



LitChat October 5 - 7, 2009

Topic of the Week: CONTEMPORARY INSPIRATIONAL LITERATURE

Open chat

MONDAY, October 5, 2009

LitChat Welcome to a new week and a new topic in #litchat. We're discussing CONTEMPORARY INSPIRATIONAL LITERATURE all week. LitChat begins now. -12:58 PM Oct 5th, 2009

LexxClarke @rebeccawoodhead evening Randomer ;o) #litchat -12:59 PM Oct 5th, 2009

GLeeHancock @rebeccawoodhead @writeranonymous Welcome! What time is it on your side of the pond? I'm in CA, so it's just 1 P.M. or pippa emma #litchat -12:59 PM Oct 5th, 2009

LexxClarke @llunalila ello :O) #litchat -12:59 PM Oct 5th, 2009

LexxClarke @writeranonymous welcome to #litchat -1:00 PM Oct 5th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @thenewauthor - are you on #litchat ? Inspirational literature tonight - bet you've got lots of good stuff to sav -1:00 PM Oct 5th, 2009

writeranonymous @GLeeHancock Just gone 9pm =] #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 5th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @LexxClarke randomer.. lol... good times. #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 5th, 2009

writeranonymous @LexxClarke Many thanks! I feel so intimidated by this already! #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 5th, 2009

LitChat I see some new names this week. Welcome everyone. I hope @ampersandagency doesn't get barraged with pitches. #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 5th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @GLeeHancock it's 9pm here. Am hoping @thejohnkeenan from The Guardian will be here tonight. He keeps missing it #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 5th, 2009

BenRubinstein @rebeccawoodhead Hello! See, I said I'd be here, and here I am :) Although I have no business being here with this topic :-p #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 5th, 2009

LexxClarke @rebeccawoodhead hehe #litchat -1:02 PM Oct 5th, 2009

ficwriter Rt @LitChat Welcome to a new week and new topic in #litchat. We're discussing CONTEMPORARY INSPIRATIONAL LITERATURE. LitChat begins now. -1:02 PM Oct 5th, 2009

LitChat @writeranonymous Special welcome. We love teen writers from Ireland. And writers from Ireland. And teen writers from anywhere. #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 5th, 2009

TheNewAuthor hello everyone. Have I missed anything? #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 5th, 2009

ampersandagency @LitChat - Occupational hazard! Haha #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 5th, 2009

LexxClarke Will lurk for the first bit, pizza is about ready to come out of the oven! #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 5th, 2009

LitChat Thanks also to @RebeccaWoodhead, former Ms Twitter/UK and up for Ms LitChat. #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 5th, 2009

inkyelbows #litchat is on NOW. Twitterchat tips & writer chats schedule: <http://bit.ly/writerchats> -1:04 PM Oct 5th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @BenRubinstein nor me but it's not litchat without you - @ampersandagency is in the house at last - sure they'd like to meet you. #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 5th, 2009

writeranonymous @LitChat oh good. Will have to lurk for a wee bit though, so I know how this works. #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 5th, 2009

kashicat Good day! Just made it in. Writer in Toronto here; nice to see everyone in #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 5th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead Yay! Ms Litchat! Love it! :) #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 5th, 2009

LitChat What comes to mind when you think of "inspirational literature," contemporary or otherwise. #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 5th, 2009

revolucion0 I'm here, though I don't know if I have anything inspirational so I'll lurk for a while. More inspiring of post-modernism! #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 5th, 2009

ClaireLWasmund RT @inkyelbows #litchat is on NOW. Twitterchat tips & writer chats schedule: <http://bit.ly/writerchats> -1:06 PM Oct 5th, 2009

LitChat Chat newbies, see this: RT @inkyelbows: Twitterchat tips & writer chats schedule: <http://bit.ly/writerchats> #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 5th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @TheNewAuthor Hi Brian, we're talking about inspirational literature which I'm pretty sure you're well qualified to speak about #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 5th, 2009

ampersandagency The problem is that the term "inspirational" (like so much in literature) is rather subjective... #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 5th, 2009

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corb21 @LitChat "inspirational lit" is anything that makes me want to change or do something whether in the world or myself #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock @LitChat That's a hard one, for it's different for everyone, I think. #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 5th, 2009
TheNewAuthor Inspirational literature - works that make you see the difficulties of others in a way that moves you to be positive in your life. #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @NikeshShukla ampersandagency are on #litchat at last - come along if you're up to it -1:08 PM Oct 5th, 2009
ellefie RT @inkyelbows #litchat is on NOW. Twitterchat tips & writer chats schedule: <a href="http://bit.ly/writerchats">http://bit.ly/writerchats</a> -1:08 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock Oops! Forgot I'm in my new persona just for chats. Please don't follow. Main ID is GLHancock. Thanks. #litchat -1:08 PM Oct 5th, 2009
cafenirvana RT @inkyelbows: #litchat is on NOW. Twitterchat tips & writer chats schedule: <a href="http://bit.ly/writerchats">http://bit.ly/writerchats</a> -1:08 PM Oct 5th, 2009
corb21 #litchat The Soloist inspired me to be more musical and more open minded regarding the homeless. Julie & Julia inspired me to cook! -1:09 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat You could take inspirational just into the sense of "inspire," so it doesn't have to be "spiritual," which makes some uneasy. #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @AngieLedbetter #litchat just started and the UK agent I told you about has come! Need a gumbo editor #litchat newbie too of course! -1:10 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous If you include children's books, Curious Incident... by Haddon is inspirational by how much the MC achieves. #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass When I think of inspirational literature, I think of the CBA market and other literature with religious tones. #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock @kashicat Right, and also it depends on whether or not the person is religious. #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant @LitChat Any lit that provokes thoughts, causes the reader to see behavior or situations in a different light can be inspirational #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 5th, 2009
marisabirns Inspirational lit is work that causes me to feel, in addition to think. #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 5th, 2009
libraryshade I'm going to lurk on this #litchat because I haven't got too much to say, but much to learn about Inspirational genres. #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 5th, 2009
Trishryan #litchat A friend of mine says inspirational = "books that offer a window into how others negotiate the unknowable parts of life." -1:11 PM Oct 5th, 2009
revolucion0 in that case, my MS I'm promoting, 29 Jobs and a Million Lies, is intended to inspire readers to try and fail, again, again... #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 5th, 2009
webook RT @LitChat What comes to mind when you think of "inspirational literature," contemporary or otherwise. #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat That's the thing: "inspirational" often taken to be synonymous w/"spiritual." But can't think of a good substitute for "inspire." #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 5th, 2009
tericoyne While I agree with the great descriptions sometimes it implies "christian" writing too #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 5th, 2009
Trishryan Nice! RT @marisabirns Inspirational lit is work that causes me to feel, in addition to think. #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock @litchat It appears that "inspirational" can fit into any and all genres. #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant We have been included on panels for inspirational lit several times--and are often the only non religious authors in group #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat The "problem" w/"inspirational" isn't that anyone is anti-religious, just that there's no word for non-religious inspirational lit #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere This is the kind of life I've had. Drunk and in charge of a bicycle, as an Irish police report once put it. ~Ray Bradbury #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead I feel that it should mean something that takes you out of yourself so you see yourself more clearly & your windows are polished. #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 5th, 2009
revolucion0 so is inspirational a genre, per se, or a descriptor? fiction + nonfiction? #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @tericoyne How about "aspirational"? Work that urges us to aspire for something higher. #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 5th, 2009

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debbieohi @corb21 Julie & Julia inspired me to cook, too. :-) #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere Drunk with life, that is, and not knowing where to get off next...Ray Bradbury #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant One can be inspired by religious themes and one can be inspired by nature or evolving relationships as depicted in a story #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 5th, 2009
corb21 Like it! RT @CarolyBurnsBass: @tericoyne How about "aspirational"? Work that urges us to aspire for something higher. #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CDominiqueG @marisabirns I agree... I think inspirational lit is whatever motivates or insights the reader #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant RT @debbieohi: @corb21 Julie & Julia inspired me to cook, too. :-) Me too! #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock @revolucion0 I'd agree with that. Both fiction and nonfiction can be inspirational. Even blog posts. #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead If you're really inspired by something, your view of the world after you read it gains clarity. #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat @deberryandgrant Are people in audiences surprised that you are non-religious, in those panels? #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 5th, 2009
webook when it comes to comic novels...and being inspired. richard russo, straight man #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere A really good turn of a phrase, or idea inspires me. And other people's success inspires me #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant Readers have told us that a book of ours inspired them to forgive someone, or get back in touch w/an old friend. #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 5th, 2009
debbieohi Agreed! -->RT @GLeeHancock: @revolucion0 Both fiction and nonfiction can be inspirational. Even blog posts. #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat RT @CarolyBurnsBass: @tericoyne How about "aspirational"? Work that urges us to aspire for something higher. #litchat [I like this!] -1:15 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @kashicat How about "aspirational"? Work that urges us to aspire for something higher. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 5th, 2009
TheNewAuthor If a book of any kind, from any genre, inspires a reader in one way or another....can it be considered inspirational literature? #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @ampersandagency Don't be shy :) #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat RT @rebeccawoodhead: If you're really inspired by something, your view of the world after you read it gains clarity. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant @kashicat Depends. We were at an event in KY and yes, the audience expected that all panelists wrote Christian fiction. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 5th, 2009
ficwriter Just reading a well-written book, no matter the subject, is inspirational for an aspiring writer. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 5th, 2009
debbieohi What I find inspirational: anything that makes me want to strive to improve myself, to aspire to better things. #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 5th, 2009
tinaannforkner Interesting conversation. I agree it inspires the reader to change something about their life or helps them gain clarity. #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 5th, 2009
debbieohi RT @rebeccawoodhead: If you're really inspired by something, your view of the world after you read it gains clarity. #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock @TheNewAuthor That's what I mean when I say that it is purely personal. One man's inspirational is another's boredom. #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 5th, 2009
revolucion0 #litchat so then it seems, based on comments so far, that this genre/description needs more selling to *writers* to promote it as such. -1:17 PM Oct 5th, 2009
corb21 #litchat THE LOVE DARE is very inspiring in an on-purpose way....it's a challenge of a book. Though most aren't so up front... -1:17 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @TheNewAuthor See, that makes a lot of sense to me. That's what I would consider inspirational literature #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 5th, 2009
webook when it just comes to being inspired. Olive Kitteridge, by Elizabeth Strout #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells Diving in with the in hashtag. Another writer from Ireland. Hello! #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 5th, 2009
cafenirvana I agree >> RT @ampersandagency: The problem is that the term "inspirational" (like so much in literature) is rather subjective... #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 5th, 2009

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doart @litchat What kind of "inspirational" do you mean? Like religious/philosophical? Or just uplifting/inspiring? #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 5th, 2009

DutchessAbroad @LitChat as a writer, what inspires me to work. F.i. oeuvre Esther Freud, Linda Grant + in past Anais Nin #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 5th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead For new tweeps... @ampersandagency is a fab lit agency from England and this is their first litchat #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 5th, 2009

tericoyne Like it too! Rt kashicat RT @CarolyBurnsBass: @tericoyne How about "aspirational"? Work that urges to aspire 4 something higher #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 5th, 2009

kashicat RT @lysana: @kashicat Motivational lit instead of inspirational? #litchat [That's excellent too.] -1:18 PM Oct 5th, 2009

deberryandgrant RT @GLeeHancock: @TheNewAuthor Thats what I mean when I say that it is purely personal. One mans inspirational is anothers boredom. #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 5th, 2009

ampersandagency Different things inspire different people, but as a publisher (commercial hat!) I think inspiration has to happen on a large scale #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 5th, 2009

debbieohi @alisonwells Hi Alison! #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 5th, 2009

marisabirns RT @ficwriter Just reading a well-written book, no matter the subject, is inspirational for an aspiring writer. #litchat ~ I agree -1:19 PM Oct 5th, 2009

writeranonymous @alisonwells wonderful! I'm not alone in the Irish field then ^\_^ #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 5th, 2009

HowDidUGetThere Hi! @Allison #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 5th, 2009

kashicat So maybe, with teh vagueness on the meaning of "inspirational" plus confusion w/"spiritual," it's really a useless term? #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 5th, 2009

TheNewAuthor What inspires you more - the author, the story, or how the story is told? #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 5th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @kashicat Eek. Using the term Motivational opens a whole box of self-help and telemotivangelists. (My other job is in moti field). #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 5th, 2009

GLeeHancock All authors who want to be published are "aspirational", whether or not their writing is #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 5th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @alisonwells the Irish writer is @writeranonymous and he's awesome. He's teaching us Irish with vids at the mo. He's only a teen. #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 5th, 2009

tericoyne Agree! Book was revelation 2 me in many ways RT@webook when it just comes to being inspired. Olive Kitteridge, by Elizabeth Strout #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 5th, 2009

writeranonymous @TheNewAuthor If the characters are included in this area, the story. It's open to all forms of media too - film, tv etc #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 5th, 2009

LitChat If you have any questions to pose to the chat, DM or @LitChat and I will post for you. #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 5th, 2009

deberryandgrant Sometimes I think the most inspiring work is 1 you're not expecting. You didn't pick up book looking for inspiration, but found it #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 5th, 2009

kashicat @CarolyBurnsBass Ha! Hadn't thought of that. So we'r stuck w/"motivational" confused w/"self help" & "inspirational" w/"spiritual" #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 5th, 2009

alisonwells @writeranonymous Good to meet you! @Howdidyougetthere here as well. Hi there! #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 5th, 2009

ampersandagency @TheNewAuthor - All are important! And not necessarily distinct ("you are what you write"?) #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 5th, 2009

corb21 @TheNewAuthor well sometimes the author is the story... ie IN A SINGLE BOUND other times it's the main characters #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 5th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @ampersandagency I haven't read Q & A but I found Slumdog inspiring. How does Q & A differ as I believe you were involved? #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 5th, 2009

TheNewAuthor @kashicat No it's not useless because inspiration is born from emotion and we need both emotion and passion to convey our stories. #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 5th, 2009

latta Inspirational lit may make me swoon, make me swear--but it stretches me. It's not necessarily comfortable #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 5th, 2009

HowDidUGetThere I live in Dublin, but am a native Texan! I'm very inspired by the Irish, though. #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 5th, 2009

writeranonymous @GLeeHancock That's a very good point actually! Have to be particular about that phrase #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 5th, 2009

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kashicat @TheNewAuthor I'm not saying inspiration is useless -- just saying as a literary term it's so vague it doesn't mean anything #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 5th, 2009
tinaannforkner I think of Lisa Samson, Mary DeMuth, Susan Meissner and others. But the Amish and Mennonite books fall into category as well. #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 5th, 2009
Drunk_Bot RT @HowDidUGetThere Drunk with life, that is, and not knowing where to get off next...Ray Bradbury #litchat -http://twitdrunk.com -1:22 PM Oct 5th, 2009
BenRubinstein @TheNewAuthor I think that's a tough question, because it depends on fiction/nonfiction. #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 5th, 2009
corb21 @ampersandagency I'm not sure it can happen on purpose so much either... #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass RT @deberryandgrant ...the most inspiring work is 1 you're not expecting. You didn't pick up book looking 4 inspiration, but found it #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead Where's @maggiedana ? Get your English butt over here and show some support to one of our own. English agent in the house! #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells @rebeccawoodhead Great to hear! #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock @deberryandgrant And it isn't always the whole of the writing that inspires us, may be only one part. One little part! #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 5th, 2009
tericoyne sometimes genre draws you in or keeps you away that's the tricky part #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 5th, 2009
sharifwrites I have a large music collection. I'm inspired by music. Makes me want to write. #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells @debbieohi Hi! #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @HowDidUGetThere then I imagine the works of Irish writers must be very inspirational for you? #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana bring @katiefforde too if she's around. Would be lovely to see her on litchat. :) #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere Is there a fine line between inspiration and lecturing, or emotional manipulation? #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 5th, 2009
cafenirvana When I was younger, I found chicken soup series uplifting. Later, I was inspired by Ayn Rand, she gave a new perspective to life.. #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deegospel RT @deberryandgrant: ... the most inspiring work is 1 you're not expecting & didn't pick up looking for inspiration, but found it #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells Perhaps when we manage to dip into a universal concern and find a strong storyline thro we can inspire #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant @GLeeHancock Absolutely--because inspiration is so subjective and personal. And timing is also important. #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 5th, 2009
JoeBanano 1% inspiration, 99% perspiration, Picasso dixit. #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 5th, 2009
TheNewAuthor @kashicat I forgot the #litchat on the last one but I would agree that inspirational is too vague for a literary term. #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock Is there an "inspirational" section in bookstores, publishers' catalogs? I know "motivational" but don't remember "insp." #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 5th, 2009
ficwriter Agree! Rt @latta Inspirational lit may make me swoon, make me swear--but it stretches me. It's not necessarily comfortable #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 5th, 2009
cafenirvana In a way even LOTR has plenty of inspiration in it :) #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells @HowDidUGetThere Honorary Irish #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 5th, 2009
LitChat Q1 fm @HowDidUGetThere Is there a fine line between inspiration and lecturing, or emotional manipulation? #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 5th, 2009
cassidylewis RT @ficwriter: Just reading a well-written book, no matter the subject, is inspirational for an aspiring writer. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @GLeeHancock Mainly because people can be motivated in the same way, but inspired in many different ways #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 5th, 2009
tinaannforkner RT @deberryandgrant: ... the most inspiring work is 1 you're not expecting & didn't pick up looking for inspiration, but found it #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat So when a publisher or agent says something is "inspirational" as a GENRE, what do they themselves mean by the word? #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 5th, 2009
BenRubinstein @cafenirvana There was a period in my life when I found Ayn Rand to be very inspirational too. She was definitely a great writer. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 5th, 2009

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marisabirns @TheNewAuthor It comes down to a good story told by a good author. Good story, badly told, is not a good read. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock Q1: Impossible because it is such a subjective experience. IMHO #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 5th, 2009
sharifwrites RT @GLeeHancock Absolutely--because inspiration is so subjective and personal. And timing is also important. #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 5th, 2009
winsloweliot @TheNewAuthor @kashicat also doesn't inspirational have religious overtones? In the romance world it does! #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 5th, 2009
Trishryan Can we define inspirational lit as "a book you'd give a friend when s/he needs hope that life will turn out better than we expect?" #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant @LitChat I think it's a very fine line and one that can only be determined by the reader. Some ppl want a lecture. Others don't. #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 5th, 2009
TheNewAuthor @GLeeHancock The question then becomes, is there a difference between motivational and inspirational? #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant RT @marisabirns: @TheNewAuthor It comes down to a good story told by a good author. Good story, badly told, is not a good read. #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 5th, 2009
ampersandagency @rebeccawoodhead Many differences! But yes, inspirational (the story of the book/film as well as the narrative itself!) #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CDominiqueG @GLeeHancock you didn't see that b/c what is inspirational is subject to an individual & how they receive a work fiction or nonfic #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 5th, 2009
ficwriter Inspirational literature obliterates stereotypes. #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock @TheNewAuthor or, should writers even aspire to write inspirational lit? #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 5th, 2009
tinaannforkner @LitChat Q1 Oh yeah. No reader likes to be lectured. #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 5th, 2009
MikellKober Answer to question on #litchat Three inspirational books I've read recently: THE SATANIC VERSES, BELOVED and A HUNDRED YEARS OF SOLITUDE -1:29 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @GLeeHancock In my opinion, no. Write the best damn story you can, if you're a novelist, but don't aim to inspire. #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere So many great ideas out here! Trying to keep up! #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CDominiqueG @Trishryan can it even be defined? Because inspiration can be achieved in so many different ways and from different angles #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 5th, 2009
TheNewAuthor Can you plan to write inspirational lit or does it come out naturally based on your story? #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant @GLeeHancock Writers should aspire to write a good book. If they do their job, the story should inspire-if only reading another book #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat @GLeeHancock My view: if U try to write insp'l lit, you end up preachy, whereas writing good story can end up insp'l as byproduct #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @HowDidUGetThere Same here. It's maddening! I have this refreshing every 5 seconds! #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 5th, 2009
buythebookcvcom @LitChat inspiration is emotional manipulation; positive vs negative goal/result as defined by the person affected #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 5th, 2009
BenRubinstein @GLeeHancock Yeah, really odd term. All art should "inspire" something, right? Whether it's inspiring anger, fear, motivation, joy. #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant RT @writeranonymous: @GLeeHancock Write the best damn story you can, if you're a novelist, but don't aim to inspire. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock @writeranonymous Right! So if people write something that others find insp., it is serendipity. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat RT @TheNewAuthor: Can you plan to write inspirational lit or does it come out naturally based on your story? #litchat I'd say the latter -1:31 PM Oct 5th, 2009
winsloweliot RT writeranonymous @GLeeHancock In my opinion, no. Write the best damn story you can, if you're a novelist, don't aim to inspire. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @ampersandagency thanks for answering that. I must read the book. The effect a book/film has can make it more inspirational #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 5th, 2009
KD_Miller @TheNewAuthor I think the best come naturally and the ones that fall flat are the ones where the author wants to teach too much #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells @GLeeHancock In fiction I don't think you should set out to do inspire but let the integrity of the story speak for itself #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 5th, 2009

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ficwriter Q1 Proselytizing is not the same as inspiring. #litchat Inspire through storytelling, not preaching. -1:31 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Q1 The worst thing is a book that begins inspirational and ends lecturous. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 5th, 2009
tinaannforkner RT @GLeeHancock Myview: if Utry to write insp'l lit, you end up preachy, whereas writing good story can end up insp'l as byproduct #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant A novelist is a storyteller. That's the job. Do it well and inspiration may be a by-product, but the writer doesn't decide that. #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alittlesandy Inspiring your readers comes from your OWN passion toward what you are writing. There is no formula. #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 5th, 2009
Trishryan RT @GLeeHancock All art should "inspire" something, right? Whether it's inspiring anger, fear, motivation, joy. #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead chaps, while we've got @ampersandagency here - if there are any Slumdog Millionaire fans - they take some of the credit. #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 5th, 2009
winsloweliot @TheNewAuthor @GLeeHancock most novels are not 'motivational'. but many do inspire #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere Some people might tend to avoid an "inspirational" section, but flock to books that inspire without trying to #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock Oh, we forgot to mention "self-help", a thriving division of lit. It is not a story that is so important. Much more insp. lit. nonf #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead If you have any questions about Slumdog or Q&A - the book it grew from - now is the time to ask. #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells Its pretty subjective, a particular bk, film can inspire u as a writer, dep. on your pet themes at time. #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @buythebookcvcom How is inspirational emotionally manipulative? #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 5th, 2009
cafenirvana @BenRubinstein Yea, I dont agree with her fully, hated Fountainhead, loved AtlasShrugged. But she made me think. question things. #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant Non-fiction, self help, instruction, motivational books start out intending to inspire, teach, preach. Fiction shouldn't. IMO #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 5th, 2009
debbieohi RT @alittlesandy: Inspiring your readers comes from your OWN passion toward what you are writing. There is no formula. #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 5th, 2009
tinaannforkner Good point. RT @ficwriter: Q1 Proselytizing is not the same as inspiring. #litchat Inspire through storytelling, not preaching. -1:34 PM Oct 5th, 2009
JoeBanano RT @TheNewAuthor :Can you plan to write inspirational lit or does it come out naturally based on your story? #litchat couldn't plan it -1:34 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere Big fan! @ampersandagency @rebeccawoodhead Slumdog Millionaire fans - they take some of the credit. #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 5th, 2009
marisabirns @ampersandagency Well congrats to you for your part in Slumdog Millionaire... #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CDominiqueG @BenRubinstein I know right? I was inspired by some blogs by some folks here in #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 5th, 2009
debbieohi RT @ficwriter: Q1 Proselytizing is not the same as inspiring. #litchat Inspire through storytelling, not preaching. #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @rebeccawoodhead @ampersandagency I loved SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE. Well done all the way. #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 5th, 2009
thejohnkeenan Nabokov said he wanted "to produce a sob in the spine of the artist-reader". Not a bad idea #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @writeranonymous I disagree - you should always aim to inspire when you write. You should aim to inspire yourself. #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @alisonwells Definitely! And the circumstances one finds oneself in when one reads a book or sees a movie affects them too #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells RT @kashicat: My view: if U try to write insp'l lit, you end up preachy, whereas writing good story can end up insp'l as byproduct #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 5th, 2009
tericoyne Agree RT@deberryandgrant novelist is storyteller.That's the job.Do it well & inspiration may be by-product -writer doesn't decide #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 5th, 2009

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writeranonymous @rebeccawoodhead Ah, touché. Hadn't thought of it that way! #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alittlesandy You can create inspiring characters, but you can't tell your readers what to think and feel. #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 5th, 2009
cafenirvana @BenRubinstein Rather than sit back&obey whatever the world told me. Identified with a few of ayn's characters too. #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant RT @alittlesandy: You can create inspiring characters, but you cant tell your readers what to think and feel. #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 5th, 2009
BenRubinstein @CafeNirvana Really!? I read Fountainhead first, LOVED IT, and then thought Atlas Shrugged was just wordier & read like a textobook #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat RT @tinaannforkner: Inspire thru storytelling, not preaching #litchat [Meaning U're not trying to make sure readers "get" some point] -1:36 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @thejohnkeenan oh you're here! I should have tried 'Oy Keenan' before :) Everyone, Mr Keenan is a journalist & very clever chap #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere I'm with you on that. @alisonwells "you end up preachy, whereas writing good story can end up insp'l as byproduct" #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @rebeccawoodhead Yes! We aspire to inspire ourselves. Wow. #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @writeranonymous I get away with it that easily? I expected a fight! :P #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock If you deliberately attempt to make your writing, esp. novel, inspirational, you risk developing a fakey voice. #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat RT @alittlesandy: You can create inspiring characters, but you can't tell your readers what to think and feel. #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 5th, 2009
debbieohi RT @thejohnkeenan: Nabokov said he wanted "to produce a sob in the spine of the artist-reader". Not a bad idea #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @rebeccawoodhead I'm not much of a fighter. That's always for the stories! ^_^ #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere I think if the writer is bored while writing the reader will be too, but that's different than what we classify as "inspiration" #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 5th, 2009
buythebookcvcom @CarolyBurnsBass #litchat both want to change your behavior in a large or small way. Inspirational wants to support what you want to achieve -1:38 PM Oct 5th, 2009
winsloweliot @thejohnkeenan Nabokov said he wanted "to produce a sob in the spine of the artist-reader" #litchat but is producing the same as inspiring? -1:38 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @CarolyBurnsBass don't you love being a writer? :) #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CDominiqueG @writeranonymous I agree ... different things inspire at different times depending on an individuals current situation #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 5th, 2009
frednowrimo @GLeeHancock: Agreed. People who think "they have a lot to teach" can come off arrogant, if they're not careful. #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 5th, 2009
buythebookcvcom @CarolyBurnsBass ...and what we call emotionally manipulative is rooted in someone else's agenda #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 5th, 2009
tericoyne Best feeling was when a reader told me my book inspired her to make a change that brought her happiness - she inspired me back! #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells @rebeccawoodhead If you don't inspire yourself you'll never finish your novel in the first place! #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 5th, 2009
sharifwrites @GLeeHancock I agree. I've read books with that fakey voice. #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @writeranonymous no names for Knight gig again so Word Nerd Army is a monarchy until a revolution breaks out. I pick after litchat! #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @frednowrimo Indeed! Or preachy. People hate being preached at. They go to church for that. They don't want it all the time. #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 5th, 2009
buythebookcvcom @BenRubinstein I agree about Fountainhead and Atlas #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere ...Different than the concept of "inspirational" The writer should always be thrilled, excited, involved, but not "try" to inspire. #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock "Fakey": prof. ed. term. I'm almost always surprised when a reader tells me my writing inspires him or her. Warm fuzzies! #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @alisonwells exactly! But the trick in writing the novel is to inspire yourself so much that you can't wait to write the next. #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 5th, 2009

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JoeBanano Inspiration is, at the end, a dialectical exchange between author & readers. #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells RT @HowDidUGetThere: The writer should always be thrilled, excited, involved, but not "try" to inspire. #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 5th, 2009
Trishryan Our goal as writers is to tell a compelling story. Focus on "being inspiring!" usually reads as manipulative #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant RT @HowDidUGetThere: The writer should always be thrilled, excited, involved, but not "try" to inspire. #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @rebeccawoodhead Aw! That's sad =[ On the bright side, I've applied to be on TV with @LiteraryDen's campaign, which is similar! #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 5th, 2009
tinaannforkner @kashicat right. Because when you do, it comes across as phony and obvious that the writer is trying too hard, right? #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 5th, 2009
cafenirvana @BenRubinstein I just didnt get it.Roark was effective,but heroine was a turnoff.realised l8r ayn probly had weird views on love #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @LitChat Question for writers: how do you get inspired to write? #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells RT @rebeccawoodhead: Inspiring yourself to write. Now that's another #litchat discussion I need to be at! -1:43 PM Oct 5th, 2009
winsloweliot @HowDidUGetThere @writeranonymous #litchat I feel I'm getting out of breath. *pant* *pant* -1:43 PM Oct 5th, 2009
herstorian @GLeeHancock: Agreed. People who think "they have a lot to teach" can come off arrogant, if they're not careful. #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @writeranonymous You're going to be on TV? You're such an over-achiever. I want a dedication & signed 1st ed's when you're famous! #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 5th, 2009
thejohnkeenan thejohnkeenan @winsloweliot I guess not – I go to fiction as much for artistic stimulation as intellectual inspiration... #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @winsloweliot This is my first time. I'm typing like crazy to try keep up! ^_^ #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere @winsloweliot Ha! Me too! #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alittlesandy @BenRubinstein LOVED The Fountainhead. Atlas Shrugged was a good story, but I agree with you that it was wordier. #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 5th, 2009
corb21 RT @CDominiqueG @writeranonymous I agree ... different things inspire at different times depending on individuals current situation #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @ampersandagency - keep an eye on @writeranonymous He's only 18 but he's totally focused on his writing career. #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 5th, 2009
cafenirvana I agree RT @Trishryan Our goal is to tell a compelling story.Focus on "being inspiring!" usually reads as manipulative #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CDominiqueG @writeranonymous read tons of books and try to meet and get kind of close to as many people as possible, oh yeah nature watch #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @rebeccawoodhead well it's not official yet, but I've applied to Battlefront. They liked it last time they saw it. Fingers crossed #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 5th, 2009
sharifwrites @writeranonymous I look through my notes to remind myself of all that I want to write. #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 5th, 2009
tinaannforkner An author once said she writes more to understand than to impart wisdom. Was it Amy Tan? Not sure, but same here. #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells Whose writing inspires you to write? #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 5th, 2009
marisabirns Always love stories where I really want to know what happens next, and to feel a bit bereft when I finish. Become 1 with that world #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CDominiqueG @corb21 thanks for the RT #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @CDominiqueG Nature watch? As in looking at plants and animals? Sorry, slightly confused by the term. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead are we talking about how we get inspired to write now? #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 5th, 2009
latta Something may be truly insp'al in midst of a fatal maelstrom. It was the journey--even if the "truth" was only glimpsed briefly. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Yes! RT @thejohnkeenan: ...I guess not – I go to fiction as much for artistic stimulation as intellectual inspiration... #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 5th, 2009

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cafenirvana @alisonwells @rebeccawoodhead I think being inspired to write is different from inspiring a reader. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 5th, 2009
winsloweliot @writeranonymous how do you get inspired to write? #litchat only by making yourself do it - sometimes there's flow sometimes not -1:46 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant RT @tinaannforkner:An author once said she writes more 2 understand than to impart wisdom. Was it Amy Tan? Not sure, but same here. #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock @alisonwells I'm inspired to write by the bad writing I see in abundance. #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @sharifwrites I use my notes to remind me of things I want to write that I know I'll forget. I like your use of them though. #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 5th, 2009
inkwellHQ RT @alisonwells: RT @HowDidUGetThere: The writer should always be thrilled, excited, involved, but not "try" to inspire. #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 5th, 2009
Donna_Carrick I am not able to write when I'm unenthusiastic w story or characters. I have to believe in them. #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat The first #litchat can be crazy-making for newcomers. :-) Especially when there's a lot of off-topic stuff too. -1:47 PM Oct 5th, 2009
tericoyne Me too RT @tinaannforkner: An author said she writes more 2 understand than 2 impart wisdom. Was Amy Tan? Not sure, but same here. #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CDominiqueG @writeranonymous well Im a Plant Scientist/ Chemist,so I tend to gaze at plants, animals,the moon,anything that is naturally there #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 5th, 2009
buythebookcvcom @alisonwells Whose writing inspires you to write? #litchat __Jennifer Crusie! -1:47 PM Oct 5th, 2009
inkwellHQ RT @HowDidUGetThere: So many great ideas out here! Trying to keep up! #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alittlesandy I get inspired to write both by reading AND by turning to other forms of art, such as movies, paintings, music, etc. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
herstorian I think we're still talking about inspirational lit. RT @rebeccawoodhead: are we talking about how we get inspired to write now? #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells RT @tinaannforkner: Author once said she writes more to understand than to impart wisdom. Was it Amy Tan? Not sure, but same here. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
debbieohi I get inspired to write by looking at #amwriting and seeing how productive other writers can be! :-) #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
winsloweliot Writing is like marriage - it's more work and consistency (loyalty) than inspiration - and good things emerge from that. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock @Donna_Carrick Do you think that your writing then may be more inspirational if you are inspired about the subject? #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @winsloweliot Yet many published writers say they write even when they don't to. I wonder how they get inspired for it. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat RT @GLeeHancock: @alisonwells I'm inspired to write by the bad writing I see in abundance. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere @writeranonymous @alisonwells Sometimes I just write, start the physical and the emotional comes, but usually I can't stop writing. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead I give myself a time to write and a number of words to write when that time arrives, then I write. I get inspired at that time. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alittlesandy Thanks for the RTs! @debbieohi @deberryandgrant @kashicat #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CDominiqueG @tericoyne It was Amy Tan.... I can here "Mi gook" in my head now! #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @CDominiqueG Ah. Well that makes sense. Thank you the explanation. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
debbieohi Another inspiration to write: bills to pay. This applies more to nonfiction than fiction, I suspect. :-) #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells RT @GLeeHancock: @alisonwells I'm inspired to write by the bad writing I see in abundance. #litchat Brilliant! -1:49 PM Oct 5th, 2009
Donna_Carrick @cafenirvana @alisonwells @rebeccawoodhead I think being inspired to write is different from inspiring a reader. #litchat /Very true -1:49 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere @inkwellHQ Hey there, welcome #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 5th, 2009

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Trishryan Maybe the question is whose writing inspires you to live? (Try something new, hope for the unlikely, etc) #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @HowDidUGetThere Same for me. When I start writing I just can't stop. I make myself wait until that time. NaNoWriMo this year. #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant RT @debbieohi: Another inspiration to write: bills to pay. This applies more to nonfiction than fiction, I suspect. :- ) #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 5th, 2009
dlschubert RT @winsloweliot Writing is like marriage - it's more work & consistency than inspiration & good things emerge from that. #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock @debbieohi Oh, yes. Bills are insp. to work, but stress does not necessarily call out good writing. #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alittlesandy My writing is inspired by GOOD STORYTELLING (I don't care whether the writing is good or not, lol) #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 5th, 2009
LitChat Does inspirational work have to be fiction? What about memoirs? #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant @debbieohi To the novelist as well...contracts=deadlines! #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 5th, 2009
cafenirvana @ampersandagency What do you look for in inspirational writing? Other than it appealing to broad audience. #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 5th, 2009
sharifwrites @writeranonymous My notes help me focus and give me the urge to write. #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @Donna_Carrick it is very true. I was just asking if the Q had changed! :D #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat RT @alisonwells: Whose writing inspires U to write?#litchat Dorothy Dunnett either makes me want to write or want to hang up my pen forever. -1:50 PM Oct 5th, 2009
debbieohi @GLeeHancock Oh, agreed. But it certainly makes "writer's block" a luxury that can't be afforded. :- ) #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 5th, 2009
JoeBanano @winsloweliot Totallly agree with you #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere Me too, only all day RT @debbieohi I'm inspired to write by looking at #amwriting seeing how productive other writers can be! :- ) #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 5th, 2009
debbieohi @deberryandgrant Agreed! Contracts & deadlines also inspire me to write. :-D #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 5th, 2009
winsloweliot @writeranonymous It's a huge mistake for writers to require inspiration in order to write. Just do it. #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous Memoirs! Yes, knew there was one we forgot. People love reading about the child abuse stories when the writer comes through it. #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 5th, 2009
RuthanneReid RT @dlschubert RT @winsloweliot Writing is like marriage - more work/consistency than inspiration/good things emerge from that. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @winsloweliot Agreed (especially when said writer has bills to pay and a deadline to meet) #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 5th, 2009
ampersandagency @cafenirvana: Something original and well-written. So much competent writing about uninspirational stuff/bad writing on fab topics! #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat @writeranonymous Writing is craft as well as inspiration. So you work at the craft whether you "feel" inspired or not. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 5th, 2009
debbieohi RT @winsloweliot: It's a huge mistake for writers to require inspiration in order to write. Just do it. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 5th, 2009
susanmpls @LitChat I don't think inspirational work has to be fiction. Memiors & NF can be inspirational. Depends on the message in the book. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CDominiqueG @writeranonymous NP.& some published authors say the read other writers for inspiration too.Check their blogs when u hav time. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 5th, 2009
winsloweliot RT @JoeBanano 1% inspiration, 99% perspiration, Picasso dixit. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 5th, 2009
herstorian RT @winsloweliot: @writeranonymous Its a huge mistake for writers to require inspiration in order to write. Just do it. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant RT @winsloweliot: @writeranonymous Its a huge mistake for writers to require inspiration in order to write. Just do it. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock @writeranonymous I think the Frey brouha ended memoirs being insp. for me! I don't believe what anyone says. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat RT @debbieohi: Another inspiration to write: bills to pay. This applies more to nonfiction than fiction, I suspect. :- ) #litchat BINGO! -1:52 PM Oct 5th, 2009

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Donna\_Carrick @debbieohi Another inspiration to write: bills to pay. Applies more to nonfiction I think you're right-non-fiction doesn't pay them. #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 5th, 2009

alisonwells @winsloweliot Yes the days of the old muse landing on the shoulder are outdated. Heard he retired #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 5th, 2009

deberryandgrant RT @kashicat: @writeranonymous Writing is craft as well as inspiration. So you work the craft whether you "feel" inspired or not. #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 5th, 2009

debbieohi RT @kashicat: Writing is craft as well as inspiration. So you work at the craft whether you "feel" inspired or not. #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 5th, 2009

llunalila RT @debbieohi: I get inspired to write by looking at #amwriting and seeing how productive other writers can be! :- ) #litchat ME TOO! -1:53 PM Oct 5th, 2009

HowDidUGetThere Memoires are the essence of inspirational. That's when it's almost a requirement. RT @LitChat Does ... What about memoirs? #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 5th, 2009

writeranonymous @CDominiqueG Will do. Should entertain, if it doesn't do anything else. #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 5th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @TamsynTweetie will you join #litchat ? - Ampersand (the lit agency) is there for 1st time & Maggie Dana's gone AWOL. UK author needed. -1:54 PM Oct 5th, 2009

cafenirvana @ampersandagency What are some fab topics written badly that you've seen, if you don't mind my asking. :) #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 5th, 2009

kashicat RT @LitChat: Does inspirational work have to be fiction? What about memoirs? #litchat [I even get inspired by history textbooks] -1:54 PM Oct 5th, 2009

alisonwells @writeranonymous Child abuse memoirs are the opposite of inspirational to me I'm afraid #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 5th, 2009

writeranonymous @kashicat That's what the published authors say ;-) #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 5th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @winsloweliot TRUE! Butt on seat. Write. Only way! #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 5th, 2009

writeranonymous Big inspiration in writing, I find, is a deadline. #nanowrimo takes advantage of that fact #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 5th, 2009

thejohnkeenan @writeranonymous Misery memoirs – ugh! The opposite of inspiring #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 5th, 2009

deberryandgrant But let us not confuse being inspired to write-for whatever reason and the fortunate happenstance of creating a work that inspires. #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 5th, 2009

winsloweliot @writeranonymous are memoirs inspiring? #litchat biographies of great people perhaps. But not 'mommie dearest' ? -1:55 PM Oct 5th, 2009

HilaryWagner1 @debbieohi Everything inspires me to write, sometimes the stupidest thing can be inspire the brightest piece of writing! #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 5th, 2009

writeranonymous @thejohnkeenan @alisonwells I think it's more the experience of overcoming a bad childhood to lead a normal life #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 5th, 2009

debbieohi @HilaryWagner1 I find that, too. :- ) #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 5th, 2009

alisonwells Very inspired lately by story of laying of first transatlantic cable between Valentia (irl) and Hearts content newfdland #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 5th, 2009

Donna\_Carrick #litchat Of course if you're paid to do something that inspires you, that's the gold ring for me! I never worry about it tho. Love to write. -1:56 PM Oct 5th, 2009

CDominiqueG @writeranonymous lol definately... check out Melissa Marr or perhaps a nonfic writer such as Hill Harper #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 5th, 2009

debbieohi Thanks for the chat, but I have to go. Thanks for all the inspiration/info! #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 5th, 2009

inkwellHQ RT @alisonwells: RT @GLeeHancock: @alisonwells I'm inspired to write by the bad writing I see in abundance. #litchat Brilliant! -1:56 PM Oct 5th, 2009

kashicat @writeranonymous Yep. In my novel-writing workshop, facilitator said you start writing FIRST - can't steer non-moving car #litchat :) -1:56 PM Oct 5th, 2009

sharifwrites @writeranonymous Yes! I have been inspired by a deadline. I've typed like mad if I know someone is waiting on me. #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 5th, 2009

writeranonymous @GLeeHancock I'm not familiar with them =[ #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 5th, 2009

ampersandagency @cafenirvana: Am just thinking of promising synopses/proposals that don't fulfil their promise when you read the ms itself. #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 5th, 2009

HowDidUGetThere @rebeccawoodhead Me too! Will be my first time to do NaNoWriMo, thanks to twitter. #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 5th, 2009

Topic of the Week:

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LucidGlow Big inspiration is life itself #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @susanmpls *waves* the agent that I've been telling everyone about is here :) They rejected me & it gave me warm fuzzies #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells @fadetheory Garcia Marquez am with you! Steinbeck even Ali Smith #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @kashicat Very good advice that. I'll remember that! Thanks! #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 5th, 2009
Donna_Carrick @HilaryWagner1 @debbieohi Everything inspires me write, stupidest thing can be inspire the brightest piece of writing! #litchat /Absolutely! -1:57 PM Oct 5th, 2009
Trishryan Solid advice. RT @kashicat In my novel writing workshop, facilitator said you start writing FIRST - can't steer non-moving car #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @CDominiqueG Thanks for the recommendations. I'll check them out tomorrow. #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 5th, 2009
susanmpls @rebeccawoodhead *waves* back. half the battle of getting pub'd is creating relationships with the decision makers... :) #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 5th, 2009
winsloweliot INSPIRE: to influence, move, or guide by divine or supernatural inspiration, to exert animating, enlivening, exalting influence on #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deegospel @LitChat inspirational work can be nonfic like @maxlucado Fearless #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 5th, 2009
cafenirvana Yes, the french & american revolutions were very inspiring :) RT @kashicat: RT @LitChat: [I even get inspired by history textbooks] #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @thejohnkeenon agree with you. #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @sharifwrites I actually wrote best with a deadline. Wasn't off-putting for some reason. #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat @writeranonymous Oddly, I've sometimes found the stuff I wrote while feeling "uninspired" turned out to be best work of all. Weird. #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant RT@writeranonymous In my novel-writing workshop, facilitator said you start writing FIRST - cant steer non-moving car #litchat :) #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 5th, 2009
LucidGlow A story must be messy, filled with blood, dirt and sweat #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat @joanniex I don't know poetry that well, but poets I know still have to work at & craft the lines & words. #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @HowDidUGetThere First time? My goodness. You're in for a treat. I did it last year ^_^ #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere @ampersandagency I found in my operatic past that there are those who audition well, those who perform well, and some who do both! #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Inspiration is this: "I write only when inspiration strikes. Fortunately it strikes every morning at 9:00 sharp." ~Somerset Maugham #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 5th, 2009
appleberrymount (just got here) Maybe bill paying=MOTivation, art=INSPIRation #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 5th, 2009
herstorian Agreed. RT @writeranonymous I think its more the experience of overcoming a bad childhood to lead a normal life. #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @susanmpls oh I don't mind but I want them to find someone fab so I invited them on here. Packed with talent. #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @kashicat Hmm.. curious. Is that in the first draft, or do you mean the ideas are better? #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 5th, 2009
Trishryan RT @CarolyBurnsBass "I write only when inspiration strikes. Fortunately it strikes every morning at 9:00 sharp." ~Somerset Maugham #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 5th, 2009
susanmpls @kashicat sometimes the best work (most inspirational?) comes from those moments of struggle. your personal realizations come thru #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 5th, 2009
Donna_Carrick @kashicat @writeranonymous I've sometimes found the stuff I wrote while "uninspired" turned out to be best work of all. #litchat /Sometimes. -2:01 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @HowDidUGetThere Those who do well in both rise above the others, don't they. #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant RT @CarolyBurnsBass: "I write only when inspiration strikes. Fortunately it strikes every morning at 9:00 sharp." ~Somerset Maugham #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 5th, 2009
NikeshShukla @rebeccawoodhead oh no! doing a reading tonight. Tickle them for me. #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 5th, 2009
LucidGlow One night without inspiration is okay. You persevere on your experience and keep writing. A month without it won't do. #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 5th, 2009

Topic of the Week:

JoeBanano Every author needs an epiphany, like Stephen Dedalus. Be it a book, a sight, an odour, a state, an illness... #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 5th, 2009
deberryandgrant @Donna_Carrick @kashicat @writeranonymous I second that! #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 5th, 2009
ampersandagency @HowDidUGetThere: I like the analogy! #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 5th, 2009
Donna_Carrick #litchat Must go-meeting webmaster for updates to site. Bye, DC -2:02 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @kashicat It's the 'first take' syndrome. Used to find that when I was a singer. Something fresh in the first moment. #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat @writeranonymous Sometimes it's both. Sometimes the words flow better & sometimes the ideas, or both. Not every time, but often #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere @CarolyBurnsBass I think that's what we all strive for but need to give ourselves a break, because they're different skill sets. #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 5th, 2009
LitChat Winding up today's posted chat with many terrific ideas and concepts about what makes inspirational literature. #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @NikeshShukla they're here now! Can't pop over? #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 5th, 2009
thejohnkeenan If you feel 'inspirational' when you write – you're probably not. Kill your darlings! #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 5th, 2009
winsloweliot @kashicat @writeranonymous ME TOO! Sometime I re-read what I "forced" myself to write and it's like someone else wrote it. Love it. #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere @ampersandagency Thanks! #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous @kashicat So by observation, one should write no matter how they feel. Delightful advice ^_^ #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 5th, 2009
thejohnkeenan "Kill your darlings" was not advice to authors of misery memoirs btw #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock @thejohnkeenan Ha! Ha! Well said. And please don't send me these pieces to edit! #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 5th, 2009
winsloweliot RT @thejohnkeenan If you feel 'inspirational' when you write – you're probably not. Kill your darlings! #litchat YES! most useful advice! -2:05 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat @CafeNirvana And I loved Margaret Macmillan's "Paris 1919" too -- just knowing what post-WW1 leaders had to handle #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 5th, 2009
marisabirns The inspiration comes after taking that first draft and rewriting, and polishing until you are surprised at what you find. #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alisonwells Thanks to all. Night Night from Co. Wicklow, Irl. #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere @thejohnkeenan Ha! #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @thejohnkeenan LOL! You're right though. #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 5th, 2009
cafenirvana @LitChat Thanks. Had good fun everyone. See you all later. #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 5th, 2009
LitChat Thanks to all of the new names--too many too list. Here's hoping you'll return on Wednesday, same time, same topic. #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @writeranonymous yep. That's pretty much it. If you wait for the muse you'll wait a long time. #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 5th, 2009
writeranonymous Thanks for the great first time everyone, from Dublin, Ireland. #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 5th, 2009
LitChat On Friday, @Trishryan will be out guest host. She popped into the chat a few times today. Be sure to follow her now. #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 5th, 2009
sharifwrites @LitChat Thanks for hosting this. #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 5th, 2009
alittlesandy Great #litchat! Thanks to everyone who participated. Very inspiring! -2:07 PM Oct 5th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere @alisonwells Bye, I'm heading out too Really enjoyed it, everyone! #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 5th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @alisonwells bye :) #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 5th, 2009
thejohnkeenan Thanks all #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 5th, 2009
kashicat @writeranonymous Certainly if you want to have a regular writing time, yes. It's good discipline. (Dontcha hate that word?) #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @alisonwells Oh! I was in Co. Wicklow last June. Loved it. Saw Powerscourt and stayed at the R-C there. Lovely. #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 5th, 2009
tericoyne Later #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 5th, 2009
CDominiqueG @writeranonymous correct... because that state of frustration could produce an extraordinary piece #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 5th, 2009
GLeeHancock @LitChat Yes, thanks to newcomers and to you, dear. #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 5th, 2009

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writeranonymous @kashicat Haha unfortunately we need to it to sound serious when people say writers don't have "real jobs" #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
rebeccawoodhead @thejohndeen thanks so much for coming over :) #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
winsloweliot bye all - off to catch my breath now. #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
kashicat @alisonwells Ooooh! Haven't read that story about laying the cable! What's the title? #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
Doublelattemama RT @marisabirns: The inspiration comes after taking that first draft & rewriting, & polishing until u r surprised at what you find. #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
rebeccawoodhead huge thanks to @ampersandagency for joining in. Everyone, follow these guys. All agents should be like this. #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
CDominiqueG @writeranonymous HA! I would like whoever thinks that to try and write 10k in an eight hour sitting and make sense. #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
rebeccawoodhead @writeranonymous thanks for coming. Fun eh? #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
HoodedMan @CDominiqueG @writeranonymous you have to go deep when you're frustrated, and that is always good #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
Trishryan @LitChat Looking forward to chatting with you guys on Friday :) #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
Doublelattemama RT @CarolyBurnsBass: "I write only when inspiration strikes. Fortunately it strikes every morning at 9:00 sharp." ~Somerset Maugham #litchat -2:11 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
writeranonymous @rebeccawoodhead Very fun! Everyone was so nice! ^_^ #litchat -2:11 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
writeranonymous For my new followers, and the #litchat crew remaining, see the next tweet ^_^ -2:11 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
writeranonymous Incentive for #nanowrimo - <a href="http://bit.ly/3C6UDV">http://bit.ly/3C6UDV</a> - I hope this convinces those sitting on the fence ^_^ #litc	
ficwriter Rt @Trishryan @LitChat Looking forward to chatting with you guys on Friday :) #litchat -2:12 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
alittlesandy That was fun! Thanks for the warm welcome, the RTs, and tons of inspiration. #litchat -2:12 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
George9Writer Celebrating today's #litchat by writing! -2:12 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
HoodedMan @Doublelattemama @CarolyBurnsBass It's an ongoing thing with me. I write in my mind when I don't sit with the keyboard in my lap. #litchat -2:13 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
JoeBanano Thanks! Too many ideas to grasp, but fun nonetheless. #litchat -2:13 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
sudofonik RT: @debbieohi I get inspired to write by looking at #amwriting and seeing how productive other writers can be! :- ) #litchat -5:42 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
hulmevision RT @OrnaRoss: The better the writing you read, the better the writing you write. #litchat -6:43 PM Oct 5th, 2009	
rebeccawoodhead @commentisfree Would a hashtag would be too specific? If not, #litchat - publishers, agents, writers, journalists etc party 3 times a wk -3:44 AM Oct 6th, 2009	
rebeccawoodhead @commentisfree We use tweetchat.com to make a meeting room and discuss literature, interview authors etc. @LitChat runs it. #litchat -3:46 AM Oct 6th, 2009	
rebeccawoodhead Pls RT- Didn't #litchat rock? Could barely keep up with it! Got DM from @ampersandagency who loved it. All writers: follow this agent! -3:48 AM Oct 6th, 2009	
<b>WEDNESDAY, October 7, 2009</b>	
LitChat The door to Wednesday's #litchat is open. Please step into the salon and introduce yourself. -12:58 PM Oct 7th, 2009	
alittlesandy I'm jumping in to participate in #litchat. Come join us! -1:00 PM Oct 7th, 2009	
rebeccawoodhead Kettle's on. #Litchat countdown. New followers, expect much tweeting for an hour. Either ignore me or join us on search/ tweetchat.com :) -1:00 PM Oct 7th, 2009	
CDominiqueG or is it #litchat? -1:00 PM Oct 7th, 2009	
nolabill Here to participate in #litchat. Topic? -1:01 PM Oct 7th, 2009	
CarolyBurnsBass @rebeccawoodhead Pour me some tea, my cup is empty. #litchat -1:02 PM Oct 7th, 2009	
pitchparlour Can we define 'inspirational' please? Miss Pitch, query blogger. #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 7th, 2009	
LexxClarke @CDominiqueG #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 7th, 2009	
writeranonymous @nolabill Contemporary Inspirational Literature. It's less daunting than it sounds ^_^ #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 7th, 2009	
LitChat This week's continuing topic is CONTEMPORARY INSPIRATIONAL LITERATURE. For purpose of our convo, we mean anything that inspires. #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 7th, 2009	

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LitChat Welcome back, @writeranonymous, our teen phenom from Ireland. #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 7th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead Hello! Am here with English tea for @CarolyBurnsBass & Irish tea for @writeranonymous Am author-in-waiting &...Mz Litchat 2009! :) #Litchat -1:04 PM Oct 7th, 2009
notabill Oh, BTW, for the record, I'm here as an author (as opposed to blogger, bookseller, etc.) #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 7th, 2009
LexxClarke @writeranonymous you came back, hooray! #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 7th, 2009
writeranonymous @LitChat my pleasure to be here! (wow, second time here and I'm a teen phenom? Cool!) #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 7th, 2009
writeranonymous @rebeccawoodhead that usually contains whiskey.. I don't think I want to get drunk on the Internet! Hehehe #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 7th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @LexxClarke @writeranonymous feel like I should set up a litchat anonymous group for the people I've got addicted :P #Litchat -1:07 PM Oct 7th, 2009
LitChat I will RT some of the more explanatory quote from Monday to help some of the newcomers today. #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 7th, 2009
writeranonymous @LexxClarke Indeed I did. I loved it last time. Amazed people are responding to my return so nicely ^_^ #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 7th, 2009
LitChat RT @GLeeHancock All art should "inspire" something, right? Whether it's inspiring anger, fear, motivation, joy. #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 7th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @writeranonymous No, Twinings makes/made Irish tea and it was jolly nice. #Litchat -1:08 PM Oct 7th, 2009
alittlesandy @rebeccawoodhead @writeranonymous Tea and whiskey? Sign me up! #litchat -1:08 PM Oct 7th, 2009
herstorian Warning to followers: Going to be in #litchat for the next hour, feel free to ignore my copious tweets (or join in!). #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 7th, 2009
LexxClarke @rebeccawoodhead well I do hold you entirely responsible! #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 7th, 2009
writeranonymous @rebeccawoodhead Ah, wonderful! Did you say you drink Twinings tea in Irish then? ^_^ #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 7th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @ficwriter #litchat is on right now. Join us. -1:10 PM Oct 7th, 2009
herstorian Also, #memoirchat should be happening tonight. Can anyone confirm that? So I may be in a chat later, too. #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 7th, 2009
writeranonymous Re: Inspiration of emotions - very true. If it's just something you look at/watch/read balnkly, then it's failed as art. #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 7th, 2009
LexxClarke I find #litchat very inspirational, not just for what it helps me do creatively but also in introducing me to new lit and writers #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 7th, 2009
notabill @LitChat I think the most important thing art can inspire is more art. #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 7th, 2009
LitChat Per @GLeeHancock's post, do you think literature should inspire readers? #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 7th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @writeranonymous harsh! I haven't even learnt 'I drink Yorkshire tea nowadays' in Irish yet. Will try again. Inspirational lang. #Litchat -1:12 PM Oct 7th, 2009
alittlesandy Re Inspirational Literature: The question is, what does it inspire you to DO? #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 7th, 2009
HilaryWagner1 @pitchparlour Inspirational = Whatever it is that peels your banana! #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 7th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass I think of "inspire" as having a positive influence. Literature that promotes positivity and wellness, even beauty. #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 7th, 2009
writeranonymous @rebeccawoodhead Ah, you've plenty of time to learn, anyway. Inspirational lang. for some. Painful for students, for some reason. #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 7th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @LitChat I suppose so because even dystopian literature inspires fear or dread or despair or trepidation...or clarity. #Litchat -1:14 PM Oct 7th, 2009
NancyWait @AdviceToWriters Peace goes into the making of a poem as flour goes into the making of bread. PABLO NERUDA #poetry #litchat Thanks love it! -1:15 PM Oct 7th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass When I think of fear and terror, I don't think I'm "inspired" to be afraid. It's more like compelled, driven, urged, provoked. #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 7th, 2009
pitchparlour Surely historical inspires you to read about history, espionage thriller - political history, war story - history of conflict...no? #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 7th, 2009

Topic of the Week:

writeranonymous @CarolyBurnsBass But does a horror writer not inspire fear in his/her readers? Surely that is the purpose. Fear, and wonder. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 7th, 2009

herstorian @LitChat: I don't think literature should \*have\* to inspire readers. It's one of the things that it can do, but not essential. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead If you don't inspire some kind of emotion then...well...is that even possible? If you inspire boredom I doubt it's 'inspirational' #Litchat -1:16 PM Oct 7th, 2009

susanmpls @LitChat I think literature should make readers think. That could be inspirational, but maybe not. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 7th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @rebeccawoodhead Good example, but does dystopian lit "inspire" or "provoke"? #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 7th, 2009

jeremyduns @pitchparlour Ideally, yes! #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 7th, 2009

dosankodebbie Very astute observation RT @alittlesandy: Re Inspirational Literature: The question is, what does it inspire you to DO? #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 7th, 2009

luciaorth #litchat The etymology of the word inspire comes from "to breathe" "in" and I like that very basic level on which art/literature work. -1:17 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @herstorian but what does literature do if it doesn't inspire something - thought, emotion, academic curiosity etc? #Litchat -1:17 PM Oct 7th, 2009

nolabill What is the difference then between inspirational and motivational lit.? Is there one? Is inspiration always positive? #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 7th, 2009

herstorian Agreed. RT @susanmpls: @LitChat I think literature should make readers think. That could be inspirational, but maybe not. #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead I might have to narrow my definition of 'inspirational' to mean inspirational in a positive sense or it's too broad :) #Litchat -1:19 PM Oct 7th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @writeranonymous Is the verb "inspire" correct in referring to the affect people feel when reading thrillers, suspense? #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 7th, 2009

herstorian @rebeccawoodhead: Lit should provoke a reaction, but "inspire" - in the sense of "inspirational lit" - has a positive undertone. #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @nolabill interesting - diff between inspirational and motivational. Maybe first gives you the idea for action & second the drive. #Litchat -1:20 PM Oct 7th, 2009

JoeBanano @luciaorth Agreed. I would add "To breath in" in order to " draw forth" #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 7th, 2009

DavidDOCT History is always contemporary. Any story told is a history of personal circumstances. #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @herstorian that's why I changed it. :) #Litchat -1:20 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LitChat @IAmDyslexic We would enjoy hearing about your literacy campaign after our topic chat is over at 5 p/et. Thanks for waiting. #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @Litopia you're welcome. Are you on #litchat? -1:21 PM Oct 7th, 2009

writeranonymous @CarolyBurnsBass Inspiration of feelings no matter how negative, should be used equally, shouldn't it? Should we instead show bias? #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 7th, 2009

dosankodebbie 1 of my favorite quotes: The artist's duty is to lift up men's hearts and help them endure. I suppose this applies to lit as well #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 7th, 2009

herstorian @rebeccawoodhead: Didn't see your change before I posted. #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 7th, 2009

sharifwrites RT @nolabill interesting -diff between inspirational and motivational.Maybe first gives you the idea for action & second the drive. #Litchat -1:22 PM Oct 7th, 2009

alittlesandy Some literature inspires me to be a better person, or to travel, or to EAT (lol), and some literature inspires me to write #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 7th, 2009

househomeauthor Literature leads you to new worlds & cultures, provides an escape from hard realities (& introduces u to new ones). It changes you. #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 7th, 2009

pitchparlour Anyone here want to get into a chat about Ruskin and John Stuart Mill? #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 7th, 2009

writeranonymous @dosankodebbie I'd say so, yes. In my opinion, writers ARE artists, just a different type to painters, sculptors, etc. #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 7th, 2009

nolabill @luciaorth I like that def. a lot. When we "breathe in" we absorb something, feel it, change it, & release it back into the world. #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @sharifwrites actually, I said that :( #Litchat -1:23 PM Oct 7th, 2009

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CarolyBurnsBass @writeranonymous Yes, in truest sense of the word. Yet when I think of inspirational lit, I don't think of horror, thriller, etc. #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 7th, 2009

sharifwrites @rebeccawoodhead Sorry. I'm using tweetdeck first time this week. Don't understand copy and paste, and person's name on bottom. #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 7th, 2009

herstorian I find it's easy to mix things up during a chat. Has happened to me. RT @rebeccawoodhead: @sharifwrites actually, I said that :( #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 7th, 2009

writeranonymous @CarolyBurnsBass what then do you consider inspirational lit? It's clear, and I mean this kindly, that we see the word differently. #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @pitchparlour Uni flashbacks! Um... I could give it a bash but it was a long time ago. Tell you what, you say it and I'll nod! #Litchat -1:25 PM Oct 7th, 2009

GLHancock Can't lit also inspire people to perform heinous crimes? #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 7th, 2009

dosankodebbie RT @sharifwrites: RT @nolabill Dif between inspirational and motivational. Maybe1st gives you the idea for action; 2nd the drive. #Litchat -1:26 PM Oct 7th, 2009

herstorian @CarolyBurnsBass: Agreed. To me, "inspirational lit" means something positive, to inspire reader to be a better person... #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 7th, 2009

nolabill @pitchparlour "Ruskin and John Stuart Mill?" Bring it. (Though when I cut it down, it reads like a corner in a country town) #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @sharifwrites no probs. Same thing happens to me. Have given up on Tweetdeck :) #Litchat -1:26 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LitChat @pitchparlour Yes, but do relate your comments about Ruskin and Mill to our topic of Inspirational lit--at least until 5 p/et. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 7th, 2009

pitchparlour @rebeccawoodhead Didn't 'inspirational' literature start with them? I'm trying hard to raise the game here. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 7th, 2009

luciaorth #litchat @nolabill @JoeBanano I agree. We take it in; it sustains yet changes us. We want to answer. -1:26 PM Oct 7th, 2009

sharifwrites @GLHancock In crime fic I thought it's to inspire to solve crimes. You mean like American Psycho type of stuff? #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 7th, 2009

nolabill @pitchparlour Meet me at the corner of Ruskin and John Stuart Mill. #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 7th, 2009

sharifwrites @rebeccawoodhead The web is tidier for me, but slower. #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 7th, 2009

pitchparlour @GLHancock Fantastic point. We have Red Dragon in the bog library and occasionally I wonder I'm not a mass-murderer, whilst on loo. #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 7th, 2009

GLHancock @sharifwrites Sort of. Psycho certainly spawned a plethora of similar movies. I think the others were inspired by it. #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 7th, 2009

pitchparlour @LitChat Sorry - I meant in the context of the discussion: they were perhaps to two original 'inspirational writers'. #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @GLHancock & @herstorian I think generally it's positive but when someone says they have divine inspiration to commit a crime... #Litchat -1:29 PM Oct 7th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @writeranonymous Too true. I'm thinking "inspirational" as positive influences, while you may rather be thinking "provocative." #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 7th, 2009

publishingworks The diversity of definitions for inspirational lit is interesting. I would not have placed horror or thrillers in that category. #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 7th, 2009

CDominiqueG What are we talking about #litchat? -1:30 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @pitchparlour when I think of Ruskin I end up thinking of William Morris & medieval architecture - idea of putting self into work #Litchat -1:30 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LitChat @pitchparlour No worries. I knew what you meant. Hope you will pose some good commentary about them. #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 7th, 2009

nolabill Crime fiction can also inspire thoughts of justice, morality, law, etc. Inspiration is not always so cause and effect. #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 7th, 2009

writeranonymous @CarolyBurnsBass but then, do erotic novels not inspire lust or desire? Or would you class that as something else too? #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LitChat @CDominiqueG We are continuing topic of CONTEMPORARY INSPIRATIONAL LITERATURE. Scroll back a bit to catch up. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 7th, 2009

GLHancock I thought last time we concluded inspiration is personal and the lit that inspires is all genre, fiction and nonfiction. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 7th, 2009

pitchparlour @rebeccawoodhead Yes, but he was deeply involved in the morality of art and how it inspires humanity to good. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 7th, 2009

Topic of the Week:

writeranonymous @CDominiqueG Contemporary Inspirational Literature ;-) #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 7th, 2009
pitchparlour @rebeccawoodhead Wm Morris also inspirational in the way he lived his life, and his legacy. #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 7th, 2009
herstorian @LitChat: I'm curious - what did you mean by "inspirational literature" when you chose the topic for this week? #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 7th, 2009
jenforbus RT @nolabill Crime fic. can inspire thoughts of justice, morality, law, etc. Inspiration not always so cause & effect. #litchat [absolutely! -1:32 PM Oct 7th, 2009
nolabill @luciaorth Not I can't stop thinking about inspire/aspire/inhale relationships I love words #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 7th, 2009
Danisdhe @nolabill Exactly. There can be inspiration in the juxtaposition of the literary world and the reader's reality. #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 7th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead One person with a belief is equal to a force of ninety-nine who have only interests. -John Stuart Mill #Litchat -1:33 PM Oct 7th, 2009
writeranonymous @GLHancock That's the point I've been trying to make. Even things like Horror and Erotica inspire, albeit in different ways #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 7th, 2009
CDominiqueG @writeranonymous @LitChat thank you! #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 7th, 2009
pitchparlour RT @rebeccawoodhead One person with a belief is equal to a force of ninety-nine who have only interests. - John Stuart Mill #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 7th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @pitchparlour totally. Went to his house last year. Love the idea of stitching your soul into your work - that is inspirational #Litchat -1:34 PM Oct 7th, 2009
JoeBanano Inspirational always had religious overtones to me, for better or for worse. It could lead to art, it could lead to murder #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 7th, 2009
GLHancock @writeranonymous TY!d been trying to make that point too, but my alter ego would not cooperate and my posts disappeared themselves #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 7th, 2009
jeremyduns @CDominiqueG The terms of the discussion, I think. #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 7th, 2009
sharifwrites @writeranonymous I've found many heroes in horror books, also found them inspiring. #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 7th, 2009
LitChat @herstorian Topic was chosen to discuss books that have strong positive messages with spiritual/mystical leaning. #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 7th, 2009
herstorian @rebeccawoodhead: I know that the word "inspiration" has a variety of meanings, but "inspirational literature," to me, is positive. #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 7th, 2009
writeranonymous @sharifwrites fantastic! Some proof of Horror being inspiring ^_^ #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 7th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead I think anti-heroes can be the most inspiring if they are able to move from a negative to positive place from the reader's P.O.V. #Litchat -1:36 PM Oct 7th, 2009
writeranonymous RT @sharifwrites: @writeranonymous I've found many heroes in horror books, also found them inspiring. #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 7th, 2009
dosankodebbie @DavidDOCT If the artist/writer's duty is to reveal, our responsibility should extend (at least) to NOT glorifying evil... #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 7th, 2009
LitChat @LitChat I like how it's adapted to inspire convo about the meaning of inspiration itself. #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 7th, 2009
GLHancock @LitChat That was unclear last time. Do you only want us to discuss lit with + messages, spiritual and mystical? #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 7th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @herstorian was to me too until 30 mins ago! Just occurred to me that some of the worst crimes are 'inspired' by higher ideals #Litchat -1:37 PM Oct 7th, 2009
jeremyduns @rebeccawoodhead Very interesting! I'm the same. #Litchat -1:38 PM Oct 7th, 2009
Danisdhe Literature inspires us to ask the question "what would I do if...?" Spiritual lit can help us to answer from our strongest selves. #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 7th, 2009
sharifwrites @writeranonymous Yes, I've found they even follow Joseph Campbell's hero's journey. #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 7th, 2009
BenRubinstein @rebeccawoodhead Mhmm, all the time people commit crimes and then say they were "inspired" (or commanded) by the divine. #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 7th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @pitchparlour I would not have considered John Ruskin or John Stuart Mill as contemporary, but their influence are still felt. #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 7th, 2009
Danisdhe RT @dosankodebbie: ...our responsibility should extend (at least) to NOT glorifying evil... #litchat Utterly agree Debbie :) -1:40 PM Oct 7th, 2009

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TheNewAuthor Can someone bring me up to spend? #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 7th, 2009
herstorian @rebeccawoodhead: I think perhaps the confusion is that ALL lit is "inspirational" in some way - it should provoke some reaction... #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 7th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @Danisidhe that's interesting. Maybe if 'what would I do if' were the definition it would incorporate both sides of the coin. #Litchat -1:40 PM Oct 7th, 2009
writeranonymous @TheNewAuthor there's about three different discussions going on. Best shot is to scroll down and try pick up on one of them. #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 7th, 2009
TheNewAuthor That should have been speed...sorry #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 7th, 2009
Danisidhe @rebeccawoodhead Except that the topic is not about both sides of the coin ;) #Litchat -1:41 PM Oct 7th, 2009
LitChat @GLHancock Discussion has evolved beyond the spiritual/mystical, but it remains focused on the fire that inspires readers to ... #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 7th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @TheNewAuthor what started as the idea of inspirational lit being + has gone to a wider discussion of + & - & definitions #Litchat -1:41 PM Oct 7th, 2009
alittlesandy For me, there's "Inspirational Literature" (the genre) and then there's literature that inspires. I see them as different. #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 7th, 2009
BenRubinstein @Danisidhe True, but I'm inspired by the humanity of antagonists whose motivations we can't completely fault. #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 7th, 2009
TheNewAuthor @writeranonymous Thank you...I'm starting to see that #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 7th, 2009
herstorian ...But "inspirational lit" - as a genre - is +. We can expand from there, but it's hard to discuss when we can't agree on basics. #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 7th, 2009
LitChat @TheNewAuthor We're discussing our topic of the week, CONTEMPORARY INSPIRATIONAL LITERATURE, scroll back a bit to catch up. #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 7th, 2009
GLHancock @Danisidhe Yes. I think the mod wants us to limit ourselves to "goody two shoes" type of writing. #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 7th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @herstorian - that's where I came in. That's why I've tied myself in a bit of a literary knot because that def is TOO broad #Litchat -1:43 PM Oct 7th, 2009
luciaorth @rebeccawoodhead [I would say the goal in writing literary fiction is "to make you see" as someone once said..]. #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 7th, 2009
sharifwrites @herstorian I take inspiration to mean a positive reaction, and one in which the reader wants to change after reading the book. #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 7th, 2009
Danisidhe @herstorian Yes, I think that the conversation is a little broader than intended (while being narrowly semantically focussed lol) #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 7th, 2009
writeranonymous @alittlesandy so what sort of book is "Inspirational Literature"? #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 7th, 2009
LitChat @GLHancock What is "goody two shoes" writing? #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 7th, 2009
pitchparlour @CarolyBurnsBass I accept that completely, but I think the definitions here are too broad and I like boundaries. #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 7th, 2009
sharifwrites I think inspirational crosses all genres. #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 7th, 2009
nolabill @Danisidhe Semantics? I'm always up for some antics. #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 7th, 2009
writeranonymous @herstorian but there's the beauty of it! There's so much more to discuss if we include the basics. ^_^ #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 7th, 2009
jeremyduns I often find books labelled 'inspirational' uninspiring and tend to avoid them. :O #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 7th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @BenRubinstein Me too!! The nasty person who you secretly identify with & try not to. Complex 'baddies' with real humanity rock. #Litchat -1:45 PM Oct 7th, 2009
BenRubinstein @GLHancock True, but I guess "goody two shoes lit" is very desired, and also lucrative. #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 7th, 2009
GLHancock There is no such genre as "inspirational" lit. There's religious, self-help, motivational, spiritual, mystic, etc. #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 7th, 2009
dosankodebbie @BenRubinstein: I'm inspired by the humanity of antagonists whose motivations we can't completely fault. <--inspired to do/be what? #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 7th, 2009
alittlesandy @writeranonymous alittlesandy @writeranonymous Oh, something like Chicken Soup for the Soul #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 7th, 2009
herstorian RT @sharifwrites I take inspiration to mean a positive reaction, & one in which the reader wants to change after reading the book. #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 7th, 2009

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pitchparlour @alittlesandy I hope that is a joke. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @luciaorth but isn't that didactic writing? Surely literary fiction avoids spelling out moral truths? #Litchat -1:46 PM Oct 7th, 2009

writeranonymous @alittlesandy so Self-Help books! Ah, well that clears that up. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 7th, 2009

JoeBanano RT @sharifwrites: I think inspirational crosses all genres. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 7th, 2009

BenRubinstein @writeranonymous I guess "this I believe" <http://bit.ly/1a7GTP> is standard inspirational lit? #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 7th, 2009

Danisidhe @nolabill hehe me too! #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 7th, 2009

GLHancock @writeranonymous Boring, huh? #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 7th, 2009

herstorian @GLHancock: I meant in terms of the books the term is referring to. They are generally positive. #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 7th, 2009

Danisidhe @jeremyduns Well THAT is an interesting on-topic point. I've always felt co-opt the word for a specific genre/religion is cheeky #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 7th, 2009

BenRubinstein @dosankodebbie I'm inspired to acknowledge the commonality in humanity, and to see that no one ever thinks they're "evil" #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 7th, 2009

pitchparlour The Sparrow, by May Doria Russell? #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 7th, 2009

nolabill @jeremyduns RT "I often find books labelled 'inspirational' uninspiring" Uninspired writing can kill any exciting idea. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 7th, 2009

pitchparlour I meant Mary, obviously!!! #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 7th, 2009

sharifwrites @jeremyduns Me, too. They can be preachy. Finding inspiration unexpectedly in other books can be precious. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @TheNewAuthor - quick, tell us about some good inspirational books! #Litchat -1:48 PM Oct 7th, 2009

herstorian RT @pitchparlour: @CarolyBurnsBass I accept that completely, but I think the definitions here are too broad and I like boundaries. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 7th, 2009

TheNewAuthor If you can relate to the actions of a villain and thus have it make you rethink your own actions...have you been inspired? #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 7th, 2009

writeranonymous @BenRubinstein Standard, but not exclusively inspirational lit. Many of us disagree with limiting to that field. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 7th, 2009

alittlesandy @pitchparlour I was just clarifying what I think of as the genre of "Inspirational Lit" vs. literature that inspires people #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 7th, 2009

writeranonymous @GLHancock Indeed. Not the most exciting books. #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 7th, 2009

jeremyduns @Danisidhe I feel the same even if a review says it's inspiring. I feel manipulated, second-guessed. But perhaps I'm a snob. :) #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 7th, 2009

herstorian RT @sharifwrites: @jeremyduns They can be preachy. Finding inspiration unexpectedly in other books can be precious. #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead Contemporary inspirational literature... Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet - ta-da! #Litchat -1:49 PM Oct 7th, 2009

BenRubinstein @TheNewAuthor That's my favorite way to be inspired by literature, verbatim. #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 7th, 2009

herstorian Good Q. RT @GLHancock: How do you write "inspirational" lit without imposing your own values on the reader? Or is that O.K.? #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 7th, 2009

pitchparlour Tawdry adages do not = inspiration. #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 7th, 2009

sharifwrites @dosankodebbie @herstorian @JoeBanano @writeranonymous Thanks for RTs #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 7th, 2009

Danisidhe @jeremyduns As long as the reviewer makes it clear that it is their own reaction and they aren't over-zealous about it it's okav. #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 7th, 2009

luciaorth @rebeccawoodhead Absolutely. "Making you see" - Joseph Conrad's phrase? - meaning the senses, the created world. Not preaching. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 7th, 2009

nolabill Well, I feel now we've drifted into the definition of inspirational vs. the word as a marketing term. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 7th, 2009

wendykwebb Just hopped onto chat. I don't read to be inspired, necessarily, but sometimes it happens anyway. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead liking the points about not preaching. Didactic writing is fine in non-fiction but not inspiring in inspirational fiction #Litchat -1:52 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LexxClarke @rebeccawoodhead And it's back to my first ever #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 7th, 2009

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GLHancock Many of the self-pub books I see are exactly that: trying to impose author's values on the reader under the guise of inspiration. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 7th, 2009

dosankodebbie @GLHancock Don't you think all lit imposes values to varying degrees? How can the writer help it? #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 7th, 2009

TheNewAuthor Private Lives by Simon Marshland and Evensong by M.L. St. Sure - both inspire to give to family and friends - love and life. #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @Luciaorth show don't tell you mean? I found Stuart: a life backwards inspiring. Not didactic nor hopeful but inspiring #Litchat -1:53 PM Oct 7th, 2009

jeremyduns @Danisidhe Yes, I don't mean always. But I often find books/films described as inspiring as sentimental. #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 7th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @writeranonymous I would not classify erotica as inspirational lit in genre, however, it certainly inspires. #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 7th, 2009

nolabill @Luciaorth Yes, Joseph Conrad! Thank you for posting the source of that quote. It was driving me crazy. #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 7th, 2009

GLHancock @dosankodebbie If you write fiction, are all the characters representing your own personality? I think not. #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 7th, 2009

sharifwrites @GLHancock I've been inspired by subtlety. If the message in fiction comes on too strong, it appears stilted. #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 7th, 2009

jeremyduns I find No Way Out more inspiring than Field Of Dreams. #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 7th, 2009

writeranonymous @CarolyBurnsBass that's what I meant. It inspires, but it's not the typical "Inspirational" book, i.e. Self-Help books. #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 7th, 2009

BenRubinstein @dosankodebbie I try not to call actions evil, but try to understand them. No shortage of others throwing the term "evil" around. #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 7th, 2009

wendykwebb Sometimes I get inspired by actions of the MC — by Rosamund Pilcher's bks, e.g., I'm inspired to cook cozy meals for my family. #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 7th, 2009

writeranonymous @danijelabaron please leave that RT until AFTER the main discussion. #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 7th, 2009

writeranonymous @GLHancock very true. But once you don't force ideas into the reader it's okay. #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LexxClarke @wendykwebb You ever read Joanna Trollope?? #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 7th, 2009

GLHancock @writeranonymous LOL! If you can "force" ideas into a reader, you're a better writer than, well, I'll just speak for myself! #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 7th, 2009

luciaorth @rebeccawoodhead #litchat Yes, like the author of Stuart: A Life does -- building a world of concrete details. -1:57 PM Oct 7th, 2009

wendykwebb Love her. RT @LexxClarke @wendykwebb You ever read Joanna Trollope?? #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LitChat @ajbarnett We are having a topical chat in #litchat. We do this every M-W-F from 4-5 p/et. Topical posts during this time, please. #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 7th, 2009

GLHancock Can you force yourself to write inspirational lit? #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 7th, 2009

writeranonymous @GLHancock Well you know what I mean. If you repeat your ideas over and over again, you get boring and annoying. #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead glad TWS is finally being supportive of someone's literacy campaign after the BS I had to put up with with ours (WNA) #Litchat -1:59 PM Oct 7th, 2009

sharifwrites @GLHancock I know, that's like a master brainwasher. #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 7th, 2009

jeremyduns I just read an inspiring book: Gadfly in Russia by Alan Sillitoe. Understated 60s travelogue; writer befriends his Russian guide #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LexxClarke @wendykwebb Thought you might :o) #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 7th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @pitchparlour I have not read The Sparrow, by May Doria Russell. Please tell me about it. #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 7th, 2009

jeremyduns It also inspired me as a writer. Contained this gem: 'Think complicated but write plain.' #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LexxClarke Jack Kerouac as an inspiration to travel? #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead I take it back - diff TWS. Good news though. #Litchat -2:01 PM Oct 7th, 2009

GLHancock Not all insp. lit actually inspires people who enjoy that kind of writing. Paul Coehlo leaves me cold. James Redfield--hot! hot! #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 7th, 2009

Topic of the Week:

herstorian RT @jeremyduns: It also inspired me as a writer. Contained this gem: Think complicated but write plain. [Ooh, I love that.] #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 7th, 2009

marisabirns RT @GLHancock Can you force yourself to write inspirational lit? #litchat~ Don't think so. If forced, and looks it, it's not inspiring. -2:02 PM Oct 7th, 2009

wendykwebb I once took a x-country road trip after reading it. RT @LexxClarke Jack Kerouac as an inspiration to travel? #litchat #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @wendykwebb got an email from Joanna T - she's a fan of my gran's :) #Litchat -2:02 PM Oct 7th, 2009

Danisdhe Err, I hope that was a joke? lol RT @LexxClarke: Jack Kerouac as an inspiration to travel? #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 7th, 2009

jeremyduns I found Doris Lessing's The Four-Gated City very inspiring. Anyone read it? #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 7th, 2009

JoeBanano Thanks. Love that quote. RT @jeremyduns: Think complicated but write plain. #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 7th, 2009

wendykwebb Cool! Who's your gran, if I may ask? RT @rebeccawoodhead @wendykwebb got an email from Joanna T - she's a fan of my gran's :) #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LexxClarke @wendykwebb Never read any but that's the vibe I get from him #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LexxClarke @Danisdhe Not at all #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @wendykwebb look up J.T., then look at the charity she's a patron off and you'll find gran. She was v inspirational - & a writer. #Litchat -2:06 PM Oct 7th, 2009

Danisdhe @LexxClarke Oh. Sorry. #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 7th, 2009

TheNewAuthor I see a lot of books that inspire. Is it the values of the MC or the struggles they overcome that makes these books inspirational? #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 7th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @jeremyduns I like that. Alternatively, too many writers think plain, but write complicated. --> Pointing finger at myself. #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 7th, 2009

wendykwebb @rebeccawoodhead Ooo. A mystery hunt. I'm on it. See, this very discussion is inspiring to me! #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 7th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead Fascinating chat on litchat tonight. Much to mull over. Must be off now. Bye everyone and thanks to @LitChat for my title :) #Litchat -2:07 PM Oct 7th, 2009

alittlesandy "Great literature transforms the man who reads it towards the condition of the man who wrote it." -E. M. Forster #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 7th, 2009

herstorian RT @rebeccawoodhead: Your grandmother sounds awesome. Writing runs in your family! #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LexxClarke treasure aho! RT @wendykwebb: @rebeccawoodhead Ooo. A mystery hunt. Im on it. See, this very discussion is inspiring to me! #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LexxClarke @rebeccawoodhead take care :o) #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 7th, 2009

GLHancock @TheNewAuthor It's you. They speak to your need, question, desire. #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 7th, 2009

herstorian RT @alittlesandy: "Great literature transforms the man who reads it towards the condition of the man who wrote it." -E. M. Forster #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LitChat We've crossed the hourly threshold, but please continue chatting as you will. #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 7th, 2009

writeranonymous Trying to inspire people to partake in #nanowrimo with my videos @ <http://www.youtube.com/writeranonymous> -- help please? ^ ^ #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 7th, 2009

Danisdhe @alittlesandy Hmm, Forster is making a great number of assumptions if that's supposed ot be a good thing LOL #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LexxClarke @LitChat bye for now! #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 7th, 2009

dosankodebbie RT @alittlesandy: Great literature transforms the man who reads it towards the condition of the man who wrote it. -E. M. Forster #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 7th, 2009

wendykwebb Thanks, everyone! See you again. #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 7th, 2009

nolabill "Case Histories," "Mystic River," and "No Country" inspiring to me as they help me raise the bar for my writing. Does that count? #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 7th, 2009

HilaryWagner1 @nolabill Ha! I'm inspired by deep things and silly things. Inspiration doesn't always have to be so serious, at least not for me! #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 7th, 2009

herstorian @writeranonymous: I can help! I'm a #nanowrimo ML. :) @frednowrimo is my ML account. NaNaWriMo is wonderful! #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 7th, 2009

LexxClarke @writeranonymous eeekk #nanowrimo #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 7th, 2009

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LexxClarke @wendykwebb see you Friday! #litchat -2:11 PM Oct 7th, 2009
sharifwrites Thanks for the chat everybody. #litchat -2:11 PM Oct 7th, 2009
GLHancock @nolabill Both good and bad writing can inspire you to write better. #litchat -2:11 PM Oct 7th, 2009
nolabill I must away as dog walk vs. impending t-storm beckons. Thanks all. Well met. #litchat -2:11 PM Oct 7th, 2009
writeranonymous @herstorian fantastic! Been trying to get more people involved this year through vlogs. Not sure if it's working though. #litchat -2:12 PM Oct 7th, 2009
luciaorth @nolabill Great books. Mystic River, wow. Bye #litchat. Nice visiting. Always... inspiring. -2:12 PM Oct 7th, 2009
LitChat Apologies if the topic was a bit loose this week. Thanks anyway for the terrific convo. There's always something to learn in #litchat -2:13 PM Oct 7th, 2009
LitChat Come back Friday for guest host, @TrishRyan, author of memoir HE LOVE ME, HE LOVE ME NOT. #litchat -2:14 PM Oct 7th, 2009