



## LitChat December 14-16, 2009

Topic of the Week: Food & Family

Monday and Wednesday: Open chat

### MONDAY: December 14, 2009

LitChat Welcome to Monday's #litchat. This week's topic is FOOD & FAMILY. Let's talk about books that use food as a theme or metaphor. #litchat -1:03 PM Dec 14th, 2009

LitChat Joining us on Friday as guest host is Suzan Colon (@ColonColon), author of the memoir CHERRIES IN WINTER. #litchat -1:04 PM Dec 14th, 2009

LitChat Who's with us today? Step into the LitChat salon and introduce yourself. #litchat -1:05 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblaser Hi #litchat folks! Good Monday to everyone! (if there's such a thing as \*good\* Monday, says Garfield) <grinz> -1:06 PM Dec 14th, 2009

LitChat What books do you know that use food as a theme or metaphor? #litchat -1:08 PM Dec 14th, 2009

agnieszkasshoes @LitChat Hi! that's my kind of topic! Will avoid the obvious Jo Harris & Like Water for Chocolate AND Proust's madeleines .... #litchat -1:09 PM Dec 14th, 2009

AbbyEscapades Hi #litchat! Ooh, we're talking about food and books!? let's get started -1:10 PM Dec 14th, 2009

wendykwebb Chocolat, too. #litchat -1:10 PM Dec 14th, 2009

agnieszkasshoes @LitChat and say my favourite authorial use of food is (no, not Murakami's ramen noodles) Banana Yoshimoto's Kitchen #litchat -1:10 PM Dec 14th, 2009

AbbyEscapades This is a tough one... I can only think of use of honey in THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES. #litchat -1:13 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblaser Oh gosh, I'm obviously here to learn. Fading on background... #litchat -1:13 PM Dec 14th, 2009

AbbyEscapades Which contained a lot of significance. #litchat -1:13 PM Dec 14th, 2009

wendykwebb I'm also thinking of MISTRESS OF SPICES. Loved that book. #litchat -1:14 PM Dec 14th, 2009

agnieszkasshoes oh, and Babette's Feast, of course #litchat -1:17 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana Jeanne Ray's EAT CAKE is a delicious novel. #litchat -1:17 PM Dec 14th, 2009

AbbyEscapades Cooking is always associated with a mother figure, like the housekeeper in TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD. #litchat -1:17 PM Dec 14th, 2009

agnieszkasshoes anyone else resigned to the fact they're going to be raiding the snack cupboard after #litchat tonight? -1:18 PM Dec 14th, 2009

AbbyEscapades Food is generally tied to a caring person in the plot. Anyone else fight the habit of munching on a snack while holding a book? #litchat -1:20 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana Foregone conclusion. RT @agnieszkasshoes: anyone else resigned to the fact they're going to be raiding snack cupboard after #litchat #litchat -1:20 PM Dec 14th, 2009

LizTipping I am not sure I should be looking in Litchat, after a narrow escape on the scales today at my slimming club! #litchat -1:20 PM Dec 14th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @WendyKWebb Oh. MISTRESS OF SPICES sounds mysterious and tasty. Will have to look that one up. #litchat -1:21 PM Dec 14th, 2009

AbbyEscapades I just had brownie and a coffee so I'm fueled for a few more hours of work. #litchat -1:21 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana Cheese, wine, and a good book. Can life get any better than this? Oh, and a roaring fire, too. #litchat -1:21 PM Dec 14th, 2009
mariblaser @agnieszkasshoes Having wine and cookies right now, heh. #litchat -1:21 PM Dec 14th, 2009
DorothyHearst After? RT @agnieszkasshoes anyone else resigned to the fact they're going to be raiding the snack cupboard after #litchat tonight? -1:21 PM Dec 14th, 2009
LitChat @LizTipping No worries in #litchat. Words are not fattening. You can devour all of the books you want and not gain a point. #litchat -1:22 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana A woman after my own heart. Braised, of course. RT @DorothyHearst: After? #litchat -1:22 PM Dec 14th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @AbbyEscapades Yes, in "Kitchen" food = centre of calm, but also metaphor of mother/daughter struggle 4 family's emotional core #litchat -1:23 PM Dec 14th, 2009
wendykwebb @CarolyBurnsBass MISTRESS author, Chitra Banjervee Divakaruni. She dispenses the spices people need to help with their troubles. #litchat -1:23 PM Dec 14th, 2009
LizTipping @LitChat How very true #litchat -1:24 PM Dec 14th, 2009
techtigger @AbbyEscapades I have the habit of snacking while reading. I don't know that I fight it ;) #litchat -1:24 PM Dec 14th, 2009
omara_croft Sorry I'm late. Brian, writer of humorous essays (and blogger: <a href="http://lostinthehive.blogspot.com">http://lostinthehive.blogspot.com</a> )...heard something about food? #litchat -1:24 PM Dec 14th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes still a little full of pasta but there's a cooked sasage waiting for afters. Mmm. no drink. Must remedy #litchat -1:25 PM Dec 14th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @wendykwebb Sounds a bit like CHOCOLAT, but with spices. I loved CHOCOLAT. #litchat -1:25 PM Dec 14th, 2009
LFreshwater Jhumpa Lahiri's "Interpreter of Maladies" had me in a state. Could smell the curry. As if I need more reason to crave Indian food. #litchat -1:25 PM Dec 14th, 2009
AbbyEscapades @techtigger I recall sitting at kitchen table at 12 yrs old reading GONE WITH THE WIND with handfuls of semisweet choc chips :) #litchat -1:26 PM Dec 14th, 2009
wendykwebb @CarolyBurnsBass It is, exactly. But MISTRESS came first, I think. At least I read it first. #litchat -1:26 PM Dec 14th, 2009
wendykwebb In my book, heroine hears the stories of her family over meals storyteller has prepared for her. Not sure why I chose to do that. #litchat -1:26 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana @LFreshwater Curry? Favorite food. Not popular in US where I live (am a Brit) but I can happily eat it for brekky. #litchat -1:27 PM Dec 14th, 2009
LitChat Why is food such a perfect metaphor in literature? #litchat -1:27 PM Dec 14th, 2009
AbbyEscapades Hi Bri! @omara_croft #litchat -1:28 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana @AbbyEscapades Did GWtW have choc chips in it, or is this a youthful, culinary memory? #litchat -1:28 PM Dec 14th, 2009
omara_croft In my book, I describe how a cat peed all over food in our pantry. A trifle less romantic than Chocolat and its ilk #litchat -1:28 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana Less controversial than sex? RT @LitChat: Why is food such a perfect metaphor in literature? #litchat -1:29 PM Dec 14th, 2009
wendykwebb @omara_croft Ha!! That is a bit less poetic, yes. But no less memorable. #litchat -1:29 PM Dec 14th, 2009
kashicat @maggiedana Got to #litchat just in time to see references to curry! NOM. -1:29 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblaser Good point! RT @maggiedana: Less controversial than sex? RT @LitChat: Why is food such a perfect metaphor in literature? #litchat -1:30 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana WAVING!!!! Hi. RT @kashicat: @maggiedana Got to #litchat just in time to see references to curry! NOM. #litchat -1:30 PM Dec 14th, 2009
mariblaser @maggiedana @kashicat Love curry too! Are we exchanging recipes? heh #litchat -1:31 PM Dec 14th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass I don't remember GWtW having chocolate chips in the story. In fact, I don't remember much about food in the book. #litchat -1:31 PM Dec 14th, 2009
LizTipping @maggiedana Gosh- life without without curry! That's awful :( My sympathies #litchat -1:32 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana Could be. RT @mariblaser: @maggiedana @kashicat Love curry too! Are we exchanging recipes? heh #litchat -1:33 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana No worries. I make my own. RT @LizTipping: @maggiedana Gosh- life without without curry! That's awful :( My sympathies #litchat -1:33 PM Dec 14th, 2009
wendykwebb I remember Jan Karon saying that, after first Mitford book, she was bombarded by recipe requests for dishes her characters ate. #litchat -1:33 PM Dec 14th, 2009
deberryandgrant @LitChat Because food pleasure/displeasure is a universal, usually non controversial experience #litchat -1:33 PM Dec 14th, 2009
AbbyEscapades @omara_croft Lol #litchat -1:34 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana Hi there! RT @deberryandgrant: Because food pleasure/displeasure is a universal, usually non controversial experience #litchat -1:34 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana Words of wisdom. RT @deberryandgrant: Food pleasure/displeasure is a universal, usually non controversial experience. #litchat -1:35 PM Dec 14th, 2009
LFreshwater @maggiedana I had my first Indian meal in London, and had many late night curries on cold streets of Dublin (w/ chips & peas) Yum #litchat -1:35 PM Dec 14th, 2009
AbbyEscapades @CarolyBurnsBass That was my personal memory... we were talking about snacking while reading, extraneous to plot #litchat -1:35 PM Dec 14th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Food is a common denominator, but it's not an great equalizer until it's take away. Even the great will eat worms if hungry enough. #litchat -1:35 PM Dec 14th, 2009
wendykwebb In Irish Country Doctor series, author includes recipe section at the end of all the dishes housekeeper served doctor. #litchat -1:35 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana @wendykwebb Must remember to have next novel's heroine spend more time in her kitchen. #litchat -1:35 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana @LFreshwater Definitely yum. Mushy peas. Love 'em. Miss 'em. #litchat -1:36 PM Dec 14th, 2009
techtigger @mariblaser @maggiedana @kashicat oh my goodness, curry recipes? please? *drool* #litchat -1:36 PM Dec 14th, 2009
BenteGallagher Food? #litchat -1:36 PM Dec 14th, 2009
wendykwebb All this curry talk and suddenly that salad I was planning to have for dinner is looking fairly wilted. #litchat -1:37 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana Did they include strichnine? RT @wendykwebb: In Irish Country Doctor series, author includes dishes housekeeper served doctor. #litchat -1:37 PM Dec 14th, 2009
techtigger @maggiedana you are absolutely right, have not had decent curry since my last vacation in england! #litchat -1:37 PM Dec 14th, 2009

LFreshwater RT @LitChat Why is food such a perfect metaphor in literature? (Everyone eats, and *everyone* has emotional response to food) #litchat -1:37 PM Dec 14th, 2009
LizTipping @techtigger: @mariblaser @maggiedana @kashicat I think the secret is lots of ginger and lots of coriander #litchat -1:37 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana @techtigger Believe it or not, but Joy of Cooking's COUNTRY CAPTAIN CHICKEN is a curry, and it's delicious. #litchat -1:38 PM Dec 14th, 2009
BarbraAnnino RT @LitChat: Why is food such a perfect metaphor in literature? #litchat -1:38 PM Dec 14th, 2009
wendykwebb @maggiedana ha! No, but lots of good bread. #litchat -1:38 PM Dec 14th, 2009
deberryandgrant @maggiedana Hi! Congrats on your RT news. Been crazed the past couple of wks & therefore absent from Litchat #litchat -1:38 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana More yums and possible metaphors. RT @wendykwebb: Lots of good bread. #litchat -1:39 PM Dec 14th, 2009
deberryandgrant We always have lots of food references in our books and actually included a recipe at the end of our last novel #litchat -1:39 PM Dec 14th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes food is a perfect metaphor 1. cos it's sensual & 2. because of the preparation involved & the way you get out what you put in #litchat -1:39 PM Dec 14th, 2009
kashicat @maggiedana I've noticed recently in my own writing that much of the char development occurs around a dinner table. #litchat -1:40 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana @deberryandgrant Hey, thanks. Am a bit gobsmacked over this, but deliciously happy to be part of RNA's long list for 2009. #litchat -1:40 PM Dec 14th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes food is also about blending xing things that compliment each other to create a mix greate than its patrs #litchat -1:40 PM Dec 14th, 2009
omara_croft Our family recipes say alot about where we're from #litchat -1:40 PM Dec 14th, 2009
murzee Has anyone mentioned "Like Water for Chocolate"? #litchat -1:40 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana @kashicat No mystery, re dinner table. That's where most meaningful convos are held, or they were, till TV dinners got in the way. #litchat -1:40 PM Dec 14th, 2009
wendykwebb Now I feel like putting more food into my work in progress... #litchat -1:41 PM Dec 14th, 2009
deberryandgrant @maggiedana Enjoy it--gobsmacked feeling and all!! #litchat -1:41 PM Dec 14th, 2009
kashicat Food is a good metaphor because experiencing it is very sensual. So it would provide parallels to other sense experiences #litchat -1:41 PM Dec 14th, 2009
danish_novelist @techtigger Believe it or not, you get the best curry in India, not in England :) What are we discussing, by the way? #litchat -1:41 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana WAVES!!!! and not yet. RT @murzee: Has anyone mentioned "Like Water for Chocolate"? #litchat -1:41 PM Dec 14th, 2009
mariblaser Very true. RT @omara_croft: Our family recipes say alot about where we're from #litchat -1:42 PM Dec 14th, 2009
deberryandgrant We have had readers write for recipes for meals/dishes we referred to in a book. #litchat -1:42 PM Dec 14th, 2009
kashicat @maggiedana Yes, that makes good sense. I also find character comes out in how chars themselves interact w/food #litchat -1:42 PM Dec 14th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @MaggieDana Sounds like I missed an important announcement from you. What's going on? (I've been buried with events.) #litchat -1:42 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana @wendykwebb More food in novel can, sadly, equal more food in mouth. A writer's hot cross bun to bear, as it were. #litchat -1:42 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblaser Haha! I was considering the very same thing! :D RT @wendykwebb: Now I feel like putting more food into my work in progress... #litchat -1:42 PM Dec 14th, 2009

AbbyEscapades What characters choose to cook, where they eat it, how they eat it... it's all tied into culture, class, personal preferences. #litchat -1:43 PM Dec 14th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @AbbyEscapades Yep. I figured you were having one of those wonderful flashbacks that associates food to a pleasant activity. #litchat -1:43 PM Dec 14th, 2009

kashicat RT @maggiedana: A writer's hot cross bun to bear, as it were. #litchat [GROAN!] -1:43 PM Dec 14th, 2009

revolucion0 hate 2say it, and i'm an ex-chef; but food is a pretty hackneyed metaphor in literature, unless you're absolutely brilliant. #litchat -1:43 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana @CarolyBurnsBass It seems Beachcombing has made RNA's long-list for romantic novels in 2009, here: <http://bit.ly/89At0C> #litchat -1:43 PM Dec 14th, 2009

wendykwebb I love it when food/recipes are in novels set it different cultures. Even in parts of US where I don't live. #litchat -1:43 PM Dec 14th, 2009

techtigger food brings people together, & you see lots of diff. interpersonal dynamics around the table. Very useful to flesh out characters #litchat -1:44 PM Dec 14th, 2009

MmeCarrie food in books does not really resonate with me, as a reader or a writer. I prefer music - more visceral (strangely!) #litchat -1:44 PM Dec 14th, 2009

agnieszkasshoes @Lolashoe1 sorry! #litchat tonight is about food in literature :) -1:45 PM Dec 14th, 2009

kashicat @revolucion0 That's interesting. I suppose we need to remember difference btw food as metaphor & food just occuring in the story. #litchat -1:45 PM Dec 14th, 2009

deberryandgrant RT @AbbyEscapades: What characters choose to cook, where they eat, how they eat-all tied into culture, class, personal prefs. #litchat -1:45 PM Dec 14th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass BRAVO! RT @maggiedana: It seems Beachcombing has made RNA's long-list for romantic novels in 2009, here: <http://bit.ly/89At0C> #litchat -1:45 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana Recipes in novels can irritate or delight, depending on how they are presented to reader. #litchat -1:45 PM Dec 14th, 2009

wendykwebb Whaaa? Congrats!!! @maggiedana Beachcombing has made RNA's long-list for romantic novels in 2009 #litchat -1:45 PM Dec 14th, 2009

murzee Laura Esquivel's "Like Water for Chocolate": probably most brilliant use of food as metaphor ever! #litchat -1:45 PM Dec 14th, 2009

MmeCarrie @revolucion0 I agree! #litchat Please no more Lady and the Tramp-equivalent scenes in books! Of course, it can be done well, but it's tough -1:46 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblaser RT @revolucion0: hate 2say it, and i'm an ex-chef; but food is a pretty hackneyed metaphor in literature, unless you're brilliant. #litchat -1:46 PM Dec 14th, 2009

deberryandgrant @MmeCarrie Don't think you have to choose between food/music. Whatever suits the mood, character, location etc. works as long as #litchat -1:46 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana Am gobsmacked over this. RT @wendykwebb: Whaaa? Congrats!!! Beachcombing has made RNAs long-list for romantic novels in 2009 #litchat -1:46 PM Dec 14th, 2009

danish\_novelist @wendykwebb When I did research for @TheTsar'sDwarf I read Peter the Great was served 40 dishes when he arrived in Denmark in 1716 #litchat -1:47 PM Dec 14th, 2009

HyattBass Sorry-didn't mean to barge in with that retweet--didn't realize #litchat was in session. Carry on! #litchat -1:47 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana I promise to read it. RT @murzee: "Like Water for Chocolate": probably most brilliant use of food as metaphor ever! #litchat -1:47 PM Dec 14th, 2009
deberryandgrant @MmeCarrie neither is heavy handed--they should both be part of the background, atmosphere there, but not. #litchat -1:47 PM Dec 14th, 2009
mariblaser Yes! RT @AbbyEscapades: What chars cook, where they eat it, how they eat. it's all tied into culture, class, personal preferences. #litchat -1:47 PM Dec 14th, 2009
AbbyEscapades @revolucion0 hackneyed? Since when does reading/writing about food get old? I disagree. #litchat -1:47 PM Dec 14th, 2009
murzee Food is love, food is comfort, food is heritage. It is so much more than food, #litchat -1:48 PM Dec 14th, 2009
revolucion0 @kashicat think about how easy it is to write those metaphors. food can also be social/ethnic label so you have to be careful there #litchat -1:48 PM Dec 14th, 2009
HyattBass Congrats!!! RT @maggiedana: Beachcombing has made RNAs long-list for romantic novels in 2009: <a href="http://bit.ly/89At0C">http://bit.ly/89At0C</a> #litchat -1:48 PM Dec 14th, 2009
LitChat @HyattBass No worries at all. You RT'd a LitChat topic. Thank you. #litchat -1:48 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana @danish_novelist 40 dishes? Clearly, he was at an Indonesian restaurant like the one I ate at in Amsterdam, a long time ago. #litchat -1:49 PM Dec 14th, 2009
mariblaser @revolucion0 @AbbyEscapades Maybe it's the metaphor that is long, and not the food itself in literature? #litchat -1:49 PM Dec 14th, 2009
deberryandgrant @AbbyEscapades Agree w/your disagreement. Food is life. #litchat -1:50 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana Many thanks. RT @HyattBass: Congrats!!! Beachcombing has made RNAs long-list for romantic novels in 2009: <a href="http://bit.ly/89At0C">http://bit.ly/89At0C</a> #litchat -1:50 PM Dec 14th, 2009
MmeCarrie #litchat LWFC is a lovely book but (dare I?) a bit overdone. Maybe the best food metaphor is when there's no food - like The Road -1:50 PM Dec 14th, 2009
revolucion0 @AbbyEscapades never said writing about food was old. i love it. it's the use of food metaphors which gets dicey. #litchat -1:50 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana We've not mentioned cookbooks. What are your favorites? #litchat -1:51 PM Dec 14th, 2009
danish_novelist @AbbyEscapades Food is as important as God and sex, so no, we'll never tire of food in literature #litchat -1:51 PM Dec 14th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Absolutely. RT @murzee: Food is love, food is comfort, food is heritage. It is so much more than food, #litchat -1:51 PM Dec 14th, 2009
revolucion0 @mariblaser @AbbyEscapades #litchat exactly! food can be written about quite artfully on its own. -1:51 PM Dec 14th, 2009
deberryandgrant RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Absolutely. RT @murzee: Food is love, food is comfort, food is heritage. It is so much more than food, #litchat -1:52 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana @danish_novelist I'd say food is more important than god and sex. We can't live without former; we can live without latter(s). #litchat -1:52 PM Dec 14th, 2009
revolucion0 @kashicat yes; it's too easy to write "soul food" again, so to speak, on ethnic levels without the depth or nuance for good lit. #litchat -1:52 PM Dec 14th, 2009

danish_novelist @maggiedana Cook books bore me to death, except for the pretty pictures, of course #litchat - 1:53 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana @danish_novelist Funny, but much as I love the pretty pix in cookbooks, I prefer those that done have them. Major distractions. #litchat -1:54 PM Dec 14th, 2009
revolucion0 #litchat the equiv of Big Night in literature, waiting for the proverbial guest, is an excellent formula to write about food. -1:54 PM Dec 14th, 2009
wendykwebb I do have a old copy of Mastering the Art of French cooking that I love. #litchat -1:54 PM Dec 14th, 2009
revolucion0 i have a cookbook manuscript i wrote and it totally deconstructs the existing model. stay tuned! #litchat (but it's not literature!!) -1:55 PM Dec 14th, 2009
danish_novelist @maggiedana Seriously, royalty had 40 BIG dishes back in the Baroque period. I loved writing about that. And the vomit basins, too #litchat -1:55 PM Dec 14th, 2009
mariblaser @maggiedana It bothers me greatl that often recipes presented in cook books don't work. arrr! #litchat -1:55 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana All this chat about food and recipes has provoked a foodie/recipe Twitter follower or two. #litchat - 1:55 PM Dec 14th, 2009
MmeCarrie @revolucion0 #litchat but in a novel, is it interesting? My issue with food is that it is often a distraction. Maybe b/c it's not done right -1:56 PM Dec 14th, 2009
wendykwebb On Saturday, a friend was laughing about an old church cookbook of her mother's she found. Every recipe had booze in it. #litchat -1:56 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana @danish_novelist Vomit basins? And we like to think bulimia is a modern manifestation! #litchat - 1:56 PM Dec 14th, 2009
alijwalker OIt's something we can all enjoy equally:RT @LitChat: Why is food such a perfect metaphor in literature? #litchat -1:56 PM Dec 14th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @MmeCarrie I think LWfC food metaphors are perfect in light of the culture. THE ROAD & the absence of food is an equalizing theme. #litchat -1:57 PM Dec 14th, 2009
kashicat RT @maggiedana: I'd say food is more important than god and sex. We can't live without former; we can live without latter(s). #litchat -1:57 PM Dec 14th, 2009
deberryandgrant @mariblaser @maggiedana Tested ours (cookies!) many times until we got right. & have been served those cookies at many a book club! #litchat -1:57 PM Dec 14th, 2009
wendykwebb I do hope they were in another room. Vomit tends to mar a good meal. @maggiedana @danish_novelist Vomit basins? #litchat -1:58 PM Dec 14th, 2009
deberryandgrant @danish_novelist Romans had vomitoriums too! #litchat -1:58 PM Dec 14th, 2009
murzee @maggiedana Am much more likely to cook from books with glossy photos than not (shallow...) #litchat - 1:58 PM Dec 14th, 2009
LFreshwater @revolucion0 @kashicat As I said earlier, Lahiri pulls it off brilliantly. #litchat -1:58 PM Dec 14th, 2009
maggiedana Lack of food mentions in some novels leads this reader to wonder if they ever ate. Ditto bathroom breaks. #litchat -1:58 PM Dec 14th, 2009
mariblaser @maggiedana Vomit basins: remember the Romans? ;) #litchat -1:59 PM Dec 14th, 2009
wendykwebb Agreed. @maggiedana Lack of food mentions in some novels leads this reader to wonder if they ever ate. Ditto bathroom breaks. #litchat -1:59 PM Dec 14th, 2009
MmeCarrie @CarolyBurnsBass Well, it may just be that I'm a minimalist :) But to me the LWFC metaphors were like too-sweet wine #litchat -1:59 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana @murzee Trouble with glossy photos is they tend to get a bit smudgy when one is brisk with the oil and flour. #litchat -1:59 PM Dec 14th, 2009

inkwellHQ RT @maggiedana: Lack of food mentions in some novels leads this reader to wonder if they ever ate. Ditto bathroom breaks. #litchat > so true -2:00 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblasers @deberryandgrant Oh, I want some now. You're mean! \*snifles\* #litchat -2:00 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblasers Good point RT @maggiedana: Lack of food mentions in some novels leads this reader to wonder if they ever ate. Ditto bathroom breaks #litchat -2:00 PM Dec 14th, 2009

danish\_novelist @wendykwebb Sorry to gross you out, but you need vomit basins if you eat 40 dishes. Ah, those days of powdered wigs #litchat -2:01 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana @murzee Thou. Art. Not. Shallow. #litchat -2:01 PM Dec 14th, 2009

marisabirns @mariblasers I've just returned from a trip and saw that cookies are being served? #litchat From @deberryandgrant? Wonderful! -2:01 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana Powdered sugar, of course. RT @danish\_novelist: Ah, those days of powdered wigs #litchat -2:02 PM Dec 14th, 2009

deberryandgrant @mariblasers LOL! They are good-if I do say so myself!! #litchat -2:02 PM Dec 14th, 2009

danish\_novelist @CarolyBurnsBass I agree. Maybe you should read HUNGER by Norwegian Knut Hamsun. That's a food book, too - kind of #litchat -2:02 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblasers @marisabirns @deberryandgrant Are they, are they? :D :D #litchat -2:03 PM Dec 14th, 2009

jeannevb @mariblasers @maggiedana just like in the show 24... that Jack Bauer never eats or pees. Drives me nuts! #litchat -2:03 PM Dec 14th, 2009

deberryandgrant @mariblasers Send me your email and I will send you the recipe! (the instructions are in the main character's voice however so #litchat -2:04 PM Dec 14th, 2009

LitChat Just as the convo gets tasty, we're done with the hour. Please do continue, but save some appetite for Wednesday's continued convo. #litchat -2:04 PM Dec 14th, 2009

deberryandgrant @mariblasers they are a bit on the sarcastic side! but the recipe does work! #litchat -2:04 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblasers @marisabirns Nice! On my reading list now. :) #litchat -2:04 PM Dec 14th, 2009

wendykwebb Oh no! This hour has flown yet again. Off to reconsider both tonight's dinner and my use of food in WIP. #litchat -2:04 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana Reminds me of Lee Childs's Jack Reacher. RT @jeannevb: just like in the show 24... that Jack Bauer never eats or pees. #litchat -2:04 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblasers @jeannevb Yes, maybe that's why I've never watched this show? Too unreal... #litchat -2:05 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana @wendykwebb Arggh! Too little time, not enough #litchat, and not nearly enough food. Am off to make a quiche. #litchat -2:05 PM Dec 14th, 2009

danish\_novelist @mariblasers Yeah. I was amazed how many prudish people were grossed out by the mere mention of body functions in The Tsar's Dwarf #litchat -2:06 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblasers @deberryandgrant Nice, I love sarcasm (on literature, that is, heh). Am DMing you. :) #litchat -2:06 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana Oh ... shades from the 80s. "Real Men Don't Eat Quiche." I totally wrapped my arms around that one. #litchat -2:06 PM Dec 14th, 2009

LitChat Housekeeping notes: The BOOKS ARE GREAT GIFTS catalog is now online: Read it and pick your bids now: <http://bit.ly/6bdcbl> #litchat -2:07 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana @danish\_novelist Body functions are crucial. I want to know, when reading history, how they managed. Privy stool doesn't cut it. #litchat -2:07 PM Dec 14th, 2009

jeannevb @mariblaser I watched 1 season of 24, then totally lost int. Not realistic. Started to hate the hero bc of it #litchat @maggiedana -2:07 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblaser @danish\_novelist If it wasn't before, now your book is on my reading list! ;-) #litchat -2:07 PM Dec 14th, 2009

danish\_novelist If we can write honestly about food, we should also write honestly about the body #litchat -2:07 PM Dec 14th, 2009

kashicat To be fair, nobody in \*any\* TV show (unless it's part of the plot & they'll find victim in bathroom) ever takes a pee break. #litchat -2:07 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana @kashicat This is b/c American's don't pee on TV. #litchat -2:08 PM Dec 14th, 2009

deberryandgrant @danish\_novelist as long as you are not American. #litchat -2:08 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblaser Err, curiously enough, my last blog post was a Xmas recipe. May I share w/ my dear #litchat folks? <http://mariblaser.blogspot.com> -2:09 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblaser Agreed. RT @danish\_novelist: If we can write honestly about food, we should also write honestly about the body #litchat -2:09 PM Dec 14th, 2009

maggiedana Remember women's bathroom scene in THE FULL MONTY? I bet that shocked a few Yanks. #litchat -2:10 PM Dec 14th, 2009

mariblaser @jeannevb Makes much sense. I ditched Lost for the same reason. #litchat -2:10 PM Dec 14th, 2009

deberryandgrant @maggiedana Many of you won't remember the huge uproar caused by Archie Bunker flushing toilet on 1st episode of All in the Family #litchat -2:10 PM Dec 14th, 2009

LitChat If you enjoy food books, check out CHERRIES IN WINTER by Friday's guest host Suzan Colon @ColonSuzan. #litchat -2:10 PM Dec 14th, 2009

### WEDNESDAY, December 16, 2009

deberryandgrant RT @LitChat: Good Wednesday everyone. Today in #litchat we're continuing to talk about food and its powerful influence on us mortals. -7:52 AM Dec 16th, 2009

LitChat Join us for #litchat today at 4-5 pm/et. Topic of the week is FOOD & FAMILY. -7:56 AM Dec 16th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass RT @LitChat: Good Wednesday everyone. Today in #litchat we're continuing to talk about food and its powerful influence on us mortals. -7:59 AM Dec 16th, 2009

EliseBlackwell RT @LitChat Join us for #litchat today at 4-5 pm/et. Topic of the week is FOOD & FAMILY. -8:01 AM Dec 16th, 2009

LitChat @jenonymously Thanks for including us in your public service announcement about writing/reading chat groups. #litchat -8:01 AM Dec 16th, 2009

LitChat @webook Thank you for including us in your tweet about writing chats on Twitter. #litchat -8:02 AM Dec 16th, 2009

StayAdventurous Like Papaya? RT @CarolyBurnsBass RT @LitChat: Today in #litchat we're continuing to talk about food and its powerful influence on us mortals. -8:03 AM Dec 16th, 2009

alisonwells RT @LitChat: Join us for #litchat today at 4-5 pm/et. Topic of the week is FOOD & FAMILY. -8:08 AM Dec 16th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @StayAdventurous Yes! Papaya! I'd like to write something set in Mexico with papaya as a food character/metaphor. #litchat -8:11 AM Dec 16th, 2009
WillowRaven Want to follow #litchat, #memoirchat, #wnw, #yalitchat today and see how it works. -8:16 AM Dec 16th, 2009
TwinkleChar Gonna be on the road again during today's #litchat. Phooey! -8:47 AM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @TwinkleChar Oh, boo. I will miss you in #litchat. Have a great day, anyway. -8:55 AM Dec 16th, 2009
TwinkleChar Thank you. It is good to be missed. xo //RT @CarolyBurnsBass: @TwinkleChar Oh, boo. I will miss you in #litchat. Have a great day, anyway. -8:59 AM Dec 16th, 2009
WillowRaven @cyalin Is that just a question for writers? For myself, I'd say Mary Magdalene #writers #litchat #yalitchat -10:35 AM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @lomace you're welcome - maybe see you at #litchat later :) -10:36 AM Dec 16th, 2009
LitChat We're on with Wednesday's #litchat on topic of FOOD & FAMILY in literature. Join the convo in 45 minutes (4-5 pm/et). -12:14 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere RT @LitChat We're on with Wednesday's #litchat on topic of FOOD & FAMILY in literature. Join the convo in 40 minutes -12:18 PM Dec 16th, 2009
WritersRelief RT @HowDidUGetThere: RT @LitChat We're on with Wednesday's #litchat on topic of FOOD & FAMILY in literature. Join the convo in 40 minutes -12:19 PM Dec 16th, 2009
jeannevb RT @LitChat: We're on with Wednesday's #litchat on topic of FOOD & FAMILY in literature. Join the convo in 45 minutes (4-5 pm/et). -12:24 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers RT @HowDidUGetThere @LitChat We're on with Wednesday's #litchat on topic of FOOD & FAMILY in literature. Join the convo in 40 minutes -12:28 PM Dec 16th, 2009
twchat Find #litchat and 85 other Twitter Chats at <a href="http://bit.ly/oXBBu">http://bit.ly/oXBBu</a> -12:58 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LitChat We'll be talking about FOOD & FAMILY in literature for the next hour in #litchat. Join us. -12:58 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LitChat Step into the #litchat salon, introduce yourself, and tell us about your favorite food scene in a book. #litchat -12:59 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead In #litchat for a few mins. Am author-in-waiting from The Cotswolds in England. -1:02 PM Dec 16th, 2009
editorialdept Hello all...I don't know if I have a particular favorite food scene, but I always admire Jhumpa Lahiri's ability to describe food. #litchat -1:02 PM Dec 16th, 2009
professorbeej #litchat Definitely any of the feasts in Brian Jacques Redwall books. I have never read books that made me hungrier than those. -1:03 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @mariblasers Hi! Good. How are you? I think I'm here in time for #litchat for once! -1:03 PM Dec 16th, 2009
ThoughtfulPen #litchat Introduction: My name is Lindsey, I write Historical romance. The Write Words is my blog. -1:03 PM Dec 16th, 2009
AnneTylerLord I'm joining #litchat today, at least until I have to get the kids from school, just warning my Tweeps if I Tweet a lot -1:04 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers haha! Nice! Here too & doing good :) RT @agnieszkasshoes: @mariblasers Hi! Good. How are you? I think I'm here in time for #litchat for once! -1:04 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @mariblasers I've been away for several days and am reading tweets wishing you recovery. Have you been ill or hurt? #litchat -1:05 PM Dec 16th, 2009

AnneTylerLord When I think of food scenes in lit, I think of Peter Mayle and all the delicious French food of Provence #litchat -1:06 PM Dec 16th, 2009
ThoughtfulPen Delicious by @SherryThomas has some really good food scenes that inspire delicious images and makes you drool. #litchat -1:06 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LitChat @professorbeej I haven't read Brian Jacques Redwall books tell me (us) a bit about them. #litchat -1:06 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells Hi. Will be nosing in and out, especially if @agnieszkasshoes mentions his own cooking! #litchat -1:07 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead Food's really important in my novels. Think I mentioned that in LitChat before actually. #litchat -1:07 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LitChat @AnneTylerLord Tell us a more about Peter Mayle and his connection to Provence. #litchat -1:07 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblaser @CarolyBurnsBass Thanks so much for your concern! I'm quite well actually. Had a surgery back in Sept, but all is good now. #litchat -1:07 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblaser @CarolyBurnsBass Just taking care of myself on the long afterwards, you know? :- ) #litchat -1:08 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes I'm a UK-based lit fic writer. best food scene in a book: any time Murakami has his characters eat ramen noodles #litchat -1:08 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass What a tasty title! RT @ThoughtfulPen: Delicious by @SherryThomas #litchat -1:10 PM Dec 16th, 2009
AnneTylerLord @LitChat I think the food was as important as the odd characters of the village in understanding the culture and their experiences #litchat -1:10 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @mariblaser super - have you eaten before #litchat tonight to stave off temptation? -1:10 PM Dec 16th, 2009
AnneTylerLord #litchat Peter Mayle is an Englishman who moves to Provence countryside with his wife. He writes about their life, and food is a major part -1:10 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @alisonwells I'm strictly on topic tonight and will not disclose e.g. my osso bucco recipe until after #litchat :p -1:11 PM Dec 16th, 2009
krisriggle Tasty book, too. RT @CarolyBurnsBass: What a tasty title! RT @ThoughtfulPen: Delicious by @SherryThomas #litchat -1:11 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LitChat @AnneTylerLord Ah, a memoir with food. You may like CHERRIES IN WINTER by @ColonSuzan, our guest host on Friday. #litchat -1:12 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblaser @agnieszkasshoes Oh no... I'll have a hard time... LOL But since I had a very light lunch won't feel guilty, heh ;- ) You? #litchat -1:12 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells Arggh! RT @agnieszkasshoes @alisonwells I'm strictly on topic tonight & will not disclose e.g. my osso bucco recipe until after #litchat :p -1:12 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass I am eating pita chips with homemade cheese dip while I #litchat today. Will disclose recipe after. #litchat -1:13 PM Dec 16th, 2009
ThoughtfulPen @CarolyBurnsBass It was a good book, loved the beginning when heroine is in the kitchen. #litchat -1:13 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @mariblaser have just finished a large dinner so I'm imune. Hmm 2 slices of pizza left in the fridge though #litchat -1:13 PM Dec 16th, 2009
AnneTylerLord @LitChat I just love memoirs that make heavy use of food to add another layer of experience for the reader - I'm a bit of a foodie #litchat -1:14 PM Dec 16th, 2009

AnneTylerLord Yeah! RT @LitChat: @AnneTylerLord Ah, a memoir with food. You may like CHERRIES IN WINTER by @ColonSuzan, our guest host on Friday. #litchat -1:14 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers @agnieszkasshoes Hmmm. I'm hungry. Maybe I'll get something to eat... heh #litchat -1:14 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes always remember my mother reading me Patrick Leigh Fermor account of eating kleftiko in a Greek monastery. #litchat -1:15 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells Of course there's also Chocolat by Joanne Harris #litchat -1:15 PM Dec 16th, 2009
ThoughtfulPen @CarolyBurnsBass Hubby has a good recipe for chili cheese dip: chili and Velveeta, not complicated, yours in prob better! LOL #litchat -1:15 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers Recipes, yay! RT @CarolyBurnsBass: I am eating pita chips with homemade cheese dip. Will disclose recipe after. #litchat -1:15 PM Dec 16th, 2009
AnneTylerLord #litchat I think using food in the plot especially helps when writing historical fiction and writing about other cultures -1:16 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass One of my favorite food scenes is the first banquet Harry goes to at Hogwarts. All that food meant so much to neglected boy. #litchat -1:16 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead Guessing we're not including recipe books :P #litchat -1:17 PM Dec 16th, 2009
AnneTylerLord !! RT @CarolyBurnsBass One of my favorite food scenes is first banquet 4 Harry at Hogwarts. food meant so much to neglected boy. #litchat -1:17 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @alisonwells We spoke briefly about CHOCOLAT on Monday, but has anyone read FIVE QUARTERS OF THE ORANGE by Harris? #litchat -1:17 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells By the end of tonight we'll be able to compile a #litchat recipe book! -1:18 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers Actually we've mentioned it on Monday. :) RT @rebeccawoodhead: Guessing we're not including recipe books :P #litchat -1:18 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Absolutely RT @AnneTylerLord: #litchat ...food in the plot especially helps when writing historical fiction & about other cultures #litchat -1:19 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells Tonight here, of course not everywhere #litchat -1:19 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers You're on! :D RT @alisonwells: By the end of tonight we'll be able to compile a #litchat recipe book! -1:19 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @AnneTylerLord yes, food is a great universal #litchat but also a good way of illustrating the difference of a period [e.g. roast swan etc] -1:20 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LitChat @alisonwells FUN! After today's litchat, everyone go to LitChat blog and post a receipt under this week's topic. #litchat -1:20 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers @CarolyBurnsBass My mouth watered along with Harry. It was a strong scene indeed! :) #litchat -1:20 PM Dec 16th, 2009
professorbeej @LitChat Think the Wind in the Willows meets Arthurian legend. He wrote them for a blind children's school and they took off. #litchat -1:21 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells Hurrah! RT @LitChat @alisonwells FUN! After today's litchat, everyone go to LitChat blog and post a receipt under this week's topic #litchat -1:21 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers Cool! RT @LitChat: @alisonwells FUN! After today's litchat, everyone go to LitChat blog and post a receipt under this week's topic. #litchat -1:22 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @mariblasers Haven't had an internet connection - please accept my humble apologies for being out of the loop :( #litchat -1:22 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells There was also the Eat part of publishing sensation Eat, Love, Pray . Eat was based in Italy. Obviously. #litchat -1:23 PM Dec 16th, 2009

HowDidUGetThere @mariblasers @alisonwells Hi! Just joined #litchat -1:24 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @HowDidUGetThere *hugs* #litchat -1:24 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells @HowDidUGetThere Good to c you. I'm writing. Not chatting at all #litchat -1:24 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana @mariblasers Better yet, everyone crash the #litchat site to eat, drink, and be merry. #litchat -1:25 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers @HowDidUGetThere Hey, welcome here! WE're talking about food on books. Influences, impacts, etc etc. :) #litchat -1:25 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @professorbeej The Redwall books sound fascinating and fun. I'm sad not to have read them over here in the US. #litchat -1:25 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana *waves* #litchat -1:25 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers Wohoo! I see a #party coming! RT @maggiedana: @mariblasers Better yet, everyone crash the #litchat site to eat, drink, and be merry. -1:25 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere @rebeccawoodhead #litchat hey there!! -1:26 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana Novels set in other cultures that include food are a good way to learn more about that culture. Eating is universal. #litchat -1:26 PM Dec 16th, 2009
AnneTylerLord @agnieszkasshoes #litchat was considered good health to eat dried, ground mummies from Egypt and Africa in recent past-what a plot enhancer -1:26 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers @rebeccawoodhead Hey, no worries! We can always bring the subject back. I'm sure you have something to add. :) #litchat -1:26 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana Hi! RT @rebeccawoodhead: @maggiedana *waves* #litchat -1:26 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LitChat What is the most memorable holiday party or food scene you recall in literature? #litchat -1:27 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers I *think* I can see why, heh. ;P RT @alisonwells: Eat was based in Italy. Obviously. #litchat -1:27 PM Dec 16th, 2009
AnneTylerLord RT @rebeccawoodhead: @maggiedana *waves* #litchat -1:28 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LexxClarke Hi all, late to #litchat -1:28 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers RT @maggiedana Novels set in other cultures that include food are a good way to learn more about that culture. Eating is universal. #litchat -1:28 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead For some reason, I'm struggling to think of scenes. Odd. #litchat -1:28 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @LexxClarke *waves* #litchat -1:28 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere @mariblasers #litchat - yummmm, thinking of the movie of that french chef who killed himself when his meal dissappointed Louis XIV (?) -1:28 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana Hey. Did you hear my news? RT @LexxClarke: Hi all, late to #litchat -1:28 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead Alice in Wonderland :) #litchat -1:29 PM Dec 16th, 2009
ThoughtfulPen @LitChat That would have to be the obvious scene from Dickenson's Christmas Carol. #litchat -1:29 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers Welcome here! :D RT @LexxClarke: Hi all, late to #litchat -1:29 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana What news? #litchat -1:29 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LexxClarke @maggiedana about your nomination? #litchat -1:29 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells @mariblasers My 9yo send a ltr to Italian embassy saying I admire your country, pizza is my favourite food! #litchat -1:30 PM Dec 16th, 2009

agnieszkasshoes RT @LitChat FUN! After today's litchat, everyone go to LitChat blog and post a receipt under this week's topic. #litchat [Yay!!] -1:30 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @LexxClarke @maggiedana What happened? Have been offline. #litchat -1:30 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers @LitChat There's the obvious Babette Party. But sadly enough I only watched the movie. Marked my life tho. :) #litchat -1:30 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana @rebeccawoodhead @LexxClarke Beachcombing long-listed for RNA's Romantic Novel of the Year. <a href="http://bit.ly/8gBNHd">http://bit.ly/8gBNHd</a> Am gobsmacked. #litchat -1:30 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers @HowDidUGetThere Digging memory to recall if I've seen it... Title please? O_o #litchat -1:31 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @HowDidUGetThere welcome to #litchat -1:31 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells @mariblasers italy=sensuality=food as Eat, Pray, Love demonstrates! #litchat -1:31 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana @agnieszkasshoes Am happy to share my trifle recipe. It's a bit boozy. #litchat -1:31 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Food is so important to us that we use terms like "devoured" or "starving" "feasted" et al to describe ordinary actions. #litchat -1:32 PM Dec 16th, 2009
Melwyk I love the Christmas scenes in Allison Uttley's A Country Child. Such an old fashioned and lovely children's book. #litchat -1:32 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers Lovely! RT @alisonwells: @mariblasers My 9yo send a ltr to Italian embassy saying I admire your country, pizza is my favourite food! #litchat -1:32 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana OMG!! That's AMAZING!! Am reading it at the mo. Didn't have time before so picked up this week. Loving it. Well done! #litchat -1:32 PM Dec 16th, 2009
4evermore @LitChat "Please sir, I want some more." #litchat -1:32 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana Point to ponder. Will England ever overcome its negative reputation for food? I think Brit food is brill, but then I would. #litchat -1:32 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells Sounds gr8! RT @maggiedana: @agnieszkasshoes Am happy to share my trifle recipe. It's a bit boozy. #litchat -1:32 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass YES, YES, YES! RT @ThoughtfulPen: @LitChat That would have to be the obvious scene from Dickenson's Christmas Carol. #litchat -1:32 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LexxClarke @maggiedana such amazing news, so pleased for you, you must be so proud! #litchat -1:32 PM Dec 16th, 2009
cowgirlwriter Dickens' Great Expectations. Pip stealing pie from the Xmas feast. Read it in school. Left an impression of what hunger was abt. #litchat -1:33 PM Dec 16th, 2009
AnneTylerLord @maggiedana @agnieszkasshoes I say, the boozier, the better the recipe #litchat please share - 1:33 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana <--- bowing and groveling at @rebeccawoodhead 's feet! Thanks for the support. #litchat -1:33 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LexxClarke How did that one get missed?! RT @4evermore: @LitChat "Please sir, I want some more." #litchat - 1:33 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers Renewed congrats!RT @maggiedana: Beachcombing long-listed for RNA's Romantic Novel of the Year. <a href="http://bit.ly/8gBNHd">http://bit.ly/8gBNHd</a> Am gobsmacked. #litchat -1:33 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana @AnneTylerLord Definitely. Another favorite is New Orleans bread pudding with whisky sauce. Divine. #litchat -1:34 PM Dec 16th, 2009

mariblaser @maggiedana It's never enough to repeat good news and congrats, yes? :D #litchat -1:34 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere @mariblaser I'll google it, but I know Gerard Depardieu was in it, several years ago, but in 2000s #litchat true story -1:34 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Another Dickens winner @cowgirlwriter: Dickens Great Expectations. Pip stealing pie from Xmas feast. #litchat -1:34 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells @maggiedana Congrats Maggie. Hurrah! #litchat -1:34 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @cowgirlwriter That's a good one. That is a really great scene. #litchat -1:34 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblaser Hmmm. Intrigued. ;) RT @maggiedana: @agnieszkasshoes Am happy to share my trifle recipe. It's a bit boozy. #litchat -1:34 PM Dec 16th, 2009
Saffy @LitChat Redwall books have fantastic feasts in them! #litchat -1:34 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @LitChat afraid most memorable food scene has to be the venison loin in Hannibal #litchat [also taght me about making great reductions ] -1:35 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana @HowDidUGetThere Gerard Depardieu? An astute author friend of mine had something pithy to say about his nose. Unrepeatable, sadly. #litchat -1:35 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblaser Playing w/ words. Fun! RT @CarolyBurnsBass: use terms like "devoured" or "starving" "feasted" et al to describe ordinary actions. #litchat -1:35 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana Well deserved. You must be chuffed to bits. Am so pleased for you. #litchat -1:35 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes RT @maggiedana Another favorite is New Orleans bread pudding with whisky sauce. Divine. #litchat [damn that sounds good!] -1:35 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere Oh No!! :) RT @agnieszkasshoes venison loin in Hannibal #litchat -1:36 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells Yes, was just thinking that RT @4evermore: @LitChat "Please sir, I want some more." #litchat -1:36 PM Dec 16th, 2009
cowgirlwriter The food scenes in novels seem to always speak to how we may be "starved" emotionally. #litchat -1:36 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana You all know about trifle, right? I mean, anyone who's read HP knows about that. #litchat -1:36 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Much of Dickens work shows how food and especially, lack of it, effects a character. #litchat -1:36 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana Am totally chuffed. RT @rebeccawoodhead: @maggiedana Well deserved. You must be chuffed to bits. Am so pleased for you. #litchat -1:36 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblaser I've heard Canada has a bad rep to.o..RT @maggiedana: Point to ponder. Will England ever overcome its negative reputation for food? #litchat -1:37 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LexxClarke @rebeccawoodhead *waves and hugs* lovely to have you back in the digital village :o) #litchat -1:37 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana @agnieszkasshoes I might even be persuaded to dig out the recipe, but only if you make it worthwhile. It's buried deep, somewhere. #litchat -1:37 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells @LitChat The tea party in Alice in Wonderland #litchat -1:37 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass It's affects, right? RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Much of Dickens work shows how food and especially, lack of it, effects a character. #litchat -1:37 PM Dec 16th, 2009
corb21 yes, lack of food...RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Much of Dickens work shows how food and especially, lack of it, effects a character. #litchat -1:37 PM Dec 16th, 2009

HeatherMcCorkle #litchat ters talking about recipies today! Come join us.I'm going to try to make pumpkin fudge later today. Will post if it turns out okay! -1:37 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere Ooooo RT @maggiedana Depardieu? An astute author friend of mine had something pithy to say. Unrepeatable, sadly. #litchat -1:37 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblaser @HowDidUGetThere Thanks! Will watch and get back to you, ok? But must have dinner first, lol. Love Depardieu, great actor! #litchat -1:38 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells Oh yeah! with chocolate! RT @HowDidUGetThere: Oh No!! :) RT @agnieszkasshoes venison loin in Hannibal #litchat -1:38 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana One has to wonder what Dickens would make of England's enthusiasm for curry. It's displaced roast beef as favorite food. #litchat -1:38 PM Dec 16th, 2009
ViolaMaths @agnieszkasshoes I thought #litchat was about books not puddings! -1:38 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana Think The Naked Chef glazing veggies and Nigella Lawson's trembling bust may have saved our proverbial bacon. #litchat -1:38 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @AnneTylerLord fillet steak flambeed in marc and served in cold merlot jelly on a hot brioche #litchat {boozy food heaven} -1:38 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblaser The description of the convict devouring the Xmas food is sometin' ! RT @cowgirlwriter: Dickens' Great Expectations. #litchat -1:39 PM Dec 16th, 2009
toasterbyte I've been doing tons of Christmas baking this month..my husband is slowly expanding. #litchat -1:39 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LexxClarke my wip (which was my nano project) also has food and wine as a theme,I use it to give the chars time to reflect and share #litchat -1:39 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @CarolyBurnsBass yep :) #litchat -1:39 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LexxClarke @rebeccawoodhead ah Nigella's quivering bosom! #litchat -1:39 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblaser Yukkk [heh] RT @agnieszkasshoes: @LitChat afraid most memorable food scenehas to be the venison loin in Hannibal #litchat -1:40 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana <--- once flambeed her entire kitchen. #litchat -1:40 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @LexxClarke Lovely to be back. So many kind tweets and DMs. How long IS 8 days in Twitter years? #litchat -1:40 PM Dec 16th, 2009
editorialdept It's neither a cookbook nor a novel, but Bill Buford's Heat is a must read for anyone interested in food (esp. Italian food). #litchat -1:40 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HeatherMcCorkle @ThoughtfulPen Thanks! We'll have to share recipies if anything turns out particularly spectacular. #litchat -1:40 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblaser Share that too pls! RT @maggiedana Another favorite is New Orleans bread pudding with whisky sauce. Divine. #litchat -1:40 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @HowDidUGetThere @alisonwells I think Gordon Ramsey is chocolate. Hannibal is a crow that's been feeding on juniper berries :) #litchat -1:41 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana @rebeccawoodhead @lexxclarke Is Nanette Forbes still cooking up a storm? I used to work for her husband. #litchat -1:41 PM Dec 16th, 2009
techtigger always got so hungry reading those books, food descriptions sounded yummy! RT @Saffy: Redwall books have fantastic feasts in them! #litchat -1:41 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LitChat Can you name some food scenes that have deep spiritual metaphors or implications? #litchat -1:41 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LexxClarke @rebeccawoodhead about 4 years I think! #litchat -1:41 PM Dec 16th, 2009

toasterbyte @editorialdept I love those new "narrative cookbooks," they're such a great hybrid. #litchat -1:41 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @maggiedana if you post recipe I'll make it next time you're near Oxford :) #litchat -1:41 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana Nothing like a discussion of food to bring out enthusiastic recipes. Will dig mine out and share. #litchat -1:41 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana Deal. RT @agnieszkasshoes: @maggiedana if you post recipe Ill make it next time youre near Oxford :) #litchat -1:42 PM Dec 16th, 2009
ThoughtfulPen @HeatherMcCorkle Def, I know one batch of cookies I have to make no matter as they're tradition. Pecan Puffs. #litchat -1:42 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana Sounds good. Elaborate? RT @toasterbyte: @editorialdept I love those new "narrative cookbooks," theyre such a great hybrid. #litchat -1:43 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers Gr8 food scenes expected! RT @LexxClarke: my wip has food & wine as a theme,I use it to give the chars time to reflect and share #litchat -1:43 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana @LitChat Can you be persuaded to provide a recipe parking lot on your blog? #litchat -1:43 PM Dec 16th, 2009
kashicat RT @mariblasers: I've heard Canada has a bad rep too. #litchat [Not Toronto! We've got foods of every world culture here!] -1:43 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana Not a name I recognise but my idea of exciting cuisine at the moment is roast chicken so I may not be the best to ask! #litchat -1:44 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere hmmm RT @agnieszkasshoes @alisonwells I think Gordon Ramsey is chocolate. Hannibal is a crow feeding on juniper berries :) #litchat -1:44 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @LitChat I believe there's a scene where they go out for a meal in Ugresic's Ministry of Pain that symbolises nostalgia/disunity #litchat -1:44 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @ThoughtfulPen Please post the recipe. I love anything with pecans. #litchat -1:44 PM Dec 16th, 2009
editorialdept @toasterbyte They're a healthy reaction to the glut of recipes due to the internet. I'm glad to get to understand the food a bit. #litchat -1:44 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @kashicat :) *hugs* back online -whoop whoop! #litchat -1:44 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers @kashicat Good to know! A friend had a hard time there, but now I'm at ease. (at least w/ Toronto, heh) Btw, evening! :-D #litchat -1:45 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @LitChat and, of course, the nouvelle cuisine scenes in American Psycho symbolise spiritual bankruptcy #litchat -1:45 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HeatherMcCorkle When #writing I like to introduce foods native to the cultures of my characters. It adds a little something. #litchat -1:45 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana Have been reading post-apocalyptic novels where food takes on a whole new meaning. #litchat -1:45 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere @alisonwells @mariblasers "Vatel" was the 2001 film about the 17th century French chef François Vatel. Trying to see who wrote book #litchat -1:45 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @LitChat Deep spiritual metaphors and cooking? 'Hubble, bubble..' springs to mind :) #litchat -1:46 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @HowDidUGetThere essential ingredients in the sauce that is #litchat -1:46 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LexxClarke @agnieszkasshoes I'd forgotten about all those restaurant scenes,as you say so evocative of the 'yuppy greed' #litchat -1:46 PM Dec 16th, 2009

mariblaser My favorite nuts, along w/ chestnuts. :) RT @CarolyBurnsBass: @ThoughtfulPen Please post the recipe. I love anything with pecans. #litchat -1:46 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead Don't suppose we're including vampires here either right? #litchat -1:47 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HeatherMcCorkle @ThoughtfulPen When in doubt (of trends) check the bookstore shelves, NY Times Bestseller list, other bestseller lists. #litchat -1:47 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead Coffee was so central to FRIENDS that it altered the entire physical landscape of British towns. Amazing what writers can do eh? #litchat -1:48 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes had completely forgotten my novel is set on a vineyard & baked fogas is kind of THE central metaphor #litchat -1:48 PM Dec 16th, 2009
cowgirlwriter Fried Green Tomatoes. "The secret's in the sauce." That was priceless. #litchat -1:48 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblaser There's this Chinese movie in which the banquet cooking&eating is very poetic! Don't know who wrote the book tho, or the title. #litchat -1:48 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana Snort. RT @rebeccawoodhead: Dont suppose were including vampires here either right? #litchat -1:48 PM Dec 16th, 2009
agnieszkasshoes @LexxClarke yes, those and the business card scenes - and the Genesis before Phil Collins/Huey Lewis scenes were perfect 80s #litchat -1:49 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere I'd never thought of it that way! RT @agnieszkasshoes: essential ingredients in the sauce that is #litchat -1:49 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblaser @HowDidUGetThere Will definitely see it! Maybe we could all share impressions? @alisonwells :) #litchat -1:49 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana Just having a laugh. Guess a vampire's cookbook would be rather niche. #litchat -1:49 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana Then there's that classic scene from Tom Jones. #litchat -1:50 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblaser *snorts to self* blah RT @mariblaser: Don't know who wrote the book tho, or the title. #litchat -1:50 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere exactly RT @rebeccawoodhead: Coffee was so central to FRIENDS that it altered the entire physical landscape. #litchat -1:50 PM Dec 16th, 2009
unbridledbooks @maggiedana Dickens was alive when India was an English colony, no? Maybe he wouldn't be so surprised? #litchat -1:50 PM Dec 16th, 2009
ThoughtfulPen Pecan Puff Recipe: 1 c. Crisco ½ c. confectioners sugar 2 ½ c. sftd flour ½ tsp salt 1 tsp vanilla ¾ c. chopped pecans #litchat -1:50 PM Dec 16th, 2009
cowgirlwriter Blood sausage? RT @rebeccawoodhead: @maggiedana Just having a laugh. Guess a vampires cookbook would be rather niche. #litchat -1:50 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana Very niche. Could be next big thing. RT @rebeccawoodhead: Guess a vampires cookbook would be rather niche. #litchat -1:50 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LexxClarke I can't help but think of The God of Small Things,how the 'slush puppy' drinks at the cinema #litchat -1:51 PM Dec 16th, 2009
ThoughtfulPen Cream Crisco and ½ c. sugar. Stir in flour, salt, vanilla & pecans, blend well. #litchat -1:51 PM Dec 16th, 2009
ThoughtfulPen Mold into 1" balls, place on cookie sheet rubbed w/Crisco, oven at 375 for 12-15 min. Roll in sugar after baking. #litchat -1:51 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere Yes - wonderful film RT @mariblaser: Maybe we could all share impressions? @alisonwells :) #litchat -1:51 PM Dec 16th, 2009

maggiedana @unbridledbooks True, but not sure he'd ever imagined curry would replace roast beef/Yorkshire pud as English Sunday dinner. #litchat -1:52 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead I use food as metaphor, cultural reference, language etc. So crucial. #litchat -1:52 PM Dec 16th, 2009
alisonwells Give me cpl wks! RT @HowDidUGetThere: Yes - wonderful film RT @mariblasers: Maybe we could all share impressions? @alisonwells :) #litchat -1:52 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LitChat Done! <a href="http://bit.ly/8A5UA4">http://bit.ly/8A5UA4</a> RT @maggiedana: @LitChat Can you be persuaded to provide a recipe parking lot on your blog? #litchat -1:52 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CDominiqueG @LexxClarke I love that book Lexxy #TheGodofSmallThings #litchat Roy is a genius !!! -1:52 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere Good one, RT @cowgirlwriter: Blood sausage? #litchat -1:52 PM Dec 16th, 2009
rebeccawoodhead In fact, as a bit of a nod in the direction of my blog followers, there is now a 16-meals-from-one-chicken scene :) #litchat -1:53 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana Interesting, also, how diff. foods/drinks are called diff. things in diff. parts of the US. e.g., heroes, sub sandwiches, grinders. #litchat -1:53 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere Food gives us all such strong sensory response, but also emotional responses, from childhood, to haute cuisine #litchat -1:53 PM Dec 16th, 2009
inkwellHQ RT @rebeccawoodhead: @maggiedana Just having a laugh. Guess a vampire's cookbook would be rather niche. #litchat LOL! -1:54 PM Dec 16th, 2009
Saffy @techtigger I love them - I read them to Jeany now - though first read of most of them was whilst at university! #litchat -1:54 PM Dec 16th, 2009
unbridledbooks @maggiedana Even considering his great imagination, I'm sure you're right! #litchat -1:54 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana Brit food name that baffles the unwary: Spotted Dick. #litchat -1:54 PM Dec 16th, 2009
ThoughtfulPen @HeatherMcCorkle I think what I was reading was in a magazine. Offered some great advice on where to find the up and coming trends.#litchat -1:54 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Me too. RT @CDominiqueG: @LexxClarke I love that book: TheGodofSmallThings Roy is a genius !!! #litchat -1:55 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana @LitChat Cool. Will post my trifle and New Orleans bread pud recipe later. #litchat -1:55 PM Dec 16th, 2009
ThoughtfulPen @nikadixon Haha, well this IS my grandma's recipe so that could be why it calls for it! #litchat -1:55 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LexxClarke @maggiedana it's been PCd,currant sponge now.... #litchat -1:56 PM Dec 16th, 2009
HowDidUGetThere Like someone said earlier, cajun food invokes immediate response, as does a hotdog at a ballgame #litchat -1:56 PM Dec 16th, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass RT @HowDidUGetThere: Food gives us all such strong sensory response, but also emotional responses, from childhood, to haute cuisine #litchat -1:56 PM Dec 16th, 2009
LexxClarke @CarolyBurnsBass Evening Empress *bows* #litchat -1:56 PM Dec 16th, 2009
mariblasers There's food that warm you up, and there's food that falls like stone. Diff reactions that can derive of the making if you choose. #litchat -1:56 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana @LexxClarke Really? They've renamed Spotted Dick as Currant Sponge? The wankers. #litchat -1:56 PM Dec 16th, 2009
maggiedana I have a tin of Heinz Spotted Dick in my cupboard. Collector's item? RT @LexxClarke: its been PCd,currant sponge now.... #litchat -1:57 PM Dec 16th, 2009

alisonwells Sorry to leave in a hurry but I've just discovered current Dr Who and Dr Donna are in a TV quiz show Bye! X #litchat -1:57 PM Dec 16th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass Are you the court jester? RT @LexxClarke: @CarolyBurnsBass Evening Empress \*bows\* #litchat -1:57 PM Dec 16th, 2009

HowDidUGetThere I need to see it again, tooRT @alisonwells: Give me cpl wks! RT @mariblasers: Maybe we could all share impressions? @alisonwells :) #litchat -1:58 PM Dec 16th, 2009

LexxClarke @maggiedana yup, sad isn't it? #litchat -1:58 PM Dec 16th, 2009

maggiedana @LexxClarke Current .... currant. One could have a ton of fun with this. #litchat -1:58 PM Dec 16th, 2009

LexxClarke @CarolyBurnsBass always the jester lol #litchat -1:58 PM Dec 16th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana LOL!!! A very PC response that :) #litchat -1:58 PM Dec 16th, 2009

LexxClarke @maggiedana collector's item? Quite possibly! #litchat -1:59 PM Dec 16th, 2009

HowDidUGetThere Bye all, wonderful savory #litchat tonight!! Happy Holidays - -2:00 PM Dec 16th, 2009

mariblasers @HowDidUGetThere @alisonwells Cool. We'll have a little movie chat then. Should we set a date? Of course all #litchat folks are invited. :) -2:00 PM Dec 16th, 2009

LitChat Keep chatting and chewing, but come back Friday to talk with Suzan Colon @ColonSuzan, author of memoir, CHERRIES IN WINTER. #litchat -2:00 PM Dec 16th, 2009

toasterbyte @maggiedana I have a cookbook that celebrates special Christian holidays & saints' days. It has a bit of history about each recipe. #litchat -2:00 PM Dec 16th, 2009

inkwellHQ RT @alisonwells: Sorry 2 leave in a hurry but just discovered current Dr Who and Dr Donna are in TV quiz show Bye! X #litchat > Me too! -2:01 PM Dec 16th, 2009

agnieszkasshoes @alisonwells we are recording it :) #litchat -2:01 PM Dec 16th, 2009

toasterbyte @editorialdept There's a reason why January is the best-selling month for gym memberships. ;) #litchat -2:01 PM Dec 16th, 2009

LitChat Please RT when you see one of our BOOKS ARE GREAT GIFTS tweets about the #BAGG book auction. Thanks! #litchat -2:01 PM Dec 16th, 2009

LitChat Now go over to LitChat blog and post a recipe on our LitChew page: <http://bit.ly/8A5UA4> #litchat -2:02 PM Dec 16th, 2009

mariblasers #Litchat guys: can't help shameless self promotion. Too much coincidence, heh There's a recent Xmas recipe on my #blog: <http://bit.ly/5M4ZJI> -2:04 PM Dec 16th, 2009

LitChat How about posting a cooking/eating/food scene from one of your WIPs so we can all feast on bit of your writing. #litchat -2:04 PM Dec 16th, 2009

LitChat @mariblasers Perfect timing on the Xmas feast scene. I just posted a request for others to post feasting scenes. Thanks! #litchat -2:05 PM Dec 16th, 2009

rebeccawoodhead Bye everyone. Thanks for a lovely chat :) #litchat -2:06 PM Dec 16th, 2009

carleenbrice RT @LitChat: Please RT when you see one of our BOOKS ARE GREAT GIFTS tweets about the #BAGG book auction. Thanks! #litchat -2:07 PM Dec 16th, 2009

HowDidUGetThere RT @mariblasers: #Litchat guys: can't help shameless self promotion. Too much coincidence, Xmas recipe on my #blog: <http://bit.ly/5M4ZJI> -2:07 PM Dec 16th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass Going now to LitChew page to post recipe for cheese dip that dauty just snagged away from me. #litchat -2:07 PM Dec 16th, 2009

maggiedana @rebeccawoodhead When I see PC, I think of the computer I don't own (I'm on Mac) #litchat -2:08 PM Dec 16th, 2009

maggiedana LOL! RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Going now to LitChew page to post recipe for cheese dip that dauty just snagged away from me. #litchat -2:08 PM Dec 16th, 2009

mariblasers @LitChat Thanks for the support! I shared the recipe on LitChew too. :) #litchat -2:11 PM Dec 16th, 2009

mariblasers RT @carleenbrice @LitChat: Please RT when you see one of our BOOKS ARE GREAT GIFTS tweets about the #BAGG book auction. Thanks! #litchat -2:12 PM Dec 16th, 2009

maggiedana @LitChat Hah! After much digging, have exhumed my New Orleans bread pudding recipe with whiskey sauce. Will post to #litchew. #litchat -2:13 PM Dec 16th, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass Here is a scene cut from my WIP, THE SWORD SWALLOWER'S DAUGHTER. Note: does not involve sharp edges. <http://bit.ly/5vat3n> #litchat -2:16 PM Dec 16th, 2009

mariblasers Yummm RT @maggiedana:Hah! After much digging, have my New Orleans bread pudding recipe with whiskey sauce. Will post to #litchew. #litchat -2:17 PM Dec 16th, 2009

agnieszkasshoes posted the steak in merlot jelly recipe <http://bit.ly/8A5UA4> see there's some delicious chestnuts there already! #litchat -2:17 PM Dec 16th, 2009

mariblasers RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Here is a scene cut from my WIP, THE SWORD SWALLOWER'S DAUGHTER. Note: no sharp edges. <http://bit.ly/5vat3n> #litchat -2:19 PM Dec 16th, 2009

mariblasers Glad you liked it. :) RT @agnieszkasshoes: <http://bit.ly/8A5UA4> see there's some delicious chestnuts there already! #litchat -2:22 PM Dec 16th, 2009

agnieszkasshoes @worldcrisisbook :) thought it was Roumeli ? #litchat -2:23 PM Dec 16th, 2009

agnieszkasshoes @hmccormack mm - yes, everyone should experience both Murakami and ramen noodles - and ramen noodles in a Murakami book! #litchat -2:24 PM Dec 16th, 2009

LitChat @agnieszkasshoes The beef marchand recipe sounds fabulous. You must be a chef in addition to a writer. #litchat -2:28 PM Dec 16th, 2009

marisabirns @LitChat Sorry to miss #litchat Just wanted to add that @agnieszkasshoes is a fantastic cook! He posts pictures, the cruel man! #litchat -2:31 PM Dec 16th, 2009