



LitChat October 19-21, 2009

Topic of the Week: FAMILY SECRETS

Open chat

MONDAY, October 19, 2009

LitChat Welcome to another week in #litchat. This week's topic is FAMILY SECRETS. Swing by now and introduce yourself, the chatroom's open. -12:59 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana @DebraMarrs Trouble w/reading like a writer is that it can wreck the reading experience. Double-whammy for me. Am also typesetter! #litchat -1:00 PM Oct 19th, 2009

lorrigharte Hello. Lorri G Harte here #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana @wendykwebb Hi Wendy. Good to see you. @jvnla #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat On Friday we'll turn the FAMILY SECRETS convo over to @TeriCoyne, author of THE LAST BRIDGE. A novel with many family secrets. #litchat -1:02 PM Oct 19th, 2009

webook WEbook (aka Katie) here. #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 19th, 2009

SueCookcom My latest novel 'Force of Nature' about family secret uncovered - embryo donated daughter- #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 19th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @maggiedana You are right about reading as a writer taking pleasure from ordinary books. This happens to agents/editors big time. #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wendykwebb @maggiedana Hi! Love this topic. #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 19th, 2009

artfullywoven Kristina aka Kennedy Brooke from NY #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana It's a great book, too. RT @SueCookcom: My latest novel Force of Nature about family secret uncovered - embryo donated daughter- #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 19th, 2009

SueCookcom The trouble with a secret is that someone always knows it #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat @SueCookcom Sounds good. What is title and is it available to readers? #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 19th, 2009

artfullywoven @lorrigharte hello. Thanks for the invite #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 19th, 2009

lorrigharte @artfullywoven Hi. Nice to see you here #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana Me too. Talk about bringing out the skeletons in the closet! RT @wendykwebb: @maggiedana Hi! Love this topic. #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana How true. RT @SueCookcom: The trouble with a secret is that someone always knows it #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat @SueCookcom Sorry, I see the title, FORCE OF NATURE. I meant the publisher. #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 19th, 2009

SueCookcom @maggiedana Hi lovely Maggie. Thank you #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wendykwebb My novel, THE TALE OF HALCYON CRANE, due out in April from Holt, is all about family secrets. Some ghastly, others ghostly. #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana <-- is lucky enough to have signed copy of @suecookcom's wonderful FORCE OF NATURE. #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat If you have questions to pose to the chat, please send to @LitChat w/o hashtag. I will post to chat, eg Q1, etc. Helps keep order. #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana @wendykwebb I'm actually wishing time away (at my age, too!), waiting for HALCYON CRANE. #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 19th, 2009

jeremyduns #litchat @maggiedana Yes, I find that, too. Tend to stick to non-fiction when writing my own stuff for that and other reasons. -1:08 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat @wendykwebb Is THE TALE OF HALCYON CRANE a Gothic thriller? Title suggests so to me. #litchat -1:08 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wendykwebb @maggiedana Thank you!! Me, too. I wish April would come, already. #litchat -1:08 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LexxClarke good evening everyone #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 19th, 2009

dromedary Hate to say it, but I have a hard time finding family secrets terribly interesting. #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat Welcome @artfullywoven and @lorrighart. Jump into the convo and tell us what you like to read and/or write. #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wendykwebb @LitChat Yes! A gothic ghost story. Mystery about family secrets set on Mackinac Island in the Great Lakes. #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana @jeremyduns Even non-fiction can trip me up, usually from a typesetting pov. #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 19th, 2009
SueCookcom Shine a light on even the seemliest of families and bet there's a skeleton or 2 lurking in the shadows. Rich pickings for novelist #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana @LexxClarke Hi Lexx. Will be sending bookplate tomorrow. Hope your mum enjoys the book. #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 19th, 2009
thejohnkeenan Lionel Shriver wrote a piece for the Guardian this week about the damage caused by her novel "A Perfectly Good Family". #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wendykwebb @SueCookcom Agreed! #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 19th, 2009
LexxClarke @maggiedana thank you x :o) #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 19th, 2009
thejohnkeenan Should real family secrets be off-limits? Julie Myerson has also made news by revealing family problems. #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 19th, 2009
rendadodge My novel about a girl struggling with an undiagnosed psychological disorder and her relationship with her mother is out tomorrow #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana @thejohnkeenan Good point re Shriver. A risk novelists take when exposing family secrets via ficton (or memoir). #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 19th, 2009
artfullywoven @LitChat Hi and thank you. I write Fiction (mostly Adult fiction/Erotica) and Poetry. #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 19th, 2009
SueCookcom @dromedary ooh how can you say that... the power of parent over child or vice versa, or sibling, knowing something they shouldn't #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 19th, 2009
lorrigharte @ litchat: Thanks for the welcome. Just completed a novel about a woman who discovers a secret about her family lineage. #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wendykwebb Was it based on real life? That would get very tricky. RT@ thejohnkeenan "A Perfectly Good Family". #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 19th, 2009
SueCookcom @LitChat FORCE OF NATURE is published by Headline #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 19th, 2009
LitChat Here's the link to Lionel Shriver's piece in the Guardian. Thanks @thejohnkeenan for referring it. #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wendykwebb I'd never expose real secrets, not that my family has much of anything unseemly. #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana @SueCookcom @dromedary I suppose it depends which family the secrets belong to and what those secrets are. #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 19th, 2009
SueCookcom @lorrigharte What is your book's title? #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana Mine either. We're dead boring. RT @wendykwebb: Not that my family has much of anything unseemly. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 19th, 2009
lorrigharte @thejohnkeenan Don't all family secrets have a basis in reality on some small level? #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wendykwebb The ones in my novel don't. I just made it all up. RT @lorrigharte @thejohnkeenan Don't all family secrets have a basis in reality? #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 19th, 2009
M4ryLamont found @SueCookcom's Force of Nature v. emotive awakened emotions I went through during IVF & keeping it from my son for 20yrs #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 19th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim Also see post by @PD_Smith to an article by historian A Beevor about fuzzy barrier betw fact & fiction http://bit.ly/JEDF2 #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana My ex-husband's family, on the other hand, is rife with interest. One of his ancestors is Longfellow. #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 19th, 2009
thejohnkeenan @lorrigharte Yes - but not necessarily yours #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 19th, 2009
LitChat Here's a link to a piece in Salon about Julie Myerson's book--a memoir, not a novel. Another nod to @theiohnkeenan for referral. #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wendykwebb Wow! RT @maggiedana My ex-husband's family, on the other hand, is rife with interest. One of his ancestors is Longfellow. #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 19th, 2009
LitChat @Eugenia_Kim Thanks for that link, Eugenia. #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 19th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass I've always thought Flannery O'Conner used my family as fodder for her stories. #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 19th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim It's actually a Q for my first class later this winter. What makes you choose fiction vs. memoir? Family wounding? #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 19th, 2009
TwinkleChar (Sneaking in ... after JUST TURNING IN MANUSCRIPT! YAY!) #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 19th, 2009

SueCookcom I know more than one family w/ secrets kept from their kids - but kids don't know there's a secret to uncover...timebomb! #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 19th, 2009

Eugenia_Kim @LitChat Salon piece on Julie Myerson's book--link please? #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat {{{[APPLAUSE]}}} RT @TwinkleChar: (Sneaking in ... after JUST TURNING IN MANUSCRIPT! YAY!) #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana Congratulations. Must feel fabulous. RT @TwinkleChar: (Sneaking in ... after JUST TURNING IN MANUSCRIPT! YAY!) #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 19th, 2009

lorrigharte @SueCookcom forgot the #litchat. Confirmation is the title -1:24 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wendykwebb That never ends well, does it? RT @SueCookcom I know more than one family w/ secrets kept from their kids - but kids don't know #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana @SueCookcom Timebomb indeed, and fodder for a novel. #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat <http://bit.ly/48NJBm> (whoops). @Eugenia_Kim: @LitChat Salon piece on Julie Myerson's book--link please? #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 19th, 2009

artfullywoven I have enough family secrets to write a series but i don't want to relive them. I find that my characters are reflections of me. #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 19th, 2009

herstorian <http://ow.ly/viXn> RT @LitChat: Heres the link to Lionel Shivers piece in the Guardian. Thanks @thejohnkeenan for referring it. #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat @lorrigharte Follow the chat through www.tweetchat.com. Type in #litchat and then you don't have to type any more hashtags. #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 19th, 2009

TwinkleChar Thanks for congrats. Feels magnificent. Now, LITCHAT to celebrate! What is Q, please? #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wendykwebb These are good Qs for @tericoyne on Friday. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 19th, 2009

moonbridgebooks Wrote blogpost re J. Myerson, NYT article should you write about your kids <http://tr.im/A3IE> #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 19th, 2009

lorrigharte @artfullywoven I agree.No matter how distant they seem, they all seem to have a touch of me. I think it's a part of the process. #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana @LitChat Just send you a question sans hashtag. Hope it comes through OK. #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 19th, 2009

herstorian Good Q. A lot of ppl seem to choose fic for that reason.RT @Eugenia_Kim: What makes you choose fiction vs. memoir? Family wounding? #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana How about a glass of wine? White OK w/you? RT @TwinkleChar: Thanks for congrats. Feels magnificent. Now, LITCHAT to celebrate! #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat Q1 fm @EugeniaKim What makes you choose fiction vs. memoir? Family wounding? #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat @maggiedana I got it. It's queued up as Q2. Thanks! #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wendykwebb @EugeniaKim Did you worry about family wounding? #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana Q1 Fiction has no restraints. You can send your imagination anywhere you want. Memoir can have consequences. #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 19th, 2009

Eugenia_Kim Memory is so subjective: David Sedaris talks often about how same event in family history differ child to child. It's truly scary. #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 19th, 2009

lorrigharte @LitChat done. Thanks. Much easier. #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 19th, 2009

artfullywoven @lorrigharte problem is that if things get too close to me i pull back and find that my writing then becomes shallow. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 19th, 2009

Eugenia_Kim @wendykwebb I got permission from most family before writing historical fiction. Gave samples. Secrets (deep ones) not revealed. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 19th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass Q1 I chose fiction for my WIP, THE SWORD SWALLOWER'S DAUGHTER, so that I'm not restricted to truth/facts and to make more sizzling. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 19th, 2009

herstorian Can't fiction have consequences, too? & similar ones? RT @maggiedana: Q1 Fiction has no restraints... Memoir can have consequences. #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 19th, 2009

TwinkleChar I choose fiction process over memoir because I am free to learn from my characters, & deal w/more truths than facts. #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 19th, 2009

paulagrinn RT @LitChat Q1 fm @EugeniaKim What makes you choose fiction vs. memoir? Family wounding? #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 19th, 2009

SueCookcom Amoral! RT @FiddlersMrs: @SueCookcom Don't think my dad's cousin knew she was adopted her whole life.... Always thought was wrong #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 19th, 2009

TwinkleChar @maggiedana How about Jack Daniels? #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 19th, 2009

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maggiedana @herstorian Yes, fiction can have consequences if it's thinly disguised. #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wendykwebb @herstorian @maggiedana I think both can have consequences if fiction isn't fictional enough. #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana You got it! RT @TwinkleChar: @maggiedana How about Jack Daniels? #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 19th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Q1 @maggiedana - Fiction does have concerns--you know how everyone imagines you're writing about them when you're not. #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 19th, 2009
TwinkleChar Interesting thing about writing pure fiction is that there is always someone saying, "You wrote about my life!" #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 19th, 2009
thejohnkeenan @Eugenia_Kim Sedaris is a great example. Hilarious for the general reader, maybe not so for the family. #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 19th, 2009
lorrigharte @artfullywoven It's hard to be so close. Thanks for the tweet love! #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wendykwebb @maggiedana Ha! We're on the same wavelength again. #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 19th, 2009
SueCookcom If a child doesn't know it's true biological parentage, possible serious implications for health in later life #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 19th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim @herstorian Fiction with consequences. Most definitely! Good reason to clear with affected family members. Or at least open discsn. #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana @SueCookcom My second novel is about a birthmother searching for her adult child. Adoption is rife with secrets and trauma. #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana Cool. RT @wendykwebb: @maggiedana Ha! Were on the same wavelength again. #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 19th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim TRUTH vs FACTS RT @TwinkleChar I choose fiction process over memoir...free to learn from characters, & deal w/more truths than facts. #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 19th, 2009
dromedary I'd say fiction can have consequences even if it's not just thinly veiled reality. #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wendykwebb @Eugenia_Kim Agreed. I'd never surprise family with a thinly-veiled account of hurtful things. #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana RT @SueCookcom: If a child doesnt know its true biological parentage, possible serious implications for health in later life #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 19th, 2009
SueCookcom @maggiedana isn't it just! Great subject. #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 19th, 2009
TwinkleChar @Eugenia_Kim Anne Lamott has great things to say on this topic in her book BIRD BY BIRD #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wiremamma @maggiedana - what inspired the subject matter? #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 19th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim @SueCookcom Yes, but what about psych damage from lifetime of secrets know by everyone but adoptee? #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 19th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass I let stepfather read first draft of TSSD. He was disturbed,"that's not how it was." He had hard time seeing story as fiction. #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 19th, 2009
SueCookcom @TwinkleChar Great feeling isn't it. {{{congrats}}} #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana @suecookcom Adoption search laws vary by state in the US. Laws more forgiving in UK, I think. Yes/No? #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 19th, 2009
LitChat YES! RT @TwinkleChar: @Eugenia_Kim Anne Lamott has great things to say on this topic in her book BIRD BY BIRD #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 19th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim @TwinkleChar Tnx! Fact vs Truth is such a great discussion of literary emotion and reality depictions. #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana Asking my writerly self: "what's it like to lose a child?" RT @wiremamma: @maggiedana - what inspired the subject matter? #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wiremamma @maggiedana - it depends if its an open adoption or not. #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 19th, 2009
TwinkleChar @SueCookcom Superb feeling. FLYING feeling. Thank you! #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wiremamma @maggiedana - you mean in the giving a child up for adoption sense? #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana @wiremamma Rare to find open adoption in 1960s/early 70s which is when my protag gave birth. #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana @wiremamma Yes. But even open adoptions end up rife with trauma and disappointment. #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma @TwinkleChar - Congrats on turning in your MS!! ((hugs)) *applause* #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 19th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim @CarolyBurnsBass re: fictionalized story-your stepdad. Think his reaction was a blend btwn disapmtnt on it NOT being memoir? #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 19th, 2009
SueCookcom @Eugenia_Kim I guess it depends how good they are at self-justification and rationalisation. A lot of people v good at that! #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 19th, 2009
moonbridgebooks There are respectful ways to bring up bad behavior in memoir, and how deep do you really have to dig in dirt #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wiremamma @maggiedana - very true...adoption should never be kept from child (you've picked subject near and dear to my heart, you realize.) #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 19th, 2009
dromedary Must adoptions (open or otherwise) have negative consequences? Is being adopted (or not-with-biological-parents) suddenly wretched? #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 19th, 2009
thejohnkeenan @rebeccawoodhead we're missing you over on #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wendykwebb @maggiedana Very good fodder for a novel, adoption. #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wiremamma @dromedary - I don't think so. To my feeling, quite the contrary. Adoption can be a beautiful transfer of parenting rights. #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 19th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim ... RT @moonbridgebooks There are respectful ways to bring up bad behavior in memoir, and how deep do you really have to dig in dirt. #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 19th, 2009
LitChat Q2 fm @maggiedana Does hving traumatic family bkgd help a novelinst? Are novelists fm peaceful families at authorial disadvantage? #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana I knew nothing about it until I researched. RT @wendykwebb: @maggiedana Very good fodder for a novel, adoption. #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 19th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim @moonbridgebooks Agreed. Memoir should never be vehicle for therapy and vindictiveness, though its side effect can be that. #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wiremamma @dromedary @maggiedana - this is addressed beautifully in the Jamie Lee Curtis kids book "Tell me again about the night I was born" #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 19th, 2009
herstorian @dromedary: I think adoptions, like divorce, can be done in a healthy way; but for the most part that has not happened in N.America #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wendykwebb I hope not! RT @LitChat Are novelists fm peaceful families at authorial disadvantage? #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 19th, 2009
dromedary @wiremamma I could imagine keeping it from the child, depending on circumstances. Aren't there some things better left unsaid? #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 19th, 2009
Peevish_Penman RT @LitChat @maggiedana Does hving traumatic family bkgd help a novelinst? Are novelists fm peaceful families at...disadvantage? #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 19th, 2009
moonbridgebooks @wendykwebb re Very good fodder for a novel, adoption. What if Memory Keeper's Daughter was true! #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 19th, 2009
SueCookcom @JCCWilliams Sorry to say Amazon and Play.com better channels to buy my book than the shops. Publisher's distribution cd be better! #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 19th, 2009
dromedary @wiremamma (rather late in the stream. I guess I don't always keep up well.) #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wiremamma @dromedary - I think that every child has a right to know who their biology stems from, at a level they can understand. [pt. 1] #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 19th, 2009
Eugenia_Kim Last twt didn't come out right. Memoir is NOT therapy. Should never be vengeful. But could be exploration of meaning in family. #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 19th, 2009
herstorian RT @Eugenia_Kim: Memoir should never be vehicle for therapy and vindictiveness, though its side effect can be that. #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 19th, 2009
thejohnkeenan Tolstoy: "Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." But Tolstoy was wrong. #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 19th, 2009
wiremamma @dromedary -it takes much more than biology to be a parent. Bio mom/dad have no idea favorite foods, songs, how to make laugh, etc. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana @moonbridgebooks Ah, but did she actually adopt the doctor's daughter? I thought she just took her. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 19th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead Bit of a #litchat absentee this week because I'm doing lots of #lists work but Q2... had both which gives great emotional research base. -1:46 PM Oct 19th, 2009
dromedary @herstorian good point. The capacity for goodness doesn't always evoke its presence. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 19th, 2009

TwinkleChar Re Q2: Novelists w/peaceful upbringings not at disadvantage. Novelist w/accute observation skills & inquiring mind=advantage. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma @Eugenia_Kim - some memoir like that should be for therapy, not for publishing. Not every book needs to be published. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 19th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @Eugenia_Kim No. He's always been an ally for my fiction. WIP ma #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 19th, 2009

lorrigharte @LitChat Perhaps it's more about the writer's willingness to admit to the fact that the family was not quite as peaceful #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana @SueCookcom TheBookDepository is great way for readers in the US to get UK-published novels. Free shipping. Pass it one! #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 19th, 2009

Eugenia_Kim On adoption Q and why it seems such good lit fodder. It's a bald presentation of identity and one's origins=always rich material. #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 19th, 2009

SueCookcom @maggiedana Online is a great route in UK and some good help organisations for adoptees. In US are variations state to state?... #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 19th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @thejohnkeenan Thanks. If I were you though I'd take part in #litchat from Tweetchat & take a break from my non-sensical tweets! -1:47 PM Oct 19th, 2009

dromedary @TwinkleChar Well said. I'd RT that if there were character space. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wendykwebb We don't have to write about what we know. We can research, explore different worlds, experiences. That's what makes it fun. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 19th, 2009

SueCookcom RT @maggiedana: @SueCookcom TheBookDepository is great way for readers in US to get UK-published novels. Free shipping. Pass it on! #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana How true. RT @wiremamma: @dromedary -it takes much more than biology to be a parent. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 19th, 2009

herstorian RT @Eugenia_Kim: Re: Last twt. Memoir is NOT therapy. Should never be vengeful. But could be exploration of meaning in family. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 19th, 2009

thejohnkeenan Hilary Mantel: "The story of my own childhood is a complicated sentence that I am always trying to finish... and put behind me." #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 19th, 2009

moonbridgebooks RT @wiremamma some memoir should be for therapy, not for publishing. Not every book needs to be published #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana Big variations. State law prevails in these cases. RT @SueCookcom: In US are variations state to state?... #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 19th, 2009

tericoyne I am interested in the impact secrets have on generations of families- what we don't know can impact us as much what we do #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 19th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @Eugenia_Kim He's always been an ally for my fiction. WIP paints my realdad,the swordswallower,in better light, a daughter's light. #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 19th, 2009

Eugenia_Kim @thejohnkeenan Back at you: "When a writer is born into a family, that family is finished." Nobel poet Czeslaw Milosz #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 19th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass Here! Here! RT @wiremamma some memoir should be for therapy, not for publishing. Not every book needs to be published. #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 19th, 2009

DorothyHearst Q2: Used to blv my happy childhood would make it hard to write novels. Now think it gave imagination chance to soar. #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 19th, 2009

thejohnkeenan @Eugenia_Kim Excellent! #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wendykwebb Well said. RT @tericoyne I am interested in impact secrets have on generations. what we don't know can impact us as much what we do #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma @CarolyBurnsBass - all writing exercises serve to improve our craft, just sometimes things are best left in a yellow notepad. ;-) #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 19th, 2009

TwinkleChar @DorothyHearst Exactly! My childhood was filled with soaring imagination--spawned by happy, relaxed time for it to soar. #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 19th, 2009

Eugenia_Kim Was something in the twitterverse lately about being from happy family, writing novel where happy things happen wd be relief. #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma @DorothyHearst - beautifully said. Couldn't agree more. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 19th, 2009

TwinkleChar RT @DorothyHearst: Used to blv my happy childhood would make it hard to write novels. Now think it gave imagination chance to soar. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana @wiremamma Just be sure to lock yellow notepad in foolproof safe ... then make sure there are no fools around. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 19th, 2009

dromedary Any insights on what happens when you write FOR family members? Often, I find myself writing to/for my daughter. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 19th, 2009

SueCookcom RT@thejohnkeenan:Hilary Mantel:story of my own childhood is a complicated sentence I am always trying to finish...and put behind me #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 19th, 2009

yellowmessage @wiremamma Just be sure to lock yellow notepad in foolproof safe ... then make sure there are no fools around. #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma @Eugenia_Kim - It's this season of living. We need more HEA right now, when times are tough. Or, is that b/c I write romance? #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 19th, 2009

Eugenia_Kim In writing workshops, when abuse stories and difficult childhoods came up, EVERYONE groaned, some not so quietly. #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma @maggiedana *snort* - this is why I purge my writing trunk once ever few years! lol #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 19th, 2009

Eugenia_Kim @dromedary I think it really depends on the story. If she is your muse, and the story holds up for others, why not? #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 19th, 2009

moonbridgebooks @wendykwebb Blogposted re inheriting emotional pain <http://tr.im/C1nd> -start writing, get rid of your monkey riding everyone's back #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 19th, 2009

herstorian So true. RT @Eugenia_Kim: "When a writer is born into a family, that family is finished." Nobel poet Czeslaw Milosz #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma @dromedary - I always keep my kids in mind. What sort of lessons would I want them to learn? worlds would I like them to live in... #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 19th, 2009

SueCookcom Family is where we all start, where we are formed. We either go along with it or rebel but either way is a reaction to family #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 19th, 2009

Eugenia_Kim @thejohnkeenan *bowing* to your quantity #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana @wiremamma One must be careful when using words like 'foolproof' b/c someone else is bound to invent a smarter fool. #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 19th, 2009

TwinkleChar Just finished book tour. Was often told "Family says I should write a book about my terrible life," and I often think ... HUH?! #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 19th, 2009

TwinkleChar RT @maggiedana: @wiremamma One must be careful when using words like foolproof b/c someone else is bound to invent a smarter fool. #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 19th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass Q2 This am I wrote in my blog, "some people become who they are because of where they've been -- more> #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 19th, 2009

DorothyHearst @dromedary Writing 4 family member a great way to visualize a loving, receptive audience. Can get a writer out of her/his own head. #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 19th, 2009

Eugenia_Kim @maggiedana @wiremamma Re smarter fools. HA! Like most thieves. #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma @SueCookcom - my mother's life directions always wind their way into my stories. Put on darker lipstick... her secret to happiness. #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 19th, 2009

herstorian Leaving the chat early - have to run. Thanks for the interesting discussion! #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma Love this RT @Eugenia_Kim: "When a writer is born into a family, that family is finished." Nobel poet Czeslaw Milosz #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 19th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass Q2 cont-> while others become who they are in spite of where they've been." cont-> #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana She sounds like an interesting woman. RT @wiremamma: Put on darker lipstick... her secret to happiness. #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 19th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass Q2 cont-> My crazy family experiences contribute to my stories, but I don't restrict myself in writing only crazy family stuff. #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 19th, 2009

Giorgiousponic Is anyone interested in proofreading/editing a short story I wrote #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana How very true. RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Q2 cont-> while others become who they are in spite of where they've been." cont-> #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma @Eugenia_Kim - aye yai yai. Will be shredding for the rest of the afternoon. LOL. No time for journaling these days - wasted paper. #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 19th, 2009

Eugenia_Kim Me running also. Heartsy congrats to @TwinkleChar. Happy thanks as always to founder, participants and spammers of #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana Humans are so unpredictable. Those from good families can end up badly; others from dire circs can become great. #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma @maggiedana - strongest lady in the universe. My model heroine. My best friend. Proof that moms & daughters can & should get along #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 19th, 2009

TwinkleChar @Eugenia Kim Thanks and LOL re spammers #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 19th, 2009

SueCookcom I'm hoping to produce book for parents to read to their kids to help explain that they are result of embryo, sperm or egg donation #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 19th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass Love your mama's style! My grandma's thing was another spray of perfume to chase the blues away. @wiremamma. #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana @wiremamma My daughter is my best friend. #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 19th, 2009

kvfawcett RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Q2 cont-> while others become who they are in spite of where they've been." cont-> #litchat so true -2:02 PM Oct 19th, 2009

thejohnkeenan Have to go - thanks all, once more, for food for thought. #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma @CarolyBurnsBass - oh, I really like that. catchy. RT: My grandma's thing was another spray of perfume to chase the blues away. #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat Pitch time! RT @Giorgiousponic: Is anyone interested in proofreading/editing a short story I wrote #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana @SueCookcom I'll be first in line to read it. Fascinating subject. #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 19th, 2009

JVNLA RT @DorothyHearst: Used to blv my happy childhood would make it hard to write novels. Now think it gave imagination chance to soar. #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma Whoops. @maggiedana - see, I knew I liked you for a reason. #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 19th, 2009

SueCookcom @dromedary adoption not wretched at all - it's the secrecy!! #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wendykwebb Thanks, everyone! Time to tackle the nightly puzzle of dinner. #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat Now that our official chat is over, let's do some pitches. Do you have anything of interest to others in #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma @wendykwebb - good luck with that. If you need ideas, I've been collecting some good family friendly recipes. #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 19th, 2009

Eugenia_Kim from @alexanderchee Fiction can approach the truth of something through metaphor--memoir can approach it through self-discovery. #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma @LitChat - thanks for a great chat! sorry I missed part of it, but this has been interesting. Great topics, as always! #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat Thanks everyone for joining in today. Start thinking up more questions and suggestions for great books about FAMILY SECRETS. #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 19th, 2009

SueCookcom @wiremamma Sounds like a great mother for a writer to have had :) #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana Curry? RT @wendykwebb: Thanks, everyone! Time to tackle the nightly puzzle of dinner. #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wendykwebb @LitChat Sure. Anyone have recommendations for my December books column? #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana Agree. RT @SueCookcom: @dromedary adoption not wretched at all - its the secrecy!! #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana RT @LitChat: Start thinking up more questions and suggestions for great books about FAMILY SECRETS. @krisriggle #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 19th, 2009

TwinkleChar @LitChat Thanks for fun play time. Ah, just what I needed. #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 19th, 2009

wiremamma I agree, too. @maggiedana - secrets are never healthy. RT @SueCookcom: @dromedary adoption not wretched at all - its the secrecy!! #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LexxClarke Apologies for not contributing much this evening, was watching programme both interesting and unnerving #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 19th, 2009

SueCookcom @dromedary I find writing difficult while my elderly parents still alive. Got long letter after 1st novel about use of 'f' word!! #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 19th, 2009

LitChat Remember also, we have @TeriCoyne, author of THE LAST BRIDGE, as guest host on Friday at 4 p/et. #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 19th, 2009

kashicat So sorry I haven't been at #litchat for the past week or so; extremely busy trying to make ends meet, didn't dare turn Twitter on. Heh. -2:09 PM Oct 19th, 2009

maggiedana @SueCookcom Am in other boat. Am always concerned about kids' reactions to my novel(s). They are unfazed. #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 19th, 2009

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maggiedana @kashicat Hi there. You have been missed. #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 19th, 2009
inkwellHQ RT @LitChat: Here's the link to Lionel Shriver's piece in the Guardian. Thanks @thejohnkeenan for referring it. #litchat -2:11 PM Oct 19th, 2009
kashicat @maggiedana Thanks so much! How have you been lately? #litchat -2:11 PM Oct 19th, 2009
hangingnoodles @Eugenia_Kim @alexanderchee Stoppard in Invention of Love has Wilde say "those are not the facts but it is the truth about me" #litchat -2:12 PM Oct 19th, 2009
SueCookcom @maggiedana Lovely keeping in regular touch with you via #litchat x -2:13 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana Scratched, bruised, and sore. Yard work! RT @kashicat: @maggiedana Thanks so much! How have you been lately? #litchat -2:13 PM Oct 19th, 2009
LitChat @TwinkleChar Tell us about the ms you just turned in. #litchat -2:14 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana Same here. RT @SueCookcom: @maggiedana Lovely keeping in regular touch with you via #litchat x #litchat -2:14 PM Oct 19th, 2009
SueCookcom @maggiedana Agree - feel concerned about my kids reactions as well. Squeezed at both ends! Must try to put aside :-/ #litchat -2:14 PM Oct 19th, 2009
maggiedana @SueCookcom Both ends! Good grief. That must be really tough. #litchat -2:15 PM Oct 19th, 2009
SueCookcom @maggiedana I do put it out of my mind while writing but maybe just a slight restraining leash somewhere in the background... #litchat -2:20 PM Oct 19th, 2009
TwinkleChar @wiremamma Thanks for congrats and especially hugs. Can't get too many of those. #litchat -2:23 PM Oct 19th, 2009
TwinkleChar @LitChat Ms. is Book #2 in the Snowglobe Connections series. STRAY AFFECTIONS, Bk #1, just released. #litchat http://bit.ly/3yfgvl -2:26 PM Oct 19th, 2009
TwinkleChar @dromedary Thanks for wanting to RT my windy statement. Thoughts matter. #litchat -2:31 PM Oct 19th, 2009
kashicat RT @LitChat: @TwinkleChar Tell us about the ms you just turned in. #litchat -2:34 PM Oct 19th, 2009
d3mario #litchat #poetry #songwriting #talent Any1 wish 2 follow a future celeb??? Check out my bio and follow me? :) -2:46 PM Oct 19th, 2009
d3mario #litchat #litchat #litchat #litchat ##litchat #litchat #litchat #litchat #litchat #litchat #litchat #litchat #litchat #litchat #litchat #mm -3:10 PM Oct 19th, 2009
herstorian RT @maggiedana: Humans are so unpredictable. Those from good families can end up badly; others from dire circs can become great. #litchat -5:10 PM Oct 19th, 2009
WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2009
LitChat Welcome to Wednesday's #litchat. We're talking for the next hour about FAMILY SECRETS. Join us... now! -1:01 PM Oct 21st, 2009
maggiedana Hi all. I'm loving this week's #litchat topic: FAMILY SECRETS. Convo going on now. Please jump in and join the nice tweeples here. #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 21st, 2009
omara_croft Not sure I'm a vet yet, but I'm hooked...hi all...Brian O'Mara-Croft (Lost in the Hive--humorous essays). Oh, I have fam secrets! #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 21st, 2009
maggiedana @HoodedMan Same here. My novel's m/c discovers similar secret. Not a huge part of story, but big enough. #litchat -1:02 PM Oct 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @maggiedana hey there Maggie! A very cool book arrived today..... #litchat -1:02 PM Oct 21st, 2009
redRavine QM: RT @LitChat Welcome to Wednesday's #litchat. We're talking for the next hour about FAMILY SECRETS. Join us... now! -1:03 PM Oct 21st, 2009
AynoitAshor hey everyone, I'm Aynoit my first book is about Family Secrets, It's called "I Wish I would've" #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 21st, 2009
maggiedana Oh, jolly good! Signed bookplate is en route. RT @LexxClarke: @maggiedana hey there Maggie! A very cool book arrived today. #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 21st, 2009
HoodedMan @maggiedana In my story the discovery, at least partly takes them on a Journey lasting all the ten books in the series #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 21st, 2009
maggiedana I'd think most novels that involve families center around some sort of secret(s). #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 21st, 2009
AynoitAshor #litchat what kind of family secrets are the most taboo to write about? -1:06 PM Oct 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @maggiedana :o) #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 21st, 2009
LitChat Great to see everyone here--some unfamiliar names along with some regulars. Everyone adds spice to the pot. #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 21st, 2009
jamieharrington @LitChat #litchat can we refer to them as SEKRITS? -1:07 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke Hi I'm Lexx from England,currently writing non-fiction but experimenting with flash fiction #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LitChat @AynoitAshor I will repost your question in the Q queue. OK? #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 21st, 2009

maggiedana Wow! Lot of writing, there. RT @HoodedMan: In my story the discovery takes them on a Journey lasting all the 10 books in the series #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 21st, 2009

maggiedana What sort of non-fic? RT @LexxClarke: Hi Im Lexx from England,currently writing non-fiction but experimenting with flash fiction #litchat -1:08 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke I have been thinking about family secrets over the last day or so #litchat -1:08 PM Oct 21st, 2009

AynoitAshor @LitChat Thanks #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 21st, 2009

earth_mommy RT @LitChat Welcome to Wednesday's #litchat. We're talking for the next hour about FAMILY SECRETS. Join us... now! -1:09 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LitChat @jamieharrington SEKRIITS? Explain...? #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 21st, 2009

kashicat <dashing into #litchat> Heya! -1:09 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke @maggiedana mental health handbook,will say more after posted chat ;o) #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 21st, 2009

maggiedana Me too. They make novels that much more delicious. RT @LexxClarke: I have been thinking about family secrets over the last day or #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke Not really a secret as such but an ancestor of mine signed Charles 1st's death warrant #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 21st, 2009

HoodedMan @maggiedana Yeah, about 4 million words all in all. I'm not halfway there yet. #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 21st, 2009

maggiedana {{{{{{HEY}}}}}} RT @kashicat: <dashing into #litchat> Heya! #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 21st, 2009

rebeccawoodhead Hi Litchatters. Mz Litchat 09 here for a few mins. Mad week beta testing. How is everyone? Dish the family secrets :) #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke @kashicat kashi!! x #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 21st, 2009

omara_croft I write NF essays...so the "family secrets" part, although there, has to be handled with kid gloves (or maybe not) #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LitChat Q1 fm @AynoitAshor: What kind of family secrets are the most taboo to write about? #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 21st, 2009

maggiedana @rebeccawoodhead Hey there {{{{{{}}}}}} #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke @rebeccawoodhead well hello there! #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 21st, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @AynoitAshor hi Aynoit :) #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 21st, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana @LexxClarke *hugs* :) #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 21st, 2009

panhistoria I think incest is really really taboo to write about #litchat though I have read at least one novel that dealt with it in an unusual way. -1:12 PM Oct 21st, 2009

maggiedana Incest? RT @LitChat: Q1 fm @AynoitAshor: What kind of family secrets are the most taboo to write about? #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 21st, 2009

AynoitAshor @rebeccawoodhead Hey there! #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 21st, 2009

kashicat So...family secrets. I agree that when you write about families, plot probably revolves around secrets. #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 21st, 2009

panhistoria Possibly another one is racism within the family. #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 21st, 2009

thejohnkeenan Nabokov's "Ada or Ardour: A family chronicle" features a shocking family secret (I won't spoil the plot) but VN said... #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke Q1 hmm mental health problems are often hidden by families #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 21st, 2009

thejohnkeenan "Great novels are above all great fairy tales . . . literature does not tell the truth but makes it up." #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 21st, 2009

tenderprey @panhistoria Which novel? #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 21st, 2009

kashicat @panhistoria That's interesting. So you think even novels that involve family secrets tend less to use incest as one of them? #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 21st, 2009

AynoitAshor @maggiedana @panhistoria My first book actually touches on incest. It's very taboo. some people are freaked out after they read it #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 21st, 2009

omara_croft @LexxClarke Substance abuse, perhaps, especially if the character is held up as one of pure virtue #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 21st, 2009

maggiedana Your posts are always worth retweetng, ya know that? RT @thejohnkeenan: "Great novels are above all great fairy tales . . . #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 21st, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @thejohnkeenan *waves* #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 21st, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass Q1 There are no taboo topics in fiction. A well-crafted novel can be about anything. Consider some of literature's classics. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 21st, 2009
BedfordBookClub @LexxClarke Q1 yes, mental health & addiction - both steeped in denial. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 21st, 2009
maggiedana @AynoitAshor Taboo, yes ... definitely, but readers' levels of 'freaked-out-ness' depends on how author handles subject. #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @omara_croft oh yes indeed,very much taboo #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 21st, 2009
thejohnkeenan @rebeccawoodhead backatcha #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 21st, 2009
kashicat @omara_croft Yes, the seriously virtuous family member who turns out not to be so virtuous is a biggie in family secret plots. #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @CarolyBurnsBass I wish I could believe that but in England we can't help remembering what happened to Salman Rushdie #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @CarolyBurnsBass I wonder if the taboo is within the family rather than society though #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 21st, 2009
AynoitAshor @maggiedana People love it once they finish, they just don't expect it. #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 21st, 2009
thejohnkeenan @panhistoria Natasha Rostova... #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 21st, 2009
maggiedana How true. RT @rebeccawoodhead: Wish I could believe that but in England we cant help remembering what happened to Salman Rushdie #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @kashicat brings in the Freud's heimlich/unheimlich too. #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Q1 A terrible family secret can be told in a gratuitous 1,2,3 of events, or it can unpeeled layer by layer to a satisfying center. #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 21st, 2009
kashicat @rebeccawoodhead <swoon> Someone who uses "heimlich/unheimlich" and knows what it means! #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @LexxClarke If you mean family secrets being taboo in memoirs, I would agree. But not in fiction. How would fiction hurt family? #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 21st, 2009
maggiedana Well said. RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Q1 ... Or it can unpeeled layer by layer to a satisfying center. #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @LexxClarke Unless of course, just having a writer in the family is taboo. We talked about that on Monday. #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @kashicat :) #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 21st, 2009
omara_croft @CarolyBurnsBass I'm not even sure it's taboo in memoirs...you just need to be prepared to be cut from the will #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 21st, 2009
maggiedana Family secrets in fiction will hurt family members if they believe it's all about them. #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 21st, 2009
tericoyne I believe one secret begets another -- the effort to keep a secret drives a lot of the dynamic in families #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 21st, 2009
omara_croft @CarolyBurnsBass I suspect that's true in my case...if I don't portray some fam members as saints (I won't), I won't be popular #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead Scarier that way too @CarolyBurnsBass Q1 A terrible family secret can be... unpeeled layer by layer to a satisfying center. #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @CarolyBurnsBass Sorry I didn't make myself clear,not about hurting family more about making society ack s'thing it doesn't want to #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 21st, 2009
kashicat @CarolyBurnsBass I suppose if there's suspicion among readers that writer's subject matter is biog/autobiog? #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 21st, 2009
kashicat RT @omara_croft: @CarolyBurnsBass I'm not even sure it's taboo in memoirs...you just need to be prepared to be cut from the will #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 21st, 2009
Trishryan RT @tericoyne I believe one secret begets another -- the effort to keep a secret drives a lot of the dynamic in families #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 21st, 2009
AynoitAshor I think it's okay if the message is to help and not to hurt. All family secrets have to be handled delicately. #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @omara_croft My family are cut from Flannery O'Connor stories. Poor and nutty. No will. No way. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 21st, 2009
HoodedMan Memoirs are usually written/published in old age, not without reason. Everybody in the books is dead #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 21st, 2009

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maggiedana @kashicat My novel's m/c had a dreadful mother. I had a fabulous one, but readers ask if my fictionalized mother is my own. NOT. #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 21st, 2009
omara_croft @AynoitAshor Agreed. I tackle my lack of faith in one story...but make sure people understand it's MY position...one position... #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 21st, 2009
maggiedana See Sarah Palin. RT @HoodedMan: Memoirs are usually written/published in old age. Everybody in the books is dead #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 21st, 2009
omara_croft @HoodedMan That certainly makes it easier...but there are still those who will defend another's memory #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 21st, 2009
LitChat Q2 Let's discuss some novels that center around a family secret. Who wants to begin? #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead What about the subtle taboo? Maybe the mother who doesn't mistreat her child but just doesn't love it. The neutral mother. #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @kashicat @omara_croft @CarolyBurnsBass honesty does not always make you popular.... #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 21st, 2009
HoodedMan Almost every story a writer writes is autobiographical to some extent, like historical novels are really about the present #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @LitChat Ooh! Jane Eyre! #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 21st, 2009
kashicat @maggiedana Heh. Readers really can't separate the author from her/his writing, it seems. #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 21st, 2009
maggiedana Kristina Riggle's new novel, REAL LIFE AND LIARS, centers around several family secrets. @krisriggle. #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 21st, 2009
omara_croft @LitChat Into the Woods (Tara French)...not so much a family secret, but a deep secret about character's past that impacts present #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 21st, 2009
kashicat @AynoitAshor Sometimes, tho, the "message" of novel is just to tell the story, not be didactic. #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 21st, 2009
kashicat RT @HoodedMan: Memoirs are usually written/published in old age, not without reason. Everybody in the books is dead #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @rebeccawoodhead I hate that book!Only after studying it for GSCE though! #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 21st, 2009
kashicat RT @LexxClarke: @kashicat @omara_croft @CarolyBurnsBass honesty does not always make you popular.... #litchat [Just ask my fundie relatives] -1:30 PM Oct 21st, 2009
HoodedMan Present society is filled with taboos, anyway. No matter what you decide to write about may be controversial #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass How about THE STORY OF EDGAR SAWTELLE? (Hamlet with Dogs). Lots of family secrets there. #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 21st, 2009
thejohnkeenan @diablocody Come join us on #litchat: we're talking family secrets... #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead Think tweetchat just dropped that. Answer to last Q - Jane Eyre #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 21st, 2009
maggiedana Re memoirs being written in old age: not so much any more. Pols and other celebs write them in full flush of middle age. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @LitChat The Secret Garden,beautiful book,young boy hidden from the world cos of hump backed father.... #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 21st, 2009
BookingIt @LitChat LAST NIGHT IN MONTREAL revolves around a family secret #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @rebeccawoodhead Yow. Jane Eyre. What was so great about Mr. Rochester, anyway? #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 21st, 2009
mariblaser Late to #litchat (again), but for a good reason: a warm dinner with sis. Catching up on convos now (or trying, heh). -1:32 PM Oct 21st, 2009
thejohnkeenan Best thing about Jane Eyre? "Dark Sargasso Sea" #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 21st, 2009
HoodedMan "With truth you may go anywhere, even to prison" - Polish proverb #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @BookingIt I enjoyed how each POV in LAST NIGHT IN MONTREAL had a secret of some kind. #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @CarolyBurnsBass Mr Rochester,psychopath no?! #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 21st, 2009
omara_croft The Sweet Hereafter has some fairly intense family taboos, for the incest fans #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 21st, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @thejohnkeenan EXACTLY what I was about to write. Love that book. #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke @mariblasers welcome! x #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 21st, 2009

thejohnkeenan Or even Wide Sargasso Sea. Oops. #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 21st, 2009

kashicat So many "family secret" novels about prior marriages, illegitimate children, second family in another town... #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 21st, 2009

maggiedana Killer currents with seaweed. RT @thejohnkeenan: Or even Wide Sargasso Sea. Oops. #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 21st, 2009

Inpressbooks Oooh I just loved Home by Marilynne Robinson. Deep dark family secrets. @LitChat #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 21st, 2009

tericoyne Loved Jane Eyre at 12 -- wife in attic -- burden of the past bearing down -- very effective for me #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 21st, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @thejohnkeenan I've never read WIDE SARAGASSO SEA, as avoid "reimaginings" of other author's characters. So it's worth it? #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke Ooh Ooh Rebecca! @LitChat #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasers @LexxClarke Thanks! Great discussion so far! :) #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 21st, 2009

thejohnkeenan @CarolyBurnsBass Do! Do! A masterpiece. #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasers He is *not* perfect? RT @CarolyBurnsBass: @rebeccawoodhead Yow. Jane Eyre. What was so great about Mr. Rochester, anyway? #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 21st, 2009

rebeccawoodhead unfortunately, have go. Testing #lists and GWave now & have chores. Anyone I know on GW, DM your ID and I'll add you to contacts. #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 21st, 2009

JulieMayhew What's the question? Am arriving (un)fashionably late. Sorry. #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 21st, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @LexxClarke You're meaning Du Maurier's REBECCA, not our Rebecca @rebeccawoodhead. #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 21st, 2009

brownies1 Its impossible for a writer (memoir) to remember ever detail or have knowledge of every facet of a person's life fully. #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 21st, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @CarolyBurnsBass Wide Sargasso Sea rocks - totally diff style. Awesome. Bye everyone xx #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 21st, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @thejohnkeenan I will add it to my backlist at your recommendation. I did enjoy FINN by John Clinch, another reimagined character. #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 21st, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @CarolyBurnsBass LOL! #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke @CarolyBurnsBass lol yes although I love our @rebeccawoodhead too! #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasers @kashicat Hi! Indeed it was. My sister is a great cook. (how lucky am I? heh) #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 21st, 2009

thejohnkeenan @CarolyBurnsBass I'll check that out. Thanks. #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LitChat @JulieMayhew We're discussing novels that center around family secrets. #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 21st, 2009

herstorian A great memoir about family secrets is Gillian Slovo's Every Secret Thing: My Family, My Country. #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 21st, 2009

panhistoria @thejohnkeenan I had forgotten her from War and Peace. I wonder if I should read that book again? #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 21st, 2009

tericoyne Maybe it's me but I assume all characters have secrets that drive their behavior - even if I never learn them in the story #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 21st, 2009

krisriggle TY! Busy w/kids RT @maggiedana: Kristina Riggle's new novel, REAL LIFE AND LIARS centers around several family secrets @krisriggle. #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 21st, 2009

brownies1 This is because as people get older, the view of your perspective changes, therefore, the skew of your reality is altered. #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasers Very true! RT @HoodedMan: "With truth you may go anywhere, even to prison" - Polish proverb #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 21st, 2009

panhistoria @kashicat I just don't remember that many novels that feature incest as a plot, but that might just be me. It's a hard subject. #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian-taboos and family secrets a-gogo! #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 21st, 2009

omara_croft Just a hair off-topic, but Hook & Jill (A. Jones) reimagines the Pan story, and the realities/fears of growing up #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 21st, 2009

thejohnkeenan And what about Harry Potter? *Ducks* #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 21st, 2009

JulieMayhew @LitChat Thanks. Great subject! Have just written a novel with that as a central theme. #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 21st, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @thejohnkeenan FINN is the story of Huck Finn's father. It's dark, tragic, and eerily eloquent. #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 21st, 2009

omara_croft @brownies1 I agree. It's hard to recall your childhood without having a "parent" or "grownup" filter #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasier @JulieMayhew I'm late too, but I see the discussion is on family secrets in books. Lots of taking on memoirs. #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 21st, 2009

kashicat RT @tericoyne: Maybe it's me but I assume all characters have secrets that drive behavior - even if I never learn them in the story #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 21st, 2009

tericoyne Feelings, shame, impulses, thoughts - these are kept secret as well and influence a lot of behavior #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke *innit* RT @thejohnkeenan: And what about Harry Potter? *Ducks* #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasier RT @tericoyne: Feelings, shame, impulses, thoughts - these are kept secret as well and influence a lot of behavior #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 21st, 2009

JulieMayhew Lionel Shriver wrote a great piece in the Times at the weekend about the dangers of placing fiction too close to your own family. #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke I think we all have secrets of one kind or another and they do influence how we behave and interact socially @kashicat #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 21st, 2009

thejohnkeenan @JulieMayhew Sorry Julie - it was in The Guardian, I think. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 21st, 2009

omara_croft We have a monster in our extended family I'd like to see have his comeuppance in a novel some day...call it therapy...catharsis? #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 21st, 2009

JulieMayhew @panhistoria The Cement Garden. #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 21st, 2009

Brattyhack @tericoyne what do you think is the best way to handle backstory for characters with lots of secrets? #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 21st, 2009

kashicat @JulieMayhew I agree it's dangerous. I once patterned a char after my brother and lived in fear that he'd recognize himself. Heh. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasier What about it? RT @thejohnkeenan: And what about Harry Potter? *Ducks* #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 21st, 2009

omara_croft @kashicat Hopefully, your brother doesn't lurk in litchat #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 21st, 2009

thejohnkeenan @mariblasier It's all about family secrets. But is it any good? #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 21st, 2009

maggiedana In dribs & drabs RT @Brattyhack: what do you think is the best way to handle backstory for characters with lots of secrets? #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 21st, 2009

JulieMayhew @thejohnkeenan Sorry, you're right, Lionel Shriver was writing in the Guardian. Here's the link <http://bit.ly/3ZTVuG> #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke @mariblasier @thejohnkeenan HP is all about secrets errr Ron and Hermione hello! #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 21st, 2009

kashicat @omara_croft Ha! Indeed not. Though he just joined Facebook. <g> #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasier @LexxClarke Ron and Hermione? None of them hide their family origins? Everyone knows about Harry's past... #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasier @thejohnkeenan @LexxClarke Ron and Hermione? None of them hide their family origins? Everyone knows about Harry's past... #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 21st, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass Has anyone here read THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS? Here's a book with many layers covering a lifetime. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 21st, 2009

herstorian @JulieMayhew We talked about Lionel Shriver's Times piece on Monday. Reminds me how important it is to run writing by family first. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 21st, 2009

JulieMayhew @kashicat Elements of people I've met/I know do creep into characters. But characters are always amalgams. I steer clear of family! #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 21st, 2009

brownies1 You use an illustrative view, using a name that distinctively breathes life into a character. @Brattyhack @tericoyne #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasier @thejohnkeenan It's obviously not perfectly written. But I loved it anyway, flaws and all... *ducks* #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke @mariblasier Noooo I meant that there's the whole 'mudblood'/'pureblood liaison taboo #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 21st, 2009

JulieMayhew Never read a Harry Potter *crawls out from under a rock* #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 21st, 2009

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kashicat @JulieMayhew Yes, I've tried to make my characters much less obvious after that experience. :-) #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 21st, 2009

maggiedana Safer that way. RT @JulieMayhew: I steer clear of family! #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 21st, 2009

kashicat @CarolyBurnsBass Wow, I read God of Small Things years ago and barely remember it now. Maybe I should read again #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke Someone help her..... lol RT @JulieMayhew: Never read a Harry Potter *crawls out from under a rock* #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasier @LexxClarke Ah, ok. Misunderstood then. Sorry.. :) Where's the family secret window then? #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 21st, 2009

Brattyhack @brownies1 Gaw! Names are so hard, and some say more than others...Morelli vs. Stephanie Plum for example... #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 21st, 2009

thejohnkeenan @mariblasier I thought Voldemort was Harry's dad. Or was that Star Wars? *confused* #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke Wow,such a beautiful book RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Has anyone here read THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS? #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 21st, 2009

kashicat @LexxClarke @mariblasier And also keeping one's wizard nature a secret from the wider world #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasier @kashicat I'm scared to death of recognition from family. Agree with @JulieMayhew 's advice. #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 21st, 2009

maggiedana @brownies1 Names in fiction! Could Algernon ever be an NFL quarterback or (insert macho name here) a touchy-feely sensitive guy? #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke roflmao @thejohnkeenan: @mariblasier I thought Voldemort was Harry's dad. Or was that Star Wars? *confused* #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 21st, 2009

tericoyne @Brattyhack I start w/what drives character, what are they hiding? proud of? trying to accomplish? why? #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 21st, 2009

techtigger oh boo! Looks like I missed most of great #litchat ! I always write backstory for characters, reader can relate better to person w/history -1:57 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LitChat Here's the link to Lionel Shriver's piece in the Guardian: <http://ow.ly/viXn> #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 21st, 2009

JulieMayhew @LexxClarke I have fallen asleep during one of the films though. #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 21st, 2009

omara_croft @mariblasier With you on that...my sense of humor apparently isn't shared by my mother #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasier @thejohnkeenan Star wars! lol But here's another reference for family secrets. Did anyone read the books? #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke @maggiedana Blake? #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 21st, 2009

thejohnkeenan @LexxClarke @CarolyBurnsBass: Love Arundhati Roy's writing #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 21st, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @kashicat I read it last summer--had heard about it for years, but never got around to reading. It wasn't an easy read, but WOW. #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasier @JulieMayhew Personally I think it's a great reading. But you must forgive a lot to enjoy it. Specially in the last 2 books. #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke I'm sorry I don't think we can be friends lol RT @JulieMayhew: I have fallen asleep during one of the films though. #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 21st, 2009

thejohnkeenan There's Star War books? #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasier @omara_croft Yes, and my family is *very* cunning on seeing associations, even by opposition. Scary! #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 21st, 2009

JulieMayhew @LexxClarke I fall asleep in the cinema quite often. It's warm, it's dark. It's not a reflection on JK Rowling's writing. #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasier @kashicat @LexxClarke Yes, that secret (you mean Dumbledore right?) is a great one! #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 21st, 2009

techtigger @mariblasier @kashicat - there is always a little of you in characters, but unless writing biography they should have their own life #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LitChat We're back at the top of the hour, time to close for today. We'll continue on Friday with @TeriCoyle as guest host. #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 21st, 2009

omara_croft RT Me too. @JulieMayhew I fall asleep in the cinema quite often. Its warm, its dark. Its not a reflection on JK Rowlings writing. #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke @JulieMayhew I think thats why I don't go to the cinema! #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke @mariblasers amongst others! #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 21st, 2009

kashicat @techtigger Absolutely agree. Even characters I started out kind of patterning after real person eventually became their own person #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke yay! RT @LitChat: Were back at the top of the hour, time to close for today. Well continue on Friday with @TeriCoyle as guest host. #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 21st, 2009

maggiedana Same here. TV has same effect. Prefer books. RT @LexxClarke: @JulieMayhew I think thats why I dont go to the cinema! #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 21st, 2009

thejohnkeenan Night all. Great fun as ever. Many thanks. #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 21st, 2009

kashicat @techtigger In my spec fic novel, I patterned a character after Prince William, but MY Bonny Prince W. is now very much himself #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 21st, 2009

maggiedana It's womb-like. RT @JulieMayhew: I fall asleep in the cinema quite often. Its warm, its dark. #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasers @thejohnkeenan There are 9 of them! The films covered the first 6. #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 21st, 2009

JulieMayhew Great to meet some new writers/readers this evening. Speak to you all again soon. #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 21st, 2009

tericoyne Looking forward to it RT@LitChat: Time to close for today. We'll continue on Friday with @TeriCoyne as guest host. #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasers @LexxClarke Agreed! :) #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 21st, 2009

omara_croft Bye all...good chat...time to go do a little writing my mother won't approve of. Take good care. #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 21st, 2009

thejohnkeenan @maggiedana Cinema: a womb with a view... #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 21st, 2009

LexxClarke @JulieMayhew lovely to meet you too! #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 21st, 2009

mariblasers But it shouldn't be evident, no? RT @techtigger: there is always a little of you in characters, #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 21st, 2009

maggiedana Groan! RT @thejohnkeenan: @maggiedana Cinema: a womb with a view... #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 21st, 2009

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