she's on #litchat for 15 more minutes so hurry! -1:45 PM Oct 16th, 2009
HyattBass RT @amyknichols @BrooksSigler That's a quick timeline! Inspiring, really. (agree!) #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 16th, 2009
caitlinconstan @BrooksSigler What are some great books you've read recently? #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 16th, 2009
SusanDEisenberg I think the best way to learn how to write is to read like a writer (to paraphrase Francine Prose). #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 16th, 2009
mizwrite @BrooksSigler Will you do anything differently on Novel 2 - draft differently, or edit differently, or research a diff way? #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 Congratulations! @saramclungchat #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @CarolyBurnsBass I didn't think I was really a good writer. I still don't think of myself as an author. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 16th, 2009
thebookmaven @CarolyBurnsBass Sorry since am jumping in late not sure if you all have already covered reading! #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 16th, 2009
CDominiqueG RT @corb21: @GLeeHancock PublishingWorks isn't a self-pub press...As it says on our site, we're an independent publisher. #litchat they are -1:46 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @caitlinconstan I just finished EVERYTHING MATTERS. Love. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 16th, 2009
maggiedana @corb21 The trouble with words "independent publisher" (or indie) is that it's becoming synonymous with self or vanity publisher. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 read a section of FFF, http://bit.ly/12W7YO this contest is over, but if u enter info we'll give away an autographed book today! #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 16th, 2009
mariblaser RT @SusanDEisenberg: I think the best way to learn how to write is to read like a writer (to paraphrase Francine Prose). #litchat -9:47 AM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @corb21 Two of my other titles are SUPER SANE, PLAIN JAYNE (WIP) and THE STRANGER THE ANGEL, THE DARKER THE DANCE (WIP). #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @thebookmaven No worries. We're talking to @BrooksSigler today and she's telling us how she wrote her book in only a few months. #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 16th, 2009
CDominiqueG @BrooksSigler cool, I would love to have met Shelly #litchat but who I want to meet changes everyweek -1:48 PM Oct 16th, 2009

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CDominiqueG @BrooksSigler cool, I would love to have met Shelly #litchat but who I want to meet changes everyweek #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 16th, 2009
caitlinconstan @BrooksSigler Ooh, I googled it and it sounds wonderful! Have to check it out. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 @BrooksSigler but you are....both a good writer & an author. I read everything that comes thru our doors & I couldn't put FFF down! #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 16th, 2009
maggiedana @BrooksSigler You are a title maven. I hope you're writing novels to go with all these fab titles. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 @thebookmaven I'm glad you think so....that's PW's owner's daughter and one of our interns on the cover! #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler Well, I hope my titles aren't like nail polish names. Enticing and then, not so much . . . #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 16th, 2009
maggiedana @corb21 I love the term 'independent publisher' and wish it hadn't been co-opted by ... well, you know. #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 RT @maggiedana: @BrooksSigler You are a title maven. >> am jealous - can't even think of ONE for my current wip #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 16th, 2009
Hippiechick68 I agree. Read FFF in 2 days. RT @corb21: @BrooksSigler but you are....both a good writer & author. I couldn't put FFF down! #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @maggiedana I'm working on the books, but I have to shake a tail feather! I am about halfway on two. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 16th, 2009
marisabirns @BrooksSigler Will such fab titles be used in published form? Does writer have control of it? #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 16th, 2009
HyattBass I've been meaning to buy @BrooksSigler's Five Finger Fiction for a while & just did so! #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 they could double...RT @BrooksSigler: Well, I hope my titles aren't like nail polish names. Enticing and then, not so much . . . #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 @BrooksSigler your books will be worth the read. I have yet to meet someone who DOESN'T like FFF! or your cookies! #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @HyattBass Yeah! Thank you, my lovely author friend, who has an amazing book out right now. #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 16th, 2009
saramclungchat RT @BrooksSigler: @maggiedana I am about halfway on two. >> is it really difficult to switch from one to the other? #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 @HyattBass wonderful to hear! You'll enjoy it, I can promise you that. #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 16th, 2009
Hippiechick68 Me, too. Can't imagine life without good books. RT @thebookmaven: I am compelled...to read. #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 16th, 2009
SueCookcom I LOVE this title RT @BrooksSigler: @corb21 among (sic) my other titles THE STRANGER THE ANGEL, THE DARKER THE DANCE (WIP). #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @marisabirns The writer has some control over the titles, but to my knowledge, negotiations often occur. #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 16th, 2009
LitChat @BrooksSigler Yes. We're working on getting @HyattBass scheduled for a guest hosting. Now that she's back from Italy... #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 16th, 2009
Ms_Menondji @BrooksSigler :I hope no one on #litchat giving u a hard time or lessening ur'street creds'becos u went independent.Ur success is inspiring! -1:55 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @saramclungchat I stopped working on one, started another. I go back and forth. #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 @maggiedana I agree...it's too bad tht there's a fight betwn legit & not so... We take pride in our wrk & our authors are friends. #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 16th, 2009
corb21 @BrooksSigler YES! Shake that tail feather! #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 16th, 2009
saramclungchat RT @BrooksSigler: I go back and forth. >> that's really impressive - you must be great at multitasking :) #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 16th, 2009
LexxClarke @BrooksSigler are good baking skills also essential? #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @SueCookcom THE STRANGER THE ANGEL, THE DARKER THE DANCE is truly odd. I want to finish it just to see where it goes. #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 16th, 2009
BrooksSigler @saramclungchat I've been a teacher for many a year. I have to be a good quarterback . . . #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 16th, 2009

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HyattBass HyattBass @BrooksSigler Do the two you're working on now compliment each other in terms of the process for you? #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler I like to make cookies for the events I attend, and my author friends, who visit NH. :) #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 16th, 2009

corb21 @LexxClarke I say yes. @brookssigler makes a MEAN monster cookie! #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 16th, 2009

corb21 @LexxClarke but you've heard this from me before.... :P #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 16th, 2009

saramclungchat @BrooksSigler - As a former teacher myself, I definitely hear you there! #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler @HyattBass I know one of the books on which I am working will be easier to write (I think), but I am avoiding that one. Why? #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler @saramclungchat I work with one student right now, who would have me duct-taped to the wall if I stopped paying attention. #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 16th, 2009

LexxClarke @corb21 hehe yup, just being my cheeky self! but in all seriousness, I think that's the beauty of ind pubs #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 16th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass RT @BrooksSigler: @HyattBass I know one book on which I am working will be easier to write (I think), but I am avoiding that one. Why? #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 16th, 2009

corb21 @LexxClarke that we like baked goods? or that we're close enough to eat her cooking? #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 16th, 2009

marisabirns @BrooksSigler Ah, another use for duct tape! Handy little bugger, isn't it... #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 16th, 2009

beeveebee #litchat I'm finally reading Tropic of Cancer. I loved Miller's Rosy Crucifixion Trilogy. T of C is a bit annoying, though. Thoughts? -2:01 PM Oct 16th, 2009

saramclungchat @BrooksSigler haha I'm cracking up over there - I know exactly how that goes #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 16th, 2009

LexxClarke @corb21 That you have such a good relationship with your writers #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 16th, 2009

LitChat We need to thank @BrooksSigler for joining us today and let her go if she must. However, she's welcome to linger if she will... #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 16th, 2009

LexxClarke @beeveebee persevere, it's not that bad! #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler Thanks for having me @LitChat. I truly appreciate the invite and the conversation. #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 16th, 2009

CDominiqueG @corb21 is someone giving you all grief about being independent publishers? #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 16th, 2009

caitlinconstan @beeveebee I made it three pages then put it down. I keep meaning to return but other books are more appealing to me. #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 16th, 2009

amyknichols @BrooksSigler If you ever figure out what that resistance to writing the easy one is, I hope you'll share. #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 16th, 2009

SusanDEisenberg Thanks to @BrooksSigler. I came late to the discussion but I am going to order your novel--sounds delicious. #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 16th, 2009

corb21 @LexxClarke yes, that's the part we cherish. We like to have authors as friends, it makes it all so much fun! #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 16th, 2009

amyknichols @LitChat Thank you @litchat and @BrooksSigler for a great chat. So glad I made it today. :) #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 16th, 2009

LitChat Be sure to join us next week when we explore FAMILY SECRETS on M & W, then conclude with @TeriCoyno on Friday. #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler @SusanDEisenberg Thank you very much! I hope you enjoy it. #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 16th, 2009

corb21 @CDominiqueG It's a topic that's come up on #litchat before and is oft talked about. Some self-pubs say they're indie...it makes a hassle. -2:05 PM Oct 16th, 2009

LexxClarke @BrooksSigler thank you, will review transcript as I missed most of it :o) #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 16th, 2009

beeveebee @LexxClarke @caitlinconstan I'm trying to finish Tropic of Cancer for a book group (@skylightbooks holla!). #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 16th, 2009

caitlinconstan Thanks @LitChat and @brookssigler! Enjoyed the chat, and will definitely be picking up FFF soon. #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 16th, 2009

maggiedana Thank you, @brookssigler, for being here this afternoon. Can't wait to read Five Finger Fiction @corb21 #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 16th, 2009

CDominiqueG @corb21 Can I straighten everyone out? #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 16th, 2009

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corb21 @marisabirns is the winner of a copy of FIVE FINGER FICTION! congrats! please DM me your addy and we'll send it out. #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 16th, 2009

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caitlinconstan @beveebie I hope it ends up being worth your time! Classics seem to be classics for a reason, even if it's one I don't understand. #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 16th, 2009

Hippiechick68 @SusanDEisenberg FFF is a great read. You will not be disappointed. The wicked humor is a bonus. #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 16th, 2009

corb21 @BrooksSigler? {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 16th, 2009

amyknichols @LitChat {{{Applause}}} #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 16th, 2009

marisabirns @corb21 Oh thank you! Though can't dm w/o each of us following, correct? #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 16th, 2009

maggiedana {{{@brookssigler}}} for being part of #litchat today. And thanks to @corb21 for being her editor. #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 16th, 2009

TomYHowe My fate is to miss every #litchat until somebody says thanks for the #litchat. Time, what a concept. -2:08 PM Oct 16th, 2009

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beveebie @caitlinconstan Thanks, Love. What are you reading? #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 16th, 2009

LexxClarke Oh yes! RT @LitChat: How about a round of applause for @BrooksSigler? {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 16th, 2009

corb21 keyword: wicked! RT @Hippiechick68 @SusanDEisenberg FFF=great read. You will not be disappointed. The wicked humor is a bonus. #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler I'm still here @corb21! #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 16th, 2009

caitlinconstan {{{applause}}} #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 16th, 2009

corb21 @maggiedana you're welcome, but I'm her publicist. :) #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 16th, 2009

corb21 @marisabirns yup just fixed that from my end... #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 16th, 2009

CDominiqueG Applauding @BrooksSigler #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 16th, 2009

corb21 @CDominiqueG it seems to be an ongoing battle (sigh) but thanks for being on our side! #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 16th, 2009

BrooksSigler Thank you. This was great fun! #litchat -2:11 PM Oct 16th, 2009

caitlinconstan @beveebie American Gods by Neil Gaiman. I am loving it! Also A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson. Read them? #litchat -2:11 PM Oct 16th, 2009

corb21 {{{litchatters}}} RT @LitChat: Thanks also to YOU, the LitChat community, for always contributing warm, wise and witty repartee. #litchat -2:11 PM Oct 16th, 2009