



LitChat October 9, 2009

Topic of the Week: CONTEMPORARY INSPIRATIONAL LITERATURE

Guest host: Trish Ryan, author of HE LOVES ME, HE LOVES ME NOT

FRIDAY, October 9, 2009 - Guest host @Trishryan

LitChat Today we have @TrishRyan, author of HE LOVE ME, HE LOVES ME NOT as guest host. Please join for the next hour of #litchat. -1:02 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan Hi everyone...thanks for having me #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LitChat We are giving away 2 copies of @TrishRyan's memoir, HE LOVE ME, HE LOVES ME NOT to a chat participant. #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LexxClarke @Trishryan welcome to the merry gang! :o) #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LitChat To be eligible to win one of the copies of HE LOVES ME, HE LOVES ME NOT, by guest host @TrishRyan, post must be on topic. #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @LexxClarke Thanks! I've stopped by before & loved the conversations #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 9th, 2009

mariblaser @Trishryan Hi! Welcome to #litchat! :) -1:05 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LitChat Welcome, @Trishryan. How are things in your neck of the world? You're on the east coast, right? #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LexxClarke @Trishryan going to show my ignorance and ask what sort of books you write? #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan Things are good here. I just moved back to Cambridge, MA and the Red Sox are in the playoffs :) #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @LexxClarke I've just finished my second memoir. The first--the one you can win today--is about my search for... #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LitChat @LexxClarke Thanks for opening up with the first question. Passing the tweet to @Trishryan to reply. #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan ...God (which was actually, if I'm honest my search for the right guy). #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 9th, 2009

tericoyne @trishryan welcome - can you tell us a little bit about how you promote your memoir? Target audience, etc? #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @tericoyne Great Q...for promotion, I think the best thing I did was start my blog while I was still writing my first draft #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LexxClarke @Trishryan we are all on that search I think! Sounds like a fantastic journey to follow :o) #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 9th, 2009

mariblaser @Trishryan What made you give up law, and how did you find yourself in #writing? (hope I'm not prying too much...) #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @tericoyne I met lots of people who had q's like mine about love & life. So when the book came out, they already "knew" me. #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 9th, 2009

revolucion0 @trishryan is the mkt really saturated with memoirs? mine is an off-color funny set of stories. some agents passed b/c of saturation #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @mariblaser I was a pretty terrible lawyer! I didn't like it, and I think it was much less creative than I'd anticipated. #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @mariblaser I think I'm still finding myself in writing. As I start my next project (a novel) I'm surprised what comes out #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 9th, 2009

kashicat Hi, sorry I'm late. Trish, I'm really amused at the thought that your "search for God" was actually the search for the right guy. #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @revolucion0 Saturation comes up w/every genre. I wonder if it doesn't mean "I don't see how this book stands out to compete yet"? #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian So cool that copies of @trishryan's memoir are being given away this chat! Thanks so much! I'm looking for more memoirs to read. #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @revolucion0 Which doesn't mean it won't stand out, but the challenge is on you to distinguish it. #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian RT @Trishryan: Saturation comes up w/every genre. I wonder if it doesnt mean "I dont see how this book stands out to compete yet"? #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @kashicat Yes, embarrassing but true! (And why write a memoir if I'm not going to be honest?) #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 9th, 2009

mariblaser @Trishryan Aren't we always finding ourselves through life? <g> Anyway, I know how you feel, I just went straight to novel. :) #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 9th, 2009

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LexxClarke RT @Trishryan: @revolucion0 surely memoirs are as individual as those that the books is about? #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 9th, 2009
GLeeHancock RT @GLeeHancock Hi all.Having trouble with my new chat-only ID (please do not follow if this even appears). Welcome Trish! #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 9th, 2009
herstorian @Trishryan: Excellent points. I agree - if the story/writing is unique and authentic, doesn't matter the competition. #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 9th, 2009
revolucion0 @trishryan good point, thanks. i do need to refine the pitch more accurately. i was being too "nice" i think! #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 9th, 2009
Trishryan I think part of why my story stands out is because I admit that my quest was less about God and more about the guy. Hard, but true. #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 9th, 2009
mariblaser @Trishryan @kashicat Many people don't have your scruples, so I've heard. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 9th, 2009
herstorian I love what you say about blogs, @trishryan. About connecting w/ ppl interested in your topic/search before the bk even comes out. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 9th, 2009
Trishryan @revolucion0 Knowing similar works helps a lot.You can say, "X did this successfully...my book builds on that, but with ths twist" #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 9th, 2009
tericoyne @trishryan what has reaction been from readers who do not share your faith? #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 9th, 2009
LexxClarke @Trishryan What was the inspiration to write about this quest? #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 9th, 2009
Trishryan @herstorian Blogging has been great to me. I've met real friends through it. And it was so cool to meet them when I did events... #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 9th, 2009
herstorian @Trishryan: Yes, know your competition and how your book differs/adds to the conversation. #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 9th, 2009
Trishryan @herstorian ...for book promo, and know about their lives. Relationships are so key in this business, and fun to develop over time #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 9th, 2009
rj_anderson @Trishryan In my conservative evangelical circle growing up we teens jokingly referred to Bible School as "Bridal school". #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 9th, 2009
Trishryan @LexxClarke I knew I wasn't the only woman out there feeling lost & unloved, looking in the self-help section of B&N for answers #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 9th, 2009
GLeeHancock @Trishryan Are you finding chats equally rewarding as blogging is? #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 9th, 2009
Trishryan @tericoyne That's been one of the best surprises...how open people have been to reading my story and seeing it as just that... #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 9th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @tericoyne Excellent question about readers who don't share Trish's faith. @TrishRyan? #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 9th, 2009
Trishryan @tericoyne ...some of my favorite blurbs came from fellow authors of different faith backgrounds, who simply enjoyed the story #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 9th, 2009
revolucion0 @Trishryan about knwng similar works;was discouraged from doing that for fear of lopsided comparison,boastfulness.i c yr point tho #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 9th, 2009
LexxClarke Or man? RT @Trishryan:I knew I wasnt the only woman feeling lost&unloved,looking in the self-help section of B&N for answers #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 9th, 2009
Trishryan @rj_anderson I've heard that! #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 9th, 2009
tericoyne @trishryan I would think your humor & honesty draws a wider audience in...amazing how open readers are when u can reach them #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 9th, 2009
Trishryan @LexxClarke Fair enough! I've had guys ask for the hardcover edition b/c the p-back is too pink for them to be seen reading :) #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 9th, 2009
kashicat @Trishryan And I imagine authors/readers of other faiths have probably had the same types of experiences #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 9th, 2009
LitChat @Trishryan In what area of the big brick/mortar bookstores is your book shelved? #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 9th, 2009
Trishryan @tericoyne You're right. Humor & honesty bridge so many gaps. I learned that from my Dad...he can talk to anybody abt anything #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 9th, 2009
herstorian @revolucion0: Not sure how comp. would = lopsided; but I rec writing ms, then look at comp. once you're at the proposal stage. #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 9th, 2009
LexxClarke @tericoyne: @trishryan yes it should be about the story and not about faith (or lack thereof) #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 9th, 2009

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rj_anderson @Trishryan Even those of us who felt we had already found God were still looking for love. So your book sounds v. relevant. #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 kashicat RT @Trishryan: I've had guys ask for the hardcover edition b/c the p-back is too pink for them to be seen reading :) #litchat [So funny!] -1:23 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 tericoyne @trishryan how rewarding too to find common ground through storytelling #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 Trishryan @LitChat It's shelved in Christian Inspiration. In Sam's Club, it's b/w the Bible & Joel Osteen. Which is funny on so many levels #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 LexxClarke @Trishryan Apologies for playing the equality card lol! #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 Trishryan @tericoyne I've loved connecting with readers about their spiritual journeys...it looks different for all of us. #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 CarolyBurnsBass @LexxClarke My 20-yr-old son picked it off the counter at my house, read it in a day, laughing out loud at times. #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 herstorian Good way to sell HC ed! RT @Trishryan: Ive had guys ask for the hardcover ed b/c p-back is too pink for them to be seen reading :) #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 Trishryan @LitChat My dream would be for stores to create a section for "spiritual memoirs" so they can all be there together. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 GLeeHancock RT @GLeeHancock: @Trishryan Are you finding chats equally rewarding as blogging is? #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 LexxClarke @CarolyBurnsBass please don't misunderstand me,was just meaning that sometimes men look for self-help books too :o) #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 Trishryan @GLeeHancock I am! I was a late adopter of Twitter, but now I'm sold. #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 CarolyBurnsBass @Trishryan What other books would you consider as spiritual memoirs that you would like shelved next to yours? #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 herstorian RT @Trishryan: My dream would be for stores to create a section for "spiritual memoirs" so they can all be there together. [Yes!] #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 revolucion0 @herstorian MS complete (PLUG! <http://29JobsandaMillionLies.blogspot.com>); better comp, refined pitch for darker parts shd improve #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 Trishryan @LexxClarke You're right! Women are more public about it, but I see men in those aisles of the bookstore too. #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 kashicat @Trishryan I imagine memoirs are all tricky to categorize. They can be considered history, spiritual search... #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 Trishryan @CarolyBurnsBass Love Elizabeth Gilbert's EAT PRAY LOVE. Donald Miller's new book, Peggy Orenstein's WAITING FOR DAISY #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 CarolyBurnsBass @LexxClarke What? Men need help? Nah. I just wanted to add that Trish has a flair for humor even a 20-yr-old man would like. #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 Trishryan @CarolyBurnsBass I love stories where the spiritual search dovetails with a tangible life struggle. #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 Trishryan @kashicat So true! I'd love to be on the shelf next to Frank McCourt...but I think he's over in Irish History! #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 GLeeHancock @Trishryan People may find your book "inspirational". Did you write it with that intent, or simply as a memoir? #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 herstorian In looking for bks from a memoir rec'd reading list, I realized that memoirs are shelved in almost *every* bkstore category. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 Trishryan @GLeeHancock I hoped that my finding a husband would inspire women to believe that it's a good&viable thing to hope for. #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 CarolyBurnsBass @Trishryan A tangible life struggle is the essence of good memoir. When a memoir has other elements within that focus, it sizzles. #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 Trishryan @GLeeHancock And I hoped to suggest that we're right when we sense that spirituality matters as we build our lives. #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 LexxClarke @CarolyBurnsBass :P Men need more help than they admit,but I think the fact that @Trishryan's humour appeals to both genders is gr8 #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 Trishryan @CarolyBurnsBass I remember my editor saying, "We need to get you to happiness in fewer pages!" #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 9th, 2009
 GLeeHancock @Trishryan Do you think you succeeded in these goals? If so, how do you tell? How do you measure "success"? #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 9th, 2009

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Trishryan @GLeeHancock I'm not sure you can measure success there, but I'm encouraged by emails from readers saying... #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian RT @CarolyBurnsBass: A tangible life struggle is the essence of good memoir. When a memoir also has other elements, it sizzles. #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @GLeeHancock ..."I'll try again to hope" or "I'll ditch the guy who cheats on me" or "I tried praying and was surprised" #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 9th, 2009

janacg @trishryan when pitching to agents, did you use consecutive draft chapters (vs chapters from beg, middle, end)? #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 9th, 2009

CDominiqueG @LexxClarke not #litchat today? -1:39 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @janacg I had a chapter outline w/1-2pgs per chapter, and then sample chaps were the Intro & a middle chapter I'd revised a lot #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @janacg But my agent connection came via a query letter where I was honest that my story was quirky & why I thought it fit her list #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LexxClarke @CDominiqueG Yup I'm here and the fabulous @Trishryan is answering all our questions :o) #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 9th, 2009

suspensemag Make sure you order our latest issue - David Balducci is this month's featured author. #FollowFriday #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian @Trishryan: How different is your completed ms from your first/rough draft? #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 9th, 2009

CDominiqueG @LexxClarke #litchat good afternooneveryone @Trishryan how are you? -1:43 PM Oct 9th, 2009

GLeeHancock @Trishryan Was your ms finished when you first contacted agents? #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @herstorian Completely different! My editor SCHOOLED me on the narrative arc...thank God for tough love! She was amazing. #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 9th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @Trishryan Why did you think your book fit your agent's list? What has she sold that gave you that confidence? #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @CDominiqueG Hi! Welcome :) #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 9th, 2009

CDominiqueG @Trishryan thank you! #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @GLeeHancock MS wasn't finished. Memoir sells on proposal, so before querying, I had sample chapters & outline ready to go. #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @CarolyBurnsBass I had one of her books on my nightstand! THE PERFECT MANHATTAN. It was a novel, but same target audience. #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian @Trishryan: If the completed ms can be so different, at what point sd a writer stop revising & start contacting publishers/agents? #litchat -1:45 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian @Trishryan: I have heard so many diff. things about this! I've mostly heard that memoir is like fiction, the ms must be finished... #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LitChat @Trishryan In these final minutes, can you tell us a bit about your new memoir, HAPPILY EVER AFTER? #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 9th, 2009

kashicat @Trishryan Creating that book proposal takes forever, doesn't it? So many things it should include. #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 9th, 2009

sharifwrites Forgot about #litchat today. Coming in late, but hope to get something out of it. -1:47 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian ...but I heard from a local published author that selling by proposal is fine. I have an unfinished rough draft and a pub'd chap... #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @herstorian If it's a memoir, three sample chapters and an outline w/1-2 paragraphs on each chapter + market analysis... #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 9th, 2009

GLeeHancock @herstorian Ooo! I wasn't cheeky enough to point this out. You've got ... chutzpah! #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian ...should I start sending out proposals? #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @kashicat You want enough written to send to an agent if s/he requests pages. If they take it on, they can help craft the proposal #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 9th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @Trishryan This it seems is the secret to agent hunting--find an agent who loves your kind of book so she can sell it with gusto. #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LexxClarke Yes! RT @herstorian: ...should I start sending out proposals? #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian Hah, tks! I just wd like to know! RT @GLeeHancock @herstorian Ooo! I wasnt cheeky enough to point this out. Youve got ... chutzpah! #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Guest host: Trish Ryan (@Trishryan)

Trishryan @LitChat My new book! It's a follow up to HE LOVES ME, describing how happily ever has gone for us so far, both in marriage and... #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @LitChat ...spirituality. It's new title (they change all the time b4 pub!) is A MAZE OF GRACE: A MEMOIR OF SECOND CHANCES #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 9th, 2009

GLeeHancock @Trishryan So, you treated your ms as straight nonfiction and it was not your first published book? #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 9th, 2009

JennJArceneaux #amwriting #amediting #wip #litchat Can anyone recommend a good place to workshop novel in SF-Bay Area? Please & Thank you in advance! -1:50 PM Oct 9th, 2009

CDominiqueG @LexxClarke yes you should #litchat please send out proposals -1:51 PM Oct 9th, 2009

tericoyne anything you send to an agent should be the absolute best quality it should be - you don't get a lot of second chances - my 2 cents #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @herstorian If you have a specific agent who reps your kind of story, and can articulate WHY they'll love it& it will sell...go4it #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian @Trishryan: I know bk proposal process fr. another project; yes, it's memoir; YAY I just might do that ... after NaNoWriMo! Thanks! #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 9th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @Trishryan Having been married for 23 years, I see between the lines for your new book. It's not always happy, but it's ever after. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LexxClarke @Trishryan We neglect spirituality in any relationship at our peril IMHO #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 9th, 2009

wendykwebb Sliding in late to Litchat with a Q about memoirs. A friend was recently told that "mommy memoir" genre oversaturated. True? #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 9th, 2009

janacg @trishryan any resources you'd recommend for Qs when drafting (like when to set memoir action in past v present tense) #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LitChat The next tweet (on topic) that pops into my TweetChat stream (after this one) is first winner of HE LOVE ME, HE LOVES ME NOT. #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 9th, 2009

wendykwebb Yes! RT @tericoyne anything you send to an agent should be the absolute best quality it should be - you don't get 2nd chances #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @wendykwebb Tough to say. With any story, if yours is unique & compelling (& well written) people want to read it. #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian RT @Trishryan: Its new title (they change all the time b4 pub!) is A MAZE OF GRACE: A MEMOIR OF SECOND CHANCES [Love it!] #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @janacg I read other memoirs & see what I like/don't like. I chose past tense after realizing that it's hard to watch a character.. #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LexxClarke @Trishryan Why did you chose a memoir over a novel? #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LitChat @wendykwebb You are the first winner of @TrishRyan's HE LOVES ME, HE LOVES ME NOT! DM me your mailing addy. #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @janacg ...do dumb things in the present tense. We need to know s/he'll be ok. (And I had some dumb things to write about!) #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LitChat And finally, the next tweet (on topic) in my TweetChat stream (after this one) is second winner of HE LOVE ME, HE LOVES ME NOT. #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @LexxClarke I'm not sure spiritual/romantic happy endings work as well in fiction. It sounds too pat to say "God saved the day!" #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 9th, 2009

wendykwebb @LitChat Yay!! LitChat @wendykwebb You are the first winner of @TrishRyan's HE LOVES ME, HE LOVES ME NOT! DM me your mailing addy. #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LexxClarke @Trishryan Well answered lol still God in whatever form can be very powerful! #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 9th, 2009

janacg @Trishryan thanks for chatting! #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @wendykwebb Enjoy!!! #litchat -1:57 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LitChat RT this because Trish doesn't count in this contest. The next tweet (on topic) is second winner of HE LOVE ME, HE LOVES ME NOT. #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @LexxClarke And I like the defined parameters of memoir. Honesty is a fun challenge. #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 9th, 2009

tericoyne @trishryan love often saves the day in fiction though...:-) #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LexxClarke @LexxClarke Will this be the beginning of a series? #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 9th, 2009

wendykwebb @Trishryan Can't wait! I'll put it in my books column, too. #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LexxClarke @Trishryan Honesty is always a challenge! #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 9th, 2009

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LitChat RT AGAIN! RT trish doesnt count in this contest. The next tweet (on topic) is second winner of HE LOVE ME, HE LOVES ME NOT. #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian Thanks so much @trishryan! I definitely got a lot out of this chat! #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @LexxClarke I'm working on a novel now, and it feels like the possibilities are almost too huge. Entirely different, but also a fun #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LitChat @herstorian We have a winner! Please DM me you addy so I can send you copy of HE LOVES ME, HE LOVES ME NOT. #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @LexxClarke Possibly. I didn't think so, but this summer we had another memoir-worthy adventure/debacle, so now I'm wondering... :) #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian RT @Trishryan: I like the defined parameters of memoir. Honesty is a fun challenge. [Agreed!] #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LexxClarke @Trishryan Will you have a spiritual element to your novel? #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 9th, 2009

tericoyne @trishryan thanks so much for your insights #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian YAY!!! RT @LitChat: @herstorian We have a winner! Please DM me you addy so I can send you copy of HE LOVES ME, HE LOVES ME NOT. #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 9th, 2009

wendykwebb Thanks everyone and thanks @LitChat for the book! #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @herstorian Thank you! And congratulations on the win :) #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @LexxClarke Not sure yet. Two of the characters have spiritual inclinations, but I'm still getting to know them #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LexxClarke @Trishryan I think that spirituality is all pervading #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LitChat We're at the end of our hour with @TrishRyan, but she's welcome to stick around for an afterglow if she wishes. #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 9th, 2009

sharifwrites @Trishryan When you write a memoir, do you plan it like a novel, thus leaving out anything that doesn't advance interest? #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LexxClarke @Trishryan thank you so much for spending time with us, it's been brilliant! #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 9th, 2009

sharifwrites @Trishryan Or do you include everything pertaining to a theme, b/c I've noticed some memoirs with themes to them. #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 9th, 2009

sharifwrites Oops, I'm late. #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian @Trishryan: I can't wait to read your memoir! And I am seeing mine in a new way -- will definitely aim for a proposal... #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan @sharifwrites At first, I just write everything w/a plan to edit later. I can't always see what works/doesn't until it's on the pg. #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 9th, 2009

herstorian ...in the new year. Thanks for your encouragement, everyone! I really appreciate it! #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 9th, 2009

Trishryan Thanks all...this has been a blast :) #litchat -2:04 PM Oct 9th, 2009

HowDidUGetThere Looks like this was a great #litchat sorry I missed it! -2:04 PM Oct 9th, 2009

LitChat Shall we give @TrishRyan a huge #litchat round of {{{applause}}} for joining us and being on her game. Smart and savvy! -2:05 PM Oct 9th, 2009