



## LitChat January 11-13, 2010

Topic of the Week: Getting the Scoop

Monday and Wednesday: Open chat

### MONDAY: January 11, 2010

LitChat Welcome to Monday's chat. This week we're talking GETTING THE SCOOP--what would you do to get what you always wanted? #LITCHAT -1:00 PM Jan 11th, 2010

LitChat So let's begin with introductions, but be thinking about what YOU would do to get what you always wanted? #LITCHAT -1:01 PM Jan 11th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @LitChat evening everyone. Looking forward to some grubbing around on GETTING THE SCOOP on #litchat -1:06 PM Jan 11th, 2010

LitChat We may be having some tweets fail today, I'm going to repost some in my feed that haven't yet hit tweetchat. #LITCHAT -1:06 PM Jan 11th, 2010

techtigger hello everyone! :) #litchat -1:07 PM Jan 11th, 2010

LitChat RT @ChrisPaternoste: @LitChat Hi! My name is Chris. I finished my first novel in the Summer of '09! :) Trying to get it published! #litchat -1:07 PM Jan 11th, 2010

AnneTylerLord That is a tough question, I would be in deep gratitude if I got what I always wanted, right now, fictional publ. that inspires #litchat -1:07 PM Jan 11th, 2010

AnneTylerLord I thought the question was, what would you do if you got what you wanted, BUT see now it is what would you DO to GET what you want #litchat -1:08 PM Jan 11th, 2010

megwaiteclayton @LitChat Hi, everyone (from a #Litchat newbie). -1:08 PM Jan 11th, 2010

LitChat Welcome, @ChrisPaternoste. Congratulations on finishing your first novel. That's a huge accomplishment. #LITCHAT -1:08 PM Jan 11th, 2010

danish\_novelist Hi, all. Thanks for being nice to me at Friday's #litchat. I really enjoyed myself -1:09 PM Jan 11th, 2010

AnneTylerLord Now, that is an entirely different question to what lengths will we go to get what we want? #litchat hmm...work hard? does that still work? -1:09 PM Jan 11th, 2010

mciddangelo "Don't forget the man who got all that he wanted. He lived happily ever after." - Willy Wonka #litchat -1:09 PM Jan 11th, 2010

wendykwebb In 2009 I got what I always wanted: A book deal. What I did to get it: Refused to give up, kept writing, kept at it. #litchat -1:09 PM Jan 11th, 2010

LaurelynEstes I need some suggestions of good colleges with Creative Writing as a major. The internet hates me #amwritingparty #litchat -1:10 PM Jan 11th, 2010

LitChat If this is your 1st time in chat, go to [www.tweetchat.com](http://www.tweetchat.com), login w/ twitter info, then type Litchat in the empty field next to # #LITCHAT -1:10 PM Jan 11th, 2010

amyknichols Hi everyone. I'm multi-tasking, but will be following the chat today. :) #litchat -1:10 PM Jan 11th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @LitChat: Welcome to Mondays chat. This wk were talking GETTING THE SCOOP--what would you do to get what you always wanted? #litchat -1:11 PM Jan 11th, 2010

DebraMarrs Hi everyone. Joining #litchat for topic GETTING THE SCOOP--what would you do to get what you always wanted? #litchat -1:12 PM Jan 11th, 2010

WillowRaven Great ideas @Queenbee @DaronFraley! I shall now haunt #sffchat #fantasy #scifchat along with #YAlitchat #litchat #amwriting, etc (Long list) -1:12 PM Jan 11th, 2010

amyknichols I can immediately think of things I \*wouldn't\* do to get what I've always wanted. What I wouldn't do...hmm... #litchat -1:12 PM Jan 11th, 2010

megwaiteclayton (with thanks for directions) I'd work 10 years to get a 1st novel published! But it did, and MY 2nd took much less time. (phwew!) #LITCHAT -1:12 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat @wendykwebb Congratulations, to you Wendy. I've seen your book at the MacMillian site and it sounds yummy/scary. When is release? #LITCHAT -1:13 PM Jan 11th, 2010
kashicat I'm not exactly sure what to do, to get what I've "always wanted." Have been writing since I was 11. 42 years. Still not published. #litchat -1:13 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord giving up many things in life-financial security, time doing other interests, jobs, and go through yrs of work w/o external reward #litchat -1:13 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat Can anyone recommend good colleges for creative writing majors for @LaurelynEstes? #LITCHAT -1:14 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton amen to giving up financial security! #LITCHAT -1:14 PM Jan 11th, 2010
scgreen I'm here, #litchat! I'm here! What did I miss? -1:15 PM Jan 11th, 2010
tericoyne I want to be the best writer I can be and face the fear of rejection and failure - anything after that is out of my control #litchat -1:16 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat @danish_novelist You were a delightful guest host and we love it when you haunt us and miss you when you're touring out and about. #LITCHAT -1:16 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat @LaurelynEstes Welcome, Laurelyn. What state are you in? What do you enjoy writing? #LITCHAT -1:17 PM Jan 11th, 2010
scgreen Is it really "giving up" if you get what you want in the end? #litchat -1:17 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton tericoyne, a fellow Ballantine author! I do think steeling oneself to rejection is key. #LITCHAT -1:17 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblasers Hi everyone at #litchat! Late but here. :) [btw, having computer problems; may take longer to reply... :-)] -1:17 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton >Is it really "giving up" if you get what you want in the end? succeeding! #LITCHAT -1:17 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat @amyknichols Gee, what wouldn't you do to get what you always wanted? #LITCHAT -1:17 PM Jan 11th, 2010
amyknichols In last message, meant to say "What I would do...hmmm..." That's what I get for multi-tasking during Litchat. #litchat -1:17 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblasers RT @tericoyne: want 2 be the best writer I can be & face the fear of rejection & failure - anything after that is out of my control #litchat -1:18 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord I see writing itself to be what I always wanted-not just publsh, nice if I can get it, but want to keep writing, as first priority #litchat -1:18 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs Recommend make a 3 lists; what you'll Stop Doing, Start Doing, Keep Doing to get what you want in 2010 #litchat -1:18 PM Jan 11th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes anyone else totally stuck trying to find #litchat ? -1:19 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord @mariblasers Hi, hope your computer feels better, lot of sickness going around #litchat -1:19 PM Jan 11th, 2010
danish_novelist I'm trying to join #litchat but Twitter keeps on telling me "no results". Is #litchat an illusion, something I dreamed in an earlier life? -1:19 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat @megwaiteclayton What were some of the things you did in the 10 years to getting your book published? #LITCHAT -1:19 PM Jan 11th, 2010
amyknichols @LitChat I don't want to ruin my close relationships or lose myself in the process of getting what I've always wanted. #litchat -1:19 PM Jan 11th, 2010

megwaiteclayton agree with Anne that writing had to be the first priority. #LITCHAT -1:20 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs Easy to get caught up in things that don't serve us or our writing. Bright shiny objects that attract us :- ) #litchat -1:20 PM Jan 11th, 2010
amyknichols I like this>> RT @DebraMarrs Recommend make a 3 lists; what you'll Stop Doing, Start Doing, Keep Doing to get what you want in 2010 #litchat -1:20 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord @agnieszkasshoes it's just not flowing for me either #litchat -1:20 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DorothyHearst To get what I always wanted I strive to develop a tolerance for uncertainty, be willing to go forth in spite of fear. #litchat -1:20 PM Jan 11th, 2010
tericoyne Agree!@AnneTylerLord See writing 2 be what I always wanted-not just publish, nice 2 get it, but want 2 keep writing, as 1st priority #litchat -1:21 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton @LitChat What wasn't I doing? Writing, revising, rewriting, sticking the novel in a drawer, writing short stories (10 yrs=longtime) #LITCHAT -1:21 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs Reading fine literature always counts as a Keep Doing for me. #litchat -1:21 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton >Bright shiny objects that attract us :- ) Like twitter! #LITCHAT -1:21 PM Jan 11th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @AnneTylerLord my search doesn't work, nor does clicknig the #litchat hashtag Even tried tweetchat but that doesn't work either :( -1:21 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser Thanks! I think it whas a virus. RT @AnneTylerLord: @mariblaser Hi, hope your computer feels better, lot of sickness going around #litchat -1:22 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @DorothyHearst: To get what I always wanted I strive 2develop a tolerance 4 uncertainty, B willing 2go forth in spite of fear. #litchat -1:22 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton One of the best things about being a writer is you can read in the afternoon and call it "work"! #LITCHAT -1:22 PM Jan 11th, 2010
kashicat @agnieszkasshoes I see you on TweetDeck perfectly. #litchat -1:22 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord @agnieszkasshoes Oh no, I do have #litchat coming into my feed, but it is just slow, I hope you find us -1:22 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser Tried tweetdeck? RT @agnieszkasshoes: @AnneTylerLord my search doesn't work, nor does clicknig the #litchat hashtag Even tried tweetchat :( -1:22 PM Jan 11th, 2010
kaylischolz RT @megwaiteclayton: One of the best things about being a writer is you can read in the afternoon and call it "work"! #LITCHAT -1:22 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat Hi, Debbie frm Hoikaido! Don't forget your #litchat RT @dosankodebbie: I'm a little late, but at least I made it.Translator based in Japan. -1:22 PM Jan 11th, 2010
maggiedana @agnieszkasshoes Clearly, Twitter is cross with you. #litchat -1:23 PM Jan 11th, 2010
kashicat RT @DebraMarrs: Easy to get caught in things that don't serve us/our writing.Bright shiny objects that attract us #litchat [eg paying rent] -1:23 PM Jan 11th, 2010
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DebraMarrs @megwaiteclayton You got it! Twitter a boon (blessing) and a bane (spoiler) but fun! #litchat -1:23 PM Jan 11th, 2010
bonjourpoetry I write for relationships. Print pub is not the only avenue for that. Online writing (Electronic publishing) yields relationships. #litchat -1:23 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat RT @DebraMarrs: Recommend make a 3 lists; what you'll Stop Doing, Start Doing, Keep Doing to get what you want in 2010 #LITCHAT -1:23 PM Jan 11th, 2010

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MustardPepper RT @AnneTylerLord: I see writing itself to be what I always wanted-not just publish but want to keep writing as first priority #litchat -1:23 PM Jan 11th, 2010
danish_novelist @kaylischolz A writer never works. A writer always works. Both are equally true #litchat -1:24 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord Yes! RT @bonjourpoetry: I write for relationships. Print pub not the only avenue for that. Online writing ... yields relationship #litchat -1:24 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs Love this! RT @megwaiteclayton: One of the best things about being a writer is you can read in the afternoon and call it "work"! #litchat -1:24 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblasers @AnneTylerLord It's true! Even the anti-virus is slow, lol. #litchat -1:25 PM Jan 11th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @kashicat I can see no one - I'm into tweetchat but it's not got any posts showing for #litchat -1:25 PM Jan 11th, 2010
zintaaistars I'd do the sweat, every bit of the elbow grease, no counting on shortcuts @litchat what would you do to get what you always wanted? #LITCHAT -1:25 PM Jan 11th, 2010
tericoyne My publishing and writing goals are separate - like business and pleasure #litchat -1:25 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton "Get up every day and get going at once, in fact, work first and wash afterwards." - W.H. Auden #LITCHAT -1:26 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblasers Yes... kind of disturbing, no? RT @danish_novelist: @kaylischolz A writer never works. A writer always works. Both are equally true #litchat -1:26 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat ★ RT @danish_novelist: @kaylischolz A writer never works. A writer always works. Both are equally true #LITCHAT -1:26 PM Jan 11th, 2010
kashicat Just can't do #litchat today. Days away (again) from losing everything, so...really not in mood. -1:26 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs Nice aha quote here. I like RT @danish_novelist: @kaylischolz A writer never works. A writer always works. Both are equally true #litchat -1:26 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord @mariblasers Oh no, and here I thought that was a sickness joke, so sorry a virus got you #litchat -1:26 PM Jan 11th, 2010
techtigger it's funny - if you had asked me what I wanted a few years ago, I would have never thought of writing #litchat -1:26 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DaronFraley Hey all you #litchat 'ters, have you read @jamesdashner's YA book, The Maze Runner? I finished it last night at 1 am. Good dystopian read -1:26 PM Jan 11th, 2010
zintaaistars #litchat Great if you get a break, but counting on a break is too lazy. Do the research, always keep the goal in mind. -1:27 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat We can see you. RT @agnieszkasshoes I can see no one - I'm into tweetchat but it's not got any posts showing for #LITCHAT -1:27 PM Jan 11th, 2010
marisabirns Hello! Late to the party, lost one shoe, but I'm here. Will catch up. #litchat -1:27 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs @tericoyne Yes, this is a good distinction: My publishing and writing goals are separate - like business and pleasure #litchat -1:27 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord RT @mariblasers: Yes kind of disturbing @danish_novelist: @kaylischolz A writer never works A writer always works.Both equally true #litchat -1:27 PM Jan 11th, 2010
tericoyne @megwaiteclayton True but some days I never get to the washing part - yikes! #litchat -1:27 PM Jan 11th, 2010

zintaaistars #litchat Assess all other actions: does this serve my ultimate goal? -1:27 PM Jan 11th, 2010
techtigger took a freind introducing me to NaNoWriMo to realize that's what I was looking for - now it's all I work towards #litchat -1:27 PM Jan 11th, 2010
kbeninato Nice. RT @LitChat ★ RT @danish_novelist A writer never works. A writer always works. Both are equally true #LITCHAT -1:27 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser @kashicat Good! Yesterday I made a writing/networking schedule, as per #litchat folks suggestion. :) -1:28 PM Jan 11th, 2010
techtigger spent past 2 years working on learning *how* to write, and figuring out what to write - can tell a story, but not same as writing #litchat -1:28 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton Nonowrimo is interesting. Can't imagine writing a novel in a month - can anyone do that? But the idea of pushing forward... #LITCHAT -1:28 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord @techtigger you had quite a light switch moment - I had one too, but took 10 years to actually start writing #litchat -1:28 PM Jan 11th, 2010
zintaaistars #litchat Be a sponge, soak up all the learning you can to understand your field. -1:28 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton @tericoyne me too on the washing thing! #LITCHAT -1:29 PM Jan 11th, 2010
zintaaistars #litchat Watch those who succeed closely for lessons. -1:29 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser @AnneTylerLord It was, but a true one. Sadly. #litchat -1:29 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs Savvy advice here for writers or anyone RT @zintaaistars: #litchat Assess all other actions: does this serve my ultimate goal? -1:29 PM Jan 11th, 2010
techtigger @AnneTylerLord lightswitch is a good way of putting it - think everyone for 3 miles around got blinded by lightbulb going off! :) #litchat -1:30 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TonyNoland @techtigger I did it backwards. Started writing, then learned how afterwards. My early efforts would have benefited. #litchat -1:30 PM Jan 11th, 2010
danish_novelist It's hard to explain to people you're "working" when you're sitting in an Italian piazza with a latte, a note book & a silly grin #litchat -1:30 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mossygirl Recommendations for must read classic lit for my 2010 reading list! RT @DebraMarrs Reading fine literature always counts as a goal #litchat -1:31 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat There are a few tweets in my regular feed not showing up through @tweetchat. I will RT them into #LITCHAT -1:31 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton I think everyone learns writing by starting to do it and then figuring out how. Not sure there IS another way. #LITCHAT -1:31 PM Jan 11th, 2010
maggiedana @DebraMarrs Did my package show up yet? #litchat -1:31 PM Jan 11th, 2010
GardeningJo RT megwaiteclayton: "Get up every day and get going at once, in fact, work first and wash afterwards." - W.H. Auden #LITCHAT -1:31 PM Jan 11th, 2010
techtigger @TonyNoland it honestly never crossed my mind that writing was something I wanted to do - of course, now I can't stop! *lol* #litchat -1:32 PM Jan 11th, 2010
dosankodebbie My approach to both writing & translating. RT @zintaaistars: #litchat Be a sponge, soak up all the learning you can to understand your field -1:32 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser RT @DebraMarrs @megwaiteclayton: One of the best things about being a writer is you can read in the afternoon and call it "work"! #litchat -1:32 PM Jan 11th, 2010
GardeningJo RT megwaiteclayton: agree with Anne that writing had to be the first priority. #LITCHAT -1:32 PM Jan 11th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes in lit terms, what I REALLY want is 2 write something utterly new that will be talked about 4 generations, maybe redefine the novel #litchat -1:32 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DeeScribe #writing- Getting to know your character - writing tip at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ye6p6c6">http://tinyurl.com/ye6p6c6</a> #yalitchat #kidlitchat #litchat #writechat -1:32 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs A lot of writers I know and work with need to get out from behind desk more #litchat -1:33 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs Being willing to travel--to conferences, spend time with mentors, other writers--all part of taking self and writing serious #litchat -1:33 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat RT @megwaiteclayton: What wasn't I doing? Writing, revising, rewriting, sticking the novel in a drawer, writing shortstories #LITCHAT -1:33 PM Jan 11th, 2010
zintaaistars #litchat But finally, and really the only thing: write. Then write. Then write more. Then keep writing. When tired, still write. -1:33 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton @DebraMarrs agree on the travel, etc. #LITCHAT -1:34 PM Jan 11th, 2010
marisabirns @danish_novelist I have people asking for favors during the day when writing since, "you're home anyway." #litchat -1:34 PM Jan 11th, 2010
Wendy_Tokunaga My first twitter chat. Don't know what I'm doing. LOL #LITCHAT -1:34 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat RT @michellerichmo:10 yrs ago, trying to find an agent. Wish someone had told me that one day, writing the book would be hard part! #litchat -1:34 PM Jan 11th, 2010
techtigger @DebraMarrs i have twitter to thank for getting me serious about writing - talking with other writers is really inspiring! #litchat -1:34 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser I'm willing to give up a successful career to become a writer. Still strving to find a suitable day job. Changed country, even. #litchat -1:34 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton "Write even when you don't want to, don't much like what you're writing, and aren't writing particularly well." - Agatha Christie #LITCHAT -1:35 PM Jan 11th, 2010
cowgirlwriter Best advice I got was from Judith Guest (ORDINARY PEOPLE): "Just keep writing." #litchat -1:35 PM Jan 11th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes What practically CAN one do for that. Practice, sure. And flay your psyche so your bloody soul's laid bare. Rest beyond our control #litchat -1:35 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton So how many drafts? I do 20+ #LITCHAT -1:35 PM Jan 11th, 2010
danish_novelist @DebraMarrs The best thing I know is to be invited to do readings, conferences. I'm still a kid when it comes to getting out #litchat -1:35 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs Funny! RT @danish_novelist Hard 2 explain 2 ppl ur 'working' when ur sitting in an Italian piazza w/latte, a notebk w/a silly grin #litchat -1:35 PM Jan 11th, 2010
wendykwebb I get this ALL the time. @marisabirns @danish_novelist I have people asking for favors during the day since, "you're home anyway." #litchat -1:35 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser Definitely! :D RT @techtigger: @DebraMarrs talking with other writers is really inspiring! #litchat -1:35 PM Jan 11th, 2010
bardingwell RT @DebraMarrs: Savvy advice here for writers or anyone RT @zintaaistars: #litchat Assess all other actions: does this serve my ultimate ... -1:35 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton @Wendy_Tokunaga Me too, Wendy! #LITCHAT -1:35 PM Jan 11th, 2010
sklompar #litchat The writing doesn't get any easier, but the discipline does. -1:35 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser For starters, feel welcomed here. :) RT @Wendy_Tokunaga: My first twitter chat. Don't know what I'm doing. LOL #LITCHAT -1:36 PM Jan 11th, 2010

Topic of the Week:

DebraMarrs Yes: RT @techtigger: i have twitter to thank for getting me serious about writing - talking with other writers is really inspiring! #litchat -1:36 PM Jan 11th, 2010
danish_novelist When your writing was ignored for 20 years, how can you say no to a reading in Yemen or Tuscaloosa? #litchat -1:36 PM Jan 11th, 2010
tericoyne @megwaiteclayton I did almost 20 drafts of my first novel - only about five on second (so far!) #litchat -1:36 PM Jan 11th, 2010
sklompar @megwaiteclayton 6 major drafts of 2nd novel, and had a severe deadline. #LITCHAT -1:37 PM Jan 11th, 2010
Wendy_Tokunaga It keeps saying Loading Posts. Otherwise don't see anything on chat only on Tweetdeck. #LITCHAT -1:37 PM Jan 11th, 2010
wendykwebb @tericoyne Full drafts, or partial rewrites? #litchat -1:37 PM Jan 11th, 2010
ficwriter Late, but here. Now I need to figure out the topic. #litchat -1:37 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton @tericoyne I was on draft 8 before I even sent it to my editor. #LITCHAT -1:37 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TonyNoland @techtigger IMHO 3 big milestones are when you finally a) write something, b) show it to someone, c) refer to yourself as a writer. #litchat -1:38 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser The more I learn, the most difficult it becomes. And interesting! RT @sklompar: #litchat The writing doesn't get any easier -1:38 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat @Wendy_Tokunaga Welcome, Wendy. Are you following the chat through www.tweetchat.com? It's easier to follow that way. #LITCHAT -1:38 PM Jan 11th, 2010
deberryandgrant @ficwriter Late too and in same boat! #litchat -1:38 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TonyNoland RT @sklompar: #litchat The writing doesn't get any easier, but the discipline does. -1:38 PM Jan 11th, 2010
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megwaiteclayton @TonyNoland Tony, I do think it's a major step when you refer to yourself as a writer #LITCHAT -1:39 PM Jan 11th, 2010
tericoyne @wendykwebb first book full rewrites - second book fixes on big problems #litchat -1:39 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs @techtigger Takes a village 2 raise a book up the rt way: time 2 write, time 2 be in community, time 2 share, time 2 reflect #litchat -1:39 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat Today we're talking about GETTING THE SCOOP--what would you do to get what you always wanted? #LITCHAT -1:39 PM Jan 11th, 2010
danish_novelist @marisabirns Good one. And how about "you should do this lecture on nuclear physics for free. It's good PR for your novel" #litchat -1:40 PM Jan 11th, 2010
JeffAChapman That's actually reassuring RT @sklompar: #litchat The writing doesn't get any easier, but the discipline does. -1:40 PM Jan 11th, 2010
Wendy_Tokunaga Yes, but TweetChat doesn't seem to be working for me at the moment. #LITCHAT -1:40 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton I'm thinking the discipline doesn't get any easier, but the writing does! The hard part for me remains sitting down. #LITCHAT -1:40 PM Jan 11th, 2010

zintaaistars #litchat Agreed, the more I write, the harder it becomes - because my standards and expectations rise. As they should. -1:40 PM Jan 11th, 2010
scgreen I have the potential to be underhanded to get what I want. The trick for me is not hurt the ones I love. The rest is fair game. #litchat -1:40 PM Jan 11th, 2010
CEMcKenzie1 What about changing name of your book? #litchat -1:40 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser RT @TonyNoland: 3 big milestones are when you finally a) write something, b) show it to someone, c) refer to yourself as a writer. #litchat -1:41 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat @Wendy_Tokunaga Sorry, Twitter and Tweetchat are having odds with each other today. You can also follow using Twitter search. #LITCHAT -1:41 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton I thought the writing was the hard part, until I published a novel. Now I see it's only the beginning. #LITCHAT -1:41 PM Jan 11th, 2010
deberryandgrant @megwaiteclayton Quite honestly, for me, none of it has gotten easier. Not the writing. Not the discipline. #litchat -1:41 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat @zintaaistars So happy to see you here, Zinta! #LITCHAT -1:42 PM Jan 11th, 2010
amyknichols @scgreen Same here. #litchat -1:42 PM Jan 11th, 2010
sklompar @CEMcKenzie1 Were you ever asked to change a title? #litchat -1:42 PM Jan 11th, 2010
marisabirns @megwaiteclayton I agree about the sitting down to write part being one of the hardest things. Oh, then the idea... :) #litchat -1:42 PM Jan 11th, 2010
tericoyne So True! RT @megwaiteclayton: I thought the writing was the hard part, until I published a novel. Now I see its only the beginning. #litchat -1:42 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat Can you elaborate? RT @megwaiteclayton: I thought writing was hard part, until I published a novel. Now I see its only beginning. #LITCHAT -1:42 PM Jan 11th, 2010
danish_novelist @megwaiteclayton Writing is easy. Signing your books is HAAAAARD :) #litchat -1:42 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs Compartmentalizing my day/wk helps me get some of everything done: writing, reading, editing, etc. #litchat -1:43 PM Jan 11th, 2010
CEMcKenzie1 @sklompar yup. Original title of SPIN was SOBER. #litchat -1:43 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TonyNoland @megwaiteclayton It's easy enough to do online... referring to yourself as a writer in conversations with your siblings? Hard. #LITCHAT -1:43 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton @marisabirns the first word - that is so hard! Sometimes I just write "The" to have it done. #LITCHAT -1:43 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat @ChrisPaternoste Are you seeing everyone else, but not your tweets? #litchat -1:43 PM Jan 11th, 2010
techtigger Yes! RT @TonyNoland: IMHO 3 big milestones are when you a) write something, b) show it to someone, c) refer to yourself as a writer #litchat -1:43 PM Jan 11th, 2010
zintaaistars #litchat Working as both writer and editor, I realize the value added one to the other. A strong editor helps, not hinders reach my goal. -1:43 PM Jan 11th, 2010
wendykwebb Agreed. @tericoyne So True! @megwaiteclayton: I thought writing was the hard part, until I got published. Its only the beginning. #litchat -1:44 PM Jan 11th, 2010
marisabirns Same here! RT @deberryandgrant: @megwaiteclayton Quite honestly, for me, none of it has gotten easier. Not the writing/discipline. #litchat -1:44 PM Jan 11th, 2010
sklompar @CEMcKenzie1 Are you pleased with the change? And was the pressure from ed. or publicity? #litchat -1:44 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton @danish_novelist Signing your book is hard, but even THAT isn't the hardest part. Then you have to stand up and read in PUBLIC! #LITCHAT -1:44 PM Jan 11th, 2010

zintaaistars @LitChat Thanks for the welcome. Day off and in Chicago, so have a rare chance to join #litchat ! - 1:44 PM Jan 11th, 2010
CEMcKenzie1 FYI posts are not loading on tweetchat & can't search #litchat on twitter #litchat -1:44 PM Jan 11th, 2010
deberryandgrant @zintaaistars And writing in partnership give us both editing and writing all through the process. #litchat -1:45 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton @zintaaistars A great editor is the 8th wonder of the world. #LITCHAT -1:45 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat @CEMcKenzie How did you feel about the change? I think SPIN is perfect. #LITCHAT -1:45 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs Being willing to put in the time to do it badly first is a step toward writing better (no! awesome) later #litchat -1:45 PM Jan 11th, 2010
marisabirns @megwaiteclayton Hah! I like that. May I borrow your technique and write the word "the" and see if others follow? #litchat -1:45 PM Jan 11th, 2010
zintaaistars #litchat Comes that moment when I must put all and any ego aside. Goal is a top notch manuscript, not polishing my ego. -1:45 PM Jan 11th, 2010
CEMcKenzie1 @sklompar happy in the end with the change - it was a question of letting go. Suggestion was from marketing - sounded to memoire #litchat -1:45 PM Jan 11th, 2010
maggiedana Me too. SOBER's a downer; SPIN is intriguing. RT @LitChat: How did you feel about the change? I think SPIN is perfect. #litchat -1:46 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TonyNoland RT @DebraMarrs: Being willing to put in the time to do it badly first is a step toward writing better (no! awesome) later #litchat -1:46 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat @CEMcKenzie1 I think @twitter or @tweetchat has servers down in some areas. It appears to be working fine for some, not others. #LITCHAT -1:46 PM Jan 11th, 2010
sklompar @CEMcKenzie1 Working title of my 1st (which I was never so excited about) ended up being published title. It's grown on me. #litchat -1:46 PM Jan 11th, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @zintaaistars: Agreed, the more I write, the harder it becomes - because my standards and expectations rise. As they should. #litchat -1:46 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs Difficult for many to finish the book, and then step out of writer's chair into real world for promotion #litchat -1:46 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TonyNoland @DebraMarrs Clearly, you've read my early work. #litchat -1:46 PM Jan 11th, 2010
dosankodebbie There's a saying in Japanese that means just getting started brings you half-way to completion- Even getting your pen & notebook out #litchat -1:46 PM Jan 11th, 2010
zintaaistars #litchat In my 9 to 5, working as editor, I've noticed trend: no one resists editing like the writer who needs it most. -1:47 PM Jan 11th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @zintaaistars Yes, I am grabbing on to this: "polish your manuscript, not your ego." Bravo. #litchat -1:47 PM Jan 11th, 2010
OrnaRoss @LitChat . @megwaiteclayton: Writing IS the hard part. AND publishing. AND PR. And settling down to writing again. Poor us!! #LITCHAT -1:47 PM Jan 11th, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @megwaiteclayton: I thought the writing was the hard part, until I published a novel. Now I see its only the beginning. <--TRUE #litchat -1:47 PM Jan 11th, 2010
danish_novelist @megwaiteclayton I prefer reading in public from reading in the shower #litchat -1:47 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs @CEMcKenzie1 I like SPIN for same reasons @maggiedana points out. Intriguing vs. downer (SOBER) #litchat -1:48 PM Jan 11th, 2010

earth\_mommy RT @DebraMarrs Being willing to put in the time to do it badly first is a step toward writing better (no! awesome) later #litchat -1:48 PM Jan 11th, 2010

sklompar @deberryandgrant The only person you should be competing against in writing is yourself, I think. #litchat -1:48 PM Jan 11th, 2010

maggiedana RT @zintaaistars: In my 9 to 5, working as editor, Ive noticed trend: no one resists editing like the writer who needs it most. #litchat -1:48 PM Jan 11th, 2010

DaronFraley @megwaiteclayton You ain't a kiddin'! My editor is the cat's meow. #LITCHAT -1:48 PM Jan 11th, 2010

BookJacquie So tru! RT @ZintaAistars: #litchat In my 9-5, wrkn as editor, ive noticed trend: no 1 resists editing lk the writer who needs it most. -1:48 PM Jan 11th, 2010

scgreen To get what you want, have you ever regretted something? #litchat -1:48 PM Jan 11th, 2010

wendykwebb Ha! Agreed. @zintaaistars In my 9 to 5 as editor, I've noticed trend: no one resists editing like the writer who needs it most. #litchat -1:48 PM Jan 11th, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @OrnaRoss: @LitChat @megwaiteclayton:Writing IS the hard part. AND publishing. AND PR. And settling down to writing again. #litchat -1:48 PM Jan 11th, 2010

CEMcKenzie1 @sklompar :) can't control everything/anything in publishing. #litchat -1:48 PM Jan 11th, 2010

DebraMarrs Agree 100% RT @zintaaistars: ... working as editor, Ive noticed trend: no one resists editing like the writer who needs it most. #litchat -1:49 PM Jan 11th, 2010

TonyNoland @maggiedana If you are so deeply protective of every one of your words, you'll only ever have an audience of one - you. #litchat -1:49 PM Jan 11th, 2010

zintaaistars #litchat Interviewed writer for The Smoking Poet issue: said she always cuts best sentence becoss it distracts from the flow. -1:49 PM Jan 11th, 2010

deberryandgrant @sklompar I don't think of it as competing not w/self or any one else, just improving with every book. #litchat -1:50 PM Jan 11th, 2010

DebraMarrs Write notes to self like: It's not okay to give up just because it's difficult #litchat -1:50 PM Jan 11th, 2010

tericoyne Best part is editor is usually right! @zintaaistars #litchat -1:50 PM Jan 11th, 2010

wendykwebb For me, the writing is easy. Untangling the plot twists I manufacture for myself is hard. #litchat -1:50 PM Jan 11th, 2010

megwaiteclayton @deberryandgrant >Writing IS the hard part. AND publishing. AND PR. And settling down to writing again. AMEN #LITCHAT -1:50 PM Jan 11th, 2010

DaronFraley I think the hardest thing to figure out at first was all of the publishing industry lingo. My recommendation: Read lots of blogs #litchat -1:50 PM Jan 11th, 2010

marisabirns This is true for me so far: "Writing is an exploration. You start from nothing and learn as you go." EL Doctorow #litchat -1:50 PM Jan 11th, 2010

danish\_novelist @maggiedana Every writer needs a good editor. No one in their right mind can do without that, not even Nobel prize winners #litchat -1:51 PM Jan 11th, 2010

tericoyne Good idea! RT @DebraMarrs: Write notes to self like: Its not okay to give up just because its difficult #litchat -1:51 PM Jan 11th, 2010

deberryandgrant @DebraMarrs As an old friend says "If it was easy, everyone would do it." Applicable to so many circumstances. #litchat -1:51 PM Jan 11th, 2010

OrnaRoss @LitChat . I gave up a cool journalism career & spent 5 years researching & writing the first novel. Does that count? #LITCHAT -1:51 PM Jan 11th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @TonyNoland If you are so deeply protective of every one of your words, you'll only ever have an audience of one - you. #litchat -1:51 PM Jan 11th, 2010

megwaiteclayton >To get what you want, have you ever regretted something? Yes! I changed something at the end of my first novel, now wish I hadn't. #LITCHAT -1:51 PM Jan 11th, 2010

zintaaistars #litchat Beginning writer hasn't yet separated self from the piece of writing. Cut writing is cut to writer. Pro sets distance. -1:51 PM Jan 11th, 2010

LitChat RT @JLichtenberg: Writing is easy for WRITERS. But marketing what you've written is hard unless you also are in fact a "marketer." #litchat -1:51 PM Jan 11th, 2010

ficwriter RT @marisabirns: This is true for me so far: "Writing is an exploration. You start from nothing and learn as you go." EL Doctorow #litchat -1:51 PM Jan 11th, 2010

sklompar @zintaaistars I found the editorial part--despite being painful at times--to be the most rewarding thing. #litchat -1:51 PM Jan 11th, 2010

corb21 RT @JLichtenberg: Writing is easy for WRITERS. But marketing what you've written is hard unless you also are in fact a "marketer." #litchat -1:51 PM Jan 11th, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @marisabirns: This is true for me so far: "Writing is an exploration. You start from nothing & learn as you go." EL Doctorow #litchat -1:52 PM Jan 11th, 2010

CEMcKenzie1 @DebraMarrs yes, those marketers know what they are doing :) #litchat -1:52 PM Jan 11th, 2010

OrnaRoss @LitChat . And YES it was worth it! #LITCHAT -1:52 PM Jan 11th, 2010

deberryandgrant @marisabirns And you do that with every book--no matter how many you write. You start with nothing... #litchat -1:52 PM Jan 11th, 2010

AnneTylerLord RT @mariblaser: RT @TonyNoland: 3 big milestones a) write something, b) show it to someone, c) refer to yourself as a writer. #litchat -1:52 PM Jan 11th, 2010

zintaaistars #litchat The beginner thinks of the editor as opponent, while the pro knows a good editor is a soul mate. -1:53 PM Jan 11th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @TonyNoland @DebraMarrs - what's really scary is when you have an audience of one and it's NOT you #litchat -1:53 PM Jan 11th, 2010

sklompar @CEMcKenzie1 other than bitterness, maybe. and martini consumption. #litchat -1:53 PM Jan 11th, 2010

CyrusWebb RT @JLichtenberg Writing is easy for WRITERS. But marketing what you've written is hard unless you also are in fact a "marketer." #litchat -1:53 PM Jan 11th, 2010

tericoyne And ask questions! RT @DaronFraley: hardest thing 2 figure out was publishing industry lingo. My recommendation: Read lots of blogs #litchat -1:53 PM Jan 11th, 2010

deberryandgrant @LitChat I can't agree that writing is easy, but easy or not we have to both write and market--it's the new publish/perish. #litchat -1:53 PM Jan 11th, 2010

ficwriter @OrnaRoss So glad to hear it was worth it. #litchat -1:53 PM Jan 11th, 2010

zintaaistars #litchat In the end, however, your own gut knows: what stays, what goes. Trust that inner voice. -1:53 PM Jan 11th, 2010

mariblaser May be true, but many "established authors" edit a lot! RT @zintaaistars: #litchat o one resists editing like the writer who needs it most. -1:54 PM Jan 11th, 2010

wendykwebb Amen to that. RT @zintaaistars The beginner thinks of the editor as opponent, while the pro knows a good editor is a soul mate. #litchat -1:54 PM Jan 11th, 2010

techtigger @LitChat it's just the opposite for me. started in design & marketing, now moving into writing. Now blogging re:marketing&writing #litchat -1:54 PM Jan 11th, 2010

DebraMarrs @CEMcKenzie1 Lucky you, whose marketers have your best interest at heart too. :-) #litchat -1:54 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TonyNoland Mom? @DebraMarrs @agnieszkasshoes #litchat -1:55 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser So far, no. But then, I have a long way to go. RT @scgreen: To get what you want, have you ever regretted something? #litchat -1:55 PM Jan 11th, 2010
danish_novelist @megwaiteclayton No, the hardest part is NOT being read when you think you have something to say. Been there, done that (I hope) #litchat -1:55 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord @techtigger now that is the way to go - you will have to help us all out! #litchat -1:55 PM Jan 11th, 2010
tericoyne Billy Collins - editing isn't cleaning up after the party - it is the party. #litchat -1:55 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat @WendyTokunaga do you know @DosankoDebbie? You are both afictionados of Japanese culture. #LITCHAT -1:55 PM Jan 11th, 2010
CEMcKenzie1 @sklompar martinis are essential. How do you think I ended up writing about someone who needed to go to rehab? OK, joking, sort of. #litchat -1:55 PM Jan 11th, 2010
zintaaistars #litchat Glad to see talk about marketing, too. Another very necessary teammate: the marketer. Or publicist, if you will. -1:55 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord tough audience in my youth! RT @TonyNoland: Mom? @DebraMarrs @agnieszkasshoes #litchat -1:55 PM Jan 11th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @TonyNoland isn't it past your curfew? :p #litchat -1:56 PM Jan 11th, 2010
CEMcKenzie1 @DebraMarrs I think they have the best interest of the book succeeding at heart which includes me. It's a business afterall #litchat -1:56 PM Jan 11th, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @zintaaistars:Beginning writer hasnt separated self frm the writing. Cut writing is cut to writer.Pro sets distance (or bleeds) #litchat -1:56 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton @danish_novelist You're right, Dan. I stand corrected. #LITCHAT -1:56 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser Ha! Too true! true! RT @tericoyne: Best part is editor is usually right! @zintaaistars #litchat -1:56 PM Jan 11th, 2010
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srjohannes RT @LitChat: RT @JLichtenberg: Writing is easy for WRITERS. But mrketing what U've written is hard unless Ur in fact a "marketer." #litchat -1:56 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs @agnieszkasshoes Oh, do tell; this is cryptic: what's really scary is when you have an audience of one and it's NOT you #litchat -1:56 PM Jan 11th, 2010
dosankodebbie @LitChat Yes, I follow @WendyTokunaga : ) #litchat -1:57 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @tericoyne: Billy Collins - editing isnt cleaning up after the party - it is the party. #litchat -1:57 PM Jan 11th, 2010
techtigger @AnneTylerLord have a few posts - most recent one on Platform, will add more soon <a href="http://techtigger.wordpress.com/writing-soapbox/">http://techtigger.wordpress.com/writing-soapbox/</a> #litchat -1:57 PM Jan 11th, 2010
ficwriter @tericoyne What is the best recommendation an editor has made to you? #litchat -1:57 PM Jan 11th, 2010
susangilmore @zintaaistars #litchat coming to fiction from journalism fortunate to have a thick skin-writing is more of a team effort than people think -1:58 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @zintaaistars: #litchat beginner thinks of the editor as opponent, while the pro knows a good editor is a soul mate. #amwriting #litchat -1:58 PM Jan 11th, 2010

amyknichols ♥ Billy Collins! RT @tericoyne Billy Collins - editing isn't cleaning up after the party - it is the party. #litchat -1:58 PM Jan 11th, 2010
Wendy_Tokunaga I follow @dosankodebbie and saw that she was on this chat along with 2 others I know -- Meg and Michelle. :- ) #LITCHAT -1:58 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord @techtigger thanks, will be reading those - look interesting #litchat -1:58 PM Jan 11th, 2010
danish_novelist RT DebraMarrs @agnieszkasshoes "What's really scary is when you have an audience of one and it's NOT you" (Your Mom?) #litchat -1:58 PM Jan 11th, 2010
zintaaistars #litchat Personally, I don't think that much about marketing until the writing is done. Wrong time, it can be poison. -1:59 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @deberryandgrant: @DebraMarrs As an old friend says "If it was easy, everyone would do it." Applicable to so many circumstances. #litchat -1:59 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat BTW, thank you @CarleenBrice & @BronzeWord for nominating US for a Shorty award! <a href="http://bit.ly/shorty">http://bit.ly/shorty</a> Nominations gladly accepted. #LITCHAT -1:59 PM Jan 11th, 2010
wwwgalelaurecom RT @tericoyne: Billy Collins - editing isn't cleaning up after the party - it is the party. #litchat -1:59 PM Jan 11th, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @TwinkleChar: RT @zintaaistars: beginner thinks of editor as opponent, while pro knows a good editor is a soul mate. #amwriting #litchat -1:59 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DaronFraley Some of my very best paragraphs of writing came when my editor said a section needed "more", but gave no hints #litchat -1:59 PM Jan 11th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass I learned more about writing from seeing my first professional stories red-penned to death by a fabulous editor. #litchat -2:00 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser Me too! :) RT @LitChat: @WendyTokunaga do you know @DosankoDebbie? You are both afictionados of Japanese culture. #LITCHAT -2:00 PM Jan 11th, 2010
tericoyne @ficwriter editor told me to change my ending on 1 novel - resisted but listened & dug deep to understand -- very happy with result #litchat -2:00 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mrchrn Editor=soul-mate or arranged marriage that may lead to socially useful offspring. #litchat -2:00 PM Jan 11th, 2010
skodobah Sooooo late. Are we talking about writers and editors? Marketing? #litchat -2:00 PM Jan 11th, 2010
wendykwebb My agent is also an excellent editor. She's given me great ideas. #litchat -2:00 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs @megwaiteclayton: @DebraMarrs agree on the travel, etc. #LITCHAT {you get out and about a lot, right?} -2:00 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TwinkleChar Boogers! Get here just when we're nearly done. Convo looks WONDERFUL! Will review all after posted. #litchat -2:00 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord @LitChat what category are you nominated in for Shorty Award? #litchat -2:01 PM Jan 11th, 2010
techtigger @DebraMarrs good quote - also like, "nothing worth having is ever easy" #litchat -2:01 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @DaronFraley: Some of my very best paragraphs of writing came when my editor said a section needed "more", but gave no hints #litchat -2:01 PM Jan 11th, 2010
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agnieszkasshoes @DebraMarrs It would imply you didn't know what you'd written. Like automatic writing. Or possession. Or plot potential... :) #litchat -2:01 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton My agent is my second true love (after my husband - and yes, it's close). #LITCHAT -2:01 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs @danish_novelist Being invited to do readings, conferences is validation too. I'm glad ur getting that validation now #litchat -2:01 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @mrchrn: Editor=soul-mate or arranged marriage that may lead to socially useful offspring. #litchat -2:01 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser Good post! RT @techtigger: @AnneTylerLord have a few posts - most recent one on Platform, will add more soon <a href="http://bit.ly/87Dvd5">http://bit.ly/87Dvd5</a> #litchat -2:02 PM Jan 11th, 2010
CEMcKenzie1 Nothing increases your followers like a good #litchat -2:02 PM Jan 11th, 2010
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LitChat #books. There is subcategory called #literature too. RT @AnneTylerLord: @LitChat what category are WE nominated for Shorty Award? #LITCHAT -2:02 PM Jan 11th, 2010
megwaiteclayton This was fun! (Now time for me to get back to writing!) #LITCHAT -2:03 PM Jan 11th, 2010
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marisabirns RT @mrchrn Editor=soul-mate or arranged marriage that may lead to socially useful offspring.//Ah, the sex talk! :) #litchat -2:03 PM Jan 11th, 2010
ficwriter @tericoyne Because they are objective, editors can spot weakness in endings or sections that require writers to dig deep. #litchat -2:03 PM Jan 11th, 2010
scgreen Alright #litchat. Time for me to log off. I'll see if I can't be here Wednesday as well. Good beginning of the week to you! -2:03 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs @AnneTylerLord Tough audiences and critique partners can really kill creativity WAY too early. #litchat -2:04 PM Jan 11th, 2010
marisabirns @megwaiteclayton That is excellent and admirable discipline. Enjoy your writing time! #litchat -2:04 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat Yes, we are at the top of the hour, even with some challenges again with the tweetfeed. Continue as you will, but come back Weds. #LITCHAT -2:04 PM Jan 11th, 2010
ficwriter Nice! RT @deberryandgrant: RT @wendykwebb: My agent is also an excellent editor. Shes given me great ideas. <--DITTO #litchat -2:04 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser @LitChat How do nominations work? #books #literature #LITCHAT -2:05 PM Jan 11th, 2010
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marisabirns @DebraMarrs Oh, I'm not willing to write badly. It just...happens, heh :) #litchat Then back to the writing board! -2:05 PM Jan 11th, 2010

AnneTylerLord I nominate @LitChat for a Shorty Award in #books because she connects writers together for #litchat <a href="http://bit.ly/shorty">http://bit.ly/shorty</a> -2:05 PM Jan 11th, 2010
deberryandgrant @alchemistanne Some are good at promotion, but there are those for whom it is obviously painful. And they should stay home. #litchat -2:05 PM Jan 11th, 2010
tericoyne So True! RT @ficwriter: @tericoyne Because they are objective, editors spot weakness in endings that require writers to dig deep. #litchat -2:06 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat Shouting out some welcomes to newbies: @maigewaiteclayton @alchemistanne @mrchrn @DaronFraley @zintaaistars @Wendy_Tokunaga #LITCHAT -2:06 PM Jan 11th, 2010
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DebraMarrs You betcha! RT @CEMcKenzie1: Nothing increases your followers like a good #litchat -2:07 PM Jan 11th, 2010
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deberryandgrant @alchemistanne Have gone to see authors (won't name) who were so uncomfortable in public they made audience uncomfortable. #litchat -2:08 PM Jan 11th, 2010
amyknichols @LitChat Thanks for today's chat. Lots of encouraging posts. :) #litchat -2:08 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs Another good one! RT @techtigger: @DebraMarrs good quote - also like - nothing worth having is ever easy - #litchat -2:08 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser @AnneTylerLord I've just used your tweet as mine, without authorization, to nominate #litchat to Shorty. Sorry? heh -2:08 PM Jan 11th, 2010
sklompar who else in #litchat has had a multiple book deal, and did you find it to be a blessing or curse? -2:08 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DaronFraley @LitChat Thanks for the welcome! #LITCHAT -2:08 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @CarolyBurnsBass: I learned more abt writing frm seeing my first professional stories red-penned to death by a fabulous editor. #litchat -2:08 PM Jan 11th, 2010
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AnneTylerLord @mariblaser here is link to nominate in #books if you don't have it already - just input info <a href="http://ow.ly/VhNI">http://ow.ly/VhNI</a> #litchat -2:09 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat More newbies to welcome today: @susangilmore @srjohannes @TonyNoland @CyrusWebb @sklompar @earth_mommy @JeffAChapman #LITCHAT -2:09 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser Welcome! :) RT @LitChat: welcomes to newbies: @maigewaiteclayton @alchemistanne @mrchrn @DaronFraley @zintaaistars @Wendy_Tokunaga #LITCHAT -2:09 PM Jan 11th, 2010
wendykwebb How did I miss this?! Date is March 30. Thanks!! @LitChat Congrats to you Wendy. Your book sounds yummy/scary. When is release? #LITCHAT -2:09 PM Jan 11th, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @ficwriter: Because they are objective, editors can spot weakness in endings or sections that require writers to dig deep. #litchat -2:09 PM Jan 11th, 2010
DebraMarrs This was fun! (Now time for me to get back to writing!) And dinner. A pot of chili awaits. See u Wed. #LITCHAT -2:10 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TwinkleChar Me. Both. RT @sklompar: who else in #litchat has had a multiple book deal, and did you find it to be a blessing or curse? #litchat -2:10 PM Jan 11th, 2010
Wendy_Tokunaga Thank you for the shoutout. Now following on search and finally see all that is going on. :-)) #litchat -2:11 PM Jan 11th, 2010

AnneTylerLord @DebraMarrs here is link to nominate @LitChat in #books - just input info <a href="http://ow.ly/VhRX">http://ow.ly/VhRX</a> #litchat -2:12 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat Still more newbies today to welcome into the nest: @MardouLedger @bardingwell @GardeningJo @mossygirl @Kbeninato @bonjourpoetry #LITCHAT -2:12 PM Jan 11th, 2010
marisabirns @mariblaser @AnneTylerLord Oops. I did too! But I edited it..added extra word :) #litchat -2:12 PM Jan 11th, 2010
deberryandgrant @TwinkleChar Never had an agent who would let us accept a multiple book deal. #litchat -2:12 PM Jan 11th, 2010
ficwriter RT @AnneTylerLord: @DebraMarrs here is link to nominate @LitChat in #books - just input info <a href="http://ow.ly/VhRX">http://ow.ly/VhRX</a> #litchat -2:13 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser @marisabirns @AnneTylerLord I wonder if the RTs will count... #litchat -2:14 PM Jan 11th, 2010
Wendy_Tokunaga Blessing. RT @sklompar: who else in #litchat has had a multiple book deal, and did you find it to be a blessing or curse? #litchat -2:14 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TwinkleChar @deberryandgrant Agent and I love them when right match and purpose. Hard part is ending 6-bk series. Fans are RELENTLESS for more. #litchat -2:14 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser Thanks! RT @AnneTylerLord: @mariblaser here is link 2 nominate in #books if you don't have it already, input info <a href="http://ow.ly/VhNI">http://ow.ly/VhNI</a> #litchat -2:14 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat And finally, @DorothyHearst @kaylischolz @LaurenEstes--and the rest of you who show up when you can to talk up books and authors. #LITCHAT -2:15 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord @mariblaser NO, RTs of nominations will not count, as far as I know - you have to go to actual site #litchat -2:15 PM Jan 11th, 2010
deberryandgrant @TwinkleChar Can't imagine 6 bk series! Had readers hound us for sequel for 10yrs. Finally did it. Now they want another... #litchat -2:16 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser I nominate @LitChat for a Shorty Award in #literature because #litchat is inspiring and educating. <a href="http://bit.ly/shorty">http://bit.ly/shorty</a> -2:17 PM Jan 11th, 2010
deberryandgrant @TwinkleChar And yes, right match w/agent is hugely important. We've been lucky. #litchat -2:17 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TwinkleChar @deberryandgrant Have enjoyed both multi-book relationships with excellent houses/editors/marketing folks. #litchat -2:17 PM Jan 11th, 2010
mariblaser Yeah, there's an app. RT @AnneTylerLord: NO, RTs of nominations will not count, as far as I know - you have to go to actual site #litchat -2:17 PM Jan 11th, 2010
TwinkleChar So you KNOW what I mean! RELENTLESS! RT @deberryandgrant: @TwinkleChar Can't imagine 6 bk series! Had readers .... #litchat -2:18 PM Jan 11th, 2010
zintaastars @LitChat @mariblaser Thank you for the welcome! #litchat -2:18 PM Jan 11th, 2010
AnneTylerLord @mariblaser do you mean that there is an app. that picks up RTs? I have been to site, so far no other nominations have gone through #litchat -2:18 PM Jan 11th, 2010
LitChat Thank you guys. Let's ROCK the Shorties with #books&authors. RT @AnneTylerLord: @DebraMarrs @ficwriter - <a href="http://ow.ly/VhRX">http://ow.ly/VhRX</a> #LITCHAT -2:19 PM Jan 11th, 2010
<b>WEDNESDAY, January 13, 2010</b>
LitChat Welcome to #litchat. Step into the salon and introduce yourself. Our topic today is Getting the Scoop: Writers going underground for story. -1:02 PM Jan 13th, 2010
anjuellefloyd RT @LitChat: Welcome to #litchat. Step into the salon and introduce yourself. Our topic today is Getting the Scoop: Writers going underg ... -1:03 PM Jan 13th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes Exciting #litchat topic tonight. Writers going underground for a story. *tries to avoid puns about he Jam* -1:05 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TwinkleChar Howdy folks. In #litchat for just a few minutes. Experiencing colliding deadlines. #litchat -1:05 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TwinkleChar BTW, if you haven't seen @AdrienneKress blog post about positivity as applies to pub, you're missing something swell. #litchat -1:10 PM Jan 13th, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @LitChat: Today's #litchat. Were talking about writers who have gone undercover to get info for books or articles. #litchat -1:11 PM Jan 13th, 2010
DebraMarrs Hi everyone, stopping in for a few. Interesting topic. Not sure what I might add... thinking here... :-)
#litchat -1:12 PM Jan 13th, 2010
LitChat Writers: Would you consider going undercover to get the inside scoop on a story for a book or article you're writing? #litchat -1:13 PM Jan 13th, 2010
GothamGal @LitChat, I definitely have respect for what John Howard Griffin did with Black Like Me, but this new crop/not so much. #Litchat -1:13 PM Jan 13th, 2010
mariblaser Evening folks! :) RT @agnieszkasshoes: Exciting #litchat topic tonight. Writers going underground for a story. -1:13 PM Jan 13th, 2010
DebraMarrs Would be fun to be in an office situation, shadowing cubicle rats... capturing dialogue :-)
#litchat -1:15 PM Jan 13th, 2010
LitChat @GothamGal Yes. I read BLACK LIKE ME in high school, seminal book of such type. Very eye-opening. #litchat -1:15 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TheNewAuthor I believe all avenues of information should be explored to develop a well rounded story. #litchat -1:16 PM Jan 13th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @mariblaser good evening! #litchat -1:16 PM Jan 13th, 2010
DebraMarrs I'd like to be underground/undercover in an environment where I'd NEVER go as just me, but the writer me might go easily #litchat -1:16 PM Jan 13th, 2010
LitChat UnderGROUND is rather different than underCOVER. We can certainly discuss both in relation to writers getting a story. #litchat -1:17 PM Jan 13th, 2010
GothamGal @LitChat Let's not forget that Cameron Crowe wrote 'Fast Times at Ridgemont High' by going undercover. #litchat -1:17 PM Jan 13th, 2010
DebraMarrs True. Gd pt. RT @TheNewAuthor: I believe all avenues of information should be explored to develop a well rounded story. #litchat -1:17 PM Jan 13th, 2010
carolthecleaner RT @TheNewAuthor: I believe all avenues of information should be explored to develop a well rounded story. #litchat -1:17 PM Jan 13th, 2010
LitChat How deep does one go? RT @TheNewAuthor: I believe all avenues of information should be explored to develop a well rounded story. #litchat -1:18 PM Jan 13th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes #litchat I'd do it. I write articles about mental health & discrimination. I want to try is sending identical CVs 4 same job... -1:19 PM Jan 13th, 2010
mariblaser @agnieszkasshoes Hi! How are you? :-) Did you ever go undercover? (must be *very* interesting and exciting). #litchat -1:19 PM Jan 13th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes ...only disclosing my depression in one application but not the other #litchat -1:19 PM Jan 13th, 2010
scgreen A little late, but worth the wait (at least that's what I tell myself) #litchat -1:19 PM Jan 13th, 2010
cowgirlwriter Barbara Ehrenreich went undercover in NICKEL AND DIMED. Worked @ Wal-Mart, cleaned hotel rooms 2 c if u cld live on min. wage job. #litchat -1:20 PM Jan 13th, 2010

Topic of the Week:

TheNewAuthor You go as far as your comfort level will although or you get what your looking for. #litchat -1:20 PM Jan 13th, 2010
danish_novelist @carolthecleaner I'd like to go undercover in the 18th Century pretending I'm a count, powdered wig and all #litchat -1:20 PM Jan 13th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @mariblaser Not yet :) I don't know anyone who ever has either. You? #litchat -1:20 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TwinkleChar I once interviewed a commercial real estate broker who simply would not believe I wasn't asking questions for his competition. 1/2 #litchat -1:21 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TheNewAuthor When you experience the story and live the life of your character the better you will capture it on page. #litchat -1:21 PM Jan 13th, 2010
scgreen @LitChat 1st I would try to be straight forward, but should that fail & I was passionate enough on the topic. Then yes, I would. #litchat -1:21 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TwinkleChar I was just trying to educate myself for a charcter. After one particular question he stood and said, "We are done here." snarl2/2 #litchat -1:22 PM Jan 13th, 2010
LitChat @TheNewAuthor: Glad to hear you don't mean turning tricks if writing about a prostitute or taking heroine to write about junkie. #litchat -1:22 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TwinkleChar So, suspected of undercoverism when I wasn't. #litchat -1:22 PM Jan 13th, 2010
herstorian I'd love that! Oh to have a time machine for research purposes.RT @danish_novelist I'd like to go undercover in the 18th Century... #litchat -1:24 PM Jan 13th, 2010
scgreen Would this be on par with method acting? #litchat -1:25 PM Jan 13th, 2010
wendykwebb If you're going to write about a certain world, I think you must immerse yrself in it to a degree, via research or participation. #litchat -1:25 PM Jan 13th, 2010
mariblaser @agnieszkasshoes Me neither, unfortunately for both questions, but I won't pass the opportunity if it's the case. ;) #litchat -1:25 PM Jan 13th, 2010
dougbremner I once pretended I was a psychiatrist to see what it would look like to listen to patients (oops, I am one, sorry) #litchat -1:26 PM Jan 13th, 2010
deberryandgrant Have interviewed many ppl for info for character--like a pro baseball player, but have never gone undercover. #litchat -1:26 PM Jan 13th, 2010
danish_novelist @herstorian Historical novelists ALWAYS dream of going back to the period they're writing about, yes. #litchat -1:27 PM Jan 13th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @TheNewAuthor I find it impossible to write any kind of autobiographical detail in2 fiction because it's too restricting so...#litchat -1:27 PM Jan 13th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @TheNewAuthor Wouldn't it be the same with going undercover & "living the life". Wouldn't it inhibit the imagination? #litchat -1:27 PM Jan 13th, 2010
mariblaser LOL! Evening Doug.RT @dougbremner: I once pretended I was a psychiatrist to see what it would look like... (oops, I am one, sorry) #litchat -1:28 PM Jan 13th, 2010
deberryandgrant @scgreen I think so. Have often called it method writing. #litchat -1:28 PM Jan 13th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @scgreen research is great & essential but "method" seems like a substitute for a lack of general empathy. #litchat -1:29 PM Jan 13th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass What a patient or a psychiatrist? RT @dougbremner: (oops, I am one, sorry) #litchat -1:29 PM Jan 13th, 2010
wendykwebb If I was going to write about, say, a police officer as my main character, I'd try to ride along in a squad car. Like Castle. #litchat -1:29 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser Wig??? LOL RT @danish\_novelist: I'd like to go undercover in the 18th Century pretending I'm a count, powdered wig and all #litchat -1:29 PM Jan 13th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @scgreen we need to tell the character's story so as to make it real 2 audience. Too far undercover = too introspective to do that #litchat -1:29 PM Jan 13th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass I've heard it referred to as the persona method. RT @scgreen: Would this be on par with method acting? #litchat -1:30 PM Jan 13th, 2010

dougbremner @mariblaser hi there! then I pretended I was a therapy patient, and... oops on that one too! #litchat -1:30 PM Jan 13th, 2010

dougbremner RT @CarolyBurnsBass: What a patient or a psychiatrist? RT @dougbremner: (oops, I am one, sorry) #litchat BOTH! and write about it too! -1:30 PM Jan 13th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Agree. RT @agnieszkasshoes: ...Too far undercover = too introspective to do that #litchat -1:31 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser @agnieszkasshoes I'm thinking a situation in which research wouldn't be enough... Nope, can only think crazy stuff, lol. #litchat -1:31 PM Jan 13th, 2010

herstorian @danish\_novelist: Have you read Connie Willis' books? Her historians have a time machine and do exactly that! #litchat -1:31 PM Jan 13th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass That would be worth reading. Any links? RT @dougbremner: BOTH! and write about it too! #litchat -1:32 PM Jan 13th, 2010

dougbremner Seriously, I am starting a novel about a heart surgeon who can't fix his own heart, and I know heart surgeons #litchat -1:32 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser @dougbremner haha! That side I know well too, would be easy to pretend, heh. ;P #litchat -1:32 PM Jan 13th, 2010

badbadbad #litchat hey all, pimpin my story today: 1st badbadbad excerpt in 3:AM <http://is.gd/6b0iP> please read/RT/etc, if ya like. peace & love... -1:32 PM Jan 13th, 2010

dougbremner #litchat and wanted to watch them operate so I could write all the details, but I can't stand hanging around with them, so might do shrink -1:33 PM Jan 13th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @LitChat That would be a little extreme don't you think? However, talking to a recovering addict or one of the others would work. #litchat -1:33 PM Jan 13th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @agnieszkasshoes The bases for the research is to get a feel for the topic so you can insert enough truth to give it foundation. #litchat -1:33 PM Jan 13th, 2010

rebeccawoodhead Bit late -- trying to catch up #litchat -1:33 PM Jan 13th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass My first novel--yet unpublished--is about a humanities prof who has an experience in 12th century. Character was very spooked by it. #litchat -1:34 PM Jan 13th, 2010

PennyAsh RT @badbadbad: #litchat hey all, pimpin my story today: 1st badbadbad excerpt in 3:AM <http://is.gd/6b0iP> please read/RT/etc, if ya like. ... -1:34 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser @WestofMars Well, hope you have fun. :) After #litchat will be back to #amwriting too, heh. :-)-1:34 PM Jan 13th, 2010

rebeccawoodhead Are we talking about research? Bit lost #litchat -1:35 PM Jan 13th, 2010

dougbremner @carolyburnsbass #litchat THE GOOSE get to the end of the posted chapters you will find email to send for the rest. <http://bit.ly/lj4Uy> -1:35 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser RT @badbadbad: #litchat hey all, pimpin my story today: 1st badbadbad excerpt in 3:AM <http://is.gd/6b0iP> please read/RT/etc, if ya like. ... -1:35 PM Jan 13th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @CarolyBurnsBass nice new avvie - that's a pretty idyllic scene there behind you! #litchat -1:35 PM Jan 13th, 2010

WestofMars @mariblaser It's been an adventure today, that's for sure. A good one. #litchat #amwriting -1:35 PM Jan 13th, 2010
LitChat Oh, yes. Though I'm wondering if some have done it and the outcome. RT @TheNewAuthor:That would be a little extreme dont you think? #litchat -1:35 PM Jan 13th, 2010
wendykwebb @rebeccawoodhead research, going "under cover" to investigate the worlds of characters, etc. #litchat -1:36 PM Jan 13th, 2010
DebraMarrs Not being good at subterfuge, I'd have to just be honest and charming to get my facts, I think. #litchat -1:36 PM Jan 13th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @TheNewAuthor agree entirely. You need not to lose that part of "you" that bridges the character and reader is all #litchat -1:36 PM Jan 13th, 2010
scgreen How could going undercover help a FICTIONAL story? I can see it for an Non-fic piece. #litchat -1:36 PM Jan 13th, 2010
mrchrn #litchat My wife bust my cover by revealing to her friends that I was being nice to them because I want to caricature them in a novel. -1:36 PM Jan 13th, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @wendykwebb Thanks *big hugs* #litchat -1:36 PM Jan 13th, 2010
JennJArceneaux RT @danish_novelist: @herstorian Historical novelists ALWAYS dream of going back to the period they're writing about, yes. #litchat -1:37 PM Jan 13th, 2010
badbadbad per the dialogue, I did A LOT of research in online dating to get badbadbad right. tough stuff, but someone had to do it. #litchat -1:37 PM Jan 13th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Thx! RT @doubremner: THE GOOSE get to the end of the posted chapters you will find email to send for the rest. <a href="http://bit.ly/lj4Uy">http://bit.ly/lj4Uy</a> #litchat -1:37 PM Jan 13th, 2010
danish_novelist @herstorian I'm actually ok with going to places of history, getting inspired, jotting down ideas in my 2010 notebook #litchat -1:37 PM Jan 13th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @mariblaser I know people DO immerse themselves in things pretty full-on to "experience" it - stuff like dog show circuit & drugs #litchat -1:38 PM Jan 13th, 2010
rebeccawoodhead My characters have some experiences that are similar so mine but they are always their own people. They react differently to me. #litchat -1:38 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TheNewAuthor @LitChat I would think so. Some may even go deeper....#litchat -1:38 PM Jan 13th, 2010
rebeccawoodhead sorry - typo - I meant similar to mine #litchat -1:39 PM Jan 13th, 2010
wendykwebb Re: going undercover for fiction: Riding along with the police to write a crime novel. #litchat -1:39 PM Jan 13th, 2010
badbadbad @agnieszkasshoes or sex. don't forget the s-e-x. #litchat necessary evil. part of the job. -1:39 PM Jan 13th, 2010
doubremner RT @scgreen: How could going undercover help a FICTIONAL story? . #litchat to describe something accurately, like how to make wine e.g. -1:39 PM Jan 13th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @CarolyBurnsBass LOVE the sound of your novel!! #litchat -1:39 PM Jan 13th, 2010
mariblaser Interesting! RT @CarolyBurnsBass: novel is about a humanities prof who has an experience in 12th century. Char was very spooked #litchat -1:39 PM Jan 13th, 2010
danish_novelist @mrchrn The family of writers is always the first casualties when it comes to our careers. We offer them fame & misfortune :- ) #litchat -1:40 PM Jan 13th, 2010
rebeccawoodhead I do lots of factual research. My novels are contemporary but they happen in specific times so I research weather, politics etc. #litchat -1:40 PM Jan 13th, 2010
wendykwebb I'd love to have the time to travel and experience other cultures in order to put them in my novels. Day job prevents that. #litchat -1:40 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser @agnieszkasshoes Uh, that I think is extreme. But then, I never felt the urge to go beyond regular research material. #litchat -1:41 PM Jan 13th, 2010
mariblaser @agnieszkasshoes If I o, I might write a book about it! heh #litchat -1:41 PM Jan 13th, 2010
badbadbad @doubremner @scgreen To discover/channel the TRUTH (aka multiple truths) re: How could going undercover help a FICTIONAL story? #litchat -1:41 PM Jan 13th, 2010
doubremner RT @doubremner: RT @scgreen: How could going undercover help a FICTIONAL story? . #litchat if your character is doing that in the story. -1:41 PM Jan 13th, 2010
scgreen @wendykwebb Is that really undercover if the police know you're riding along? #litchat -1:41 PM Jan 13th, 2010
mariblaser Why not? Char w/ certain traits..RT @scgreen: How could going undercover help a FICTIONAL story? I can see it for an Non-fic piece. #litchat -1:41 PM Jan 13th, 2010
DebraMarrs @herstorian A time machine would be fun! #litchat -1:43 PM Jan 13th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @mrchrn: Were you toss out of the coffee clatch like the last pot of grounds? #litchat -1:43 PM Jan 13th, 2010
wendykwebb Suppose not. More like immersion in a world. @scgreen Is that really undercover if the police know you're riding along? #litchat -1:43 PM Jan 13th, 2010
rebeccawoodhead Is a shame The Shining has already been written as I am researching it right now. Snowed in....forever and ever and ever... #litchat -1:43 PM Jan 13th, 2010
badbadbad @mariblaser sounds like I'm joking but not entirely. LIVING the subject matter verified what I thought I knew & expanded knowledge. #litchat -1:43 PM Jan 13th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @wendykwebb Do you read a lot of travel blogs? You could glean much insight about experiences from them. #litchat -1:44 PM Jan 13th, 2010
wendykwebb @rebeccawoodhead You could write similar spooky novel set in Cotswolds during the worst storm of decade. #litchat -1:44 PM Jan 13th, 2010
wendykwebb @CarolyBurnsBass Very good idea. #litchat -1:45 PM Jan 13th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @mariblaser me neither! Like you, I think the strange experience if I had one would lead to the book not vice versa #litchat -1:45 PM Jan 13th, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @wendykwebb Good idea! I'll do it! #litchat -1:45 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TwinkleChar @wendykwebb I'd like to ride in a car WITH Castle. heh #litchat -1:45 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TheNewAuthor We would need to keep in mind just what we want to gain by going undercover. Fiction has a different need then non fiction. #litchat -1:45 PM Jan 13th, 2010
LitChat Do you know of any novels that claim author went undercover for story research or character development? #litchat -1:46 PM Jan 13th, 2010
mariblaser My dream! RT @wendykwebb: I'd love to have the time to travel and experience other cultures in order to put them in my novels. #litchat -1:46 PM Jan 13th, 2010
wendykwebb You and me both, sister. Love him. RT @TwinkleChar I'd like to ride in a car WITH Castle. heh #litchat -1:46 PM Jan 13th, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @LitChat I did that. Can't say where or what for though. #litchat -1:47 PM Jan 13th, 2010
scgreen All work and no play makes @rebeccawoodhead a dull girl. #litchat -1:47 PM Jan 13th, 2010
mariblaser @badbadbad Actually it doesn't. People have a "way" of behaving in these chats. Must sound convincing. But I bet you had fun, heh. #litchat -1:47 PM Jan 13th, 2010
badbadbad @agnieszkasshoes re: experience leading the book not vice-versa - agreed. that's how it started for me. then I researched for more. #litchat -1:47 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser @agnieszkasshoes Dunno, I was thinking on using the experience on the book, and then writing another about the immersion, heh. #litchat -1:48 PM Jan 13th, 2010

LitChat @theJohnKeenan Do you know of any novels that claim author went undercover for story research or character development? #litchat -1:48 PM Jan 13th, 2010

danish\_novelist @TheNewAuthor Yes. A fiction writer uses the imagination. You can easily get lost in "exciting" research that bores your readers #litchat -1:48 PM Jan 13th, 2010

rebeccawoodhead @scgreen TAHCTIL TAHCTIL #litchat #theshining -1:48 PM Jan 13th, 2010

badbadbad @mariblaser some fun, some not so much. but that's what writing/researching tough stuff is all about, no? eyes/heart wide open? #litchat -1:49 PM Jan 13th, 2010

wendykwebb All this said, my novel features some ghost children (killed during blizzard, Rebecca!) Don't want 2 go undercover 2 meet them. #litchat -1:49 PM Jan 13th, 2010

LitChat Then what's the use? Was it for fiction? RT @rebeccawoodhead: @LitChat I did that. Cant say where or what for though. #litchat -1:49 PM Jan 13th, 2010

badbadbad @rebeccawoodhead stay away from the typewriter, rebecca. stick to word processor. that's all I'm gonna say. #litchat -1:50 PM Jan 13th, 2010

kashicat @dougremner Hi! :-)) Just catching up on #litchat comments. You funny guy. :-)) -1:50 PM Jan 13th, 2010

DebraMarrs @LitChat Appreciate the distinction of underGROUND and underCOVER - funny how they are being blended here as tho 1 and same #litchat -1:50 PM Jan 13th, 2010

dougremner RT @LitChat: today's #litchat starting at 4 pmEST. We're talking about writers who have gone undercover to get info for books or articles. -1:50 PM Jan 13th, 2010

scgreen RT @rebeccawoodhead: @scgreen TAHCTIL TAHCTIL #litchat #theshining HA! -1:50 PM Jan 13th, 2010

rebeccawoodhead @LitChat Yes. Inside story of something I was using as part of a novel. Couldn't ask from outside so I joined up. #litchat -1:50 PM Jan 13th, 2010

dougremner @madisonwoods2 do a search for #litchat -1:51 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser Absolutely yes! :) RT @badbadbad: @mariblaser that's what writing/researching tough stuff is all about, no? eyes/heart wide open? #litchat -1:51 PM Jan 13th, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @danish\_novelist: A fiction writer uses imagination. You can easily get lost in "exciting" research that bores your readers #litchat -1:51 PM Jan 13th, 2010

wendykwebb Wonder if Dan Brown joined the Masons undercover... #litchat -1:51 PM Jan 13th, 2010

LitChat @wendykwebb Would you email me info about your book and current writing projects? Email is twitchat >a< gmail. #litchat -1:52 PM Jan 13th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @danish\_novelist: A fiction writer uses imagination. You can easily get lost in "exciting" research that bores your readers #litchat -1:52 PM Jan 13th, 2010

scgreen I met a woman who went undercover in a polygamist community. She used it for both Fic & non-fic pieces. #litchat -1:52 PM Jan 13th, 2010

dougremner RT @kashicat: @dougremner Hi! :-)) Just catching up on #litchat comments. You funny guy. :-)) HA! THANKS! -1:52 PM Jan 13th, 2010

deberryandgrant "Insider" details that inform characters and story are good. Insider details that tell more than reader needs to know-not good. #litchat -1:52 PM Jan 13th, 2010

rebeccawoodhead @rebeccawoodhead actually, I did that a couple of times for different books. Difficult to remain an objective observer. #litchat -1:53 PM Jan 13th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Amen, bro. RT @danish\_novelist: A fiction writer uses imagination.You can easily get lost in "exciting" research that bores readers #litchat -1:53 PM Jan 13th, 2010

dougbremner RT @dougbremner: RT @LitChat: today's #litchat starting at 4 pmEST. We're talking about writers who have gone undercover @MADISONWWODS2 -1:53 PM Jan 13th, 2010

wendykwebb @LitChat Absolutely! #litchat -1:53 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser @wendykwebb I might, you know? Meddle with ghost hunters and all, if I got a chance, heh. (spooky!) #litchat -1:53 PM Jan 13th, 2010

dougbremner RT @LitChat: today's #litchat starting at 4 pmEST. We're talking about writers who have gone undercover @MADISONWoODS2 -1:53 PM Jan 13th, 2010

badbadbad @scgreen gotta do whatcha gotta do! (undercover polygamy) #litchat -1:53 PM Jan 13th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @wendykwebb That is doubtful, although he could have interviewed a few. #litchat -1:53 PM Jan 13th, 2010

rebeccawoodhead @wendykwebb Ooh. Scary stuff! #litchat -1:54 PM Jan 13th, 2010

nchsmith @LitChat It's not really a novel, but an infamous example of someone going undercover for a book was "Black Like Me." #litchat. #litchat -1:54 PM Jan 13th, 2010

deberryandgrant IMO readers want the story--not all the stuff you found out on the way to the story. #litchat -1:55 PM Jan 13th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Another Amen. RT @deberryandgrant: IMO readers want the story--not all the stuff you found out on the way to the story. #litchat -1:56 PM Jan 13th, 2010

rebeccawoodhead @deberryandgrant Agreed! Trick is to do the research then forget it and let it come out through characters. #litchat -1:56 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser Too true. RT @danish\_novelist: You can easily get lost in "exciting" research that bores your readers #litchat -1:57 PM Jan 13th, 2010

TheNewAuthor If you were writing a novel about paranormal activity...would you spend the night at a haunted site or just visit it? #litchat -1:57 PM Jan 13th, 2010

TheTsarsDwarf RT @scgreen: I met a woman who went undercover in a polygamist community. She used it for both Fic & non-fic pieces. #litchat -1:58 PM Jan 13th, 2010

deberryandgrant @rebeccawoodhead and if you've drawn the characters well, they will speak what needs to be said & refuse to say more! #litchat -1:58 PM Jan 13th, 2010

LeftyWritey RT @dougbremner: I once pretended I was a psychiatrist to see what it would look like to listen to patients (oops, I am one, sorry) #litchat -1:58 PM Jan 13th, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @mariblaser: Too true. RT @danish\_novelist: You can easily get lost in "exciting" research that bores your readers #litchat -1:58 PM Jan 13th, 2010

rebeccawoodhead @TheNewAuthor I'd just cast my mind back. Couldn't move for spooks where I grew up. #litchat -1:58 PM Jan 13th, 2010

rebeccawoodhead @deberryandgrant absolutely. Well put. #litchat -1:59 PM Jan 13th, 2010

LitChat @nchsmith Yes, BLACK LIKE ME was mentioned earlier in chat, which shows that it was an important book. #litchat -1:59 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser Yup, absolutely. RT @deberryandgrant: IMO readers want the story--not all the stuff you found out on the way to the story. #litchat -1:59 PM Jan 13th, 2010

scgreen @deberryandgrant I's still up to the author to create a compelling story after collecting all the data. #litchat -2:00 PM Jan 13th, 2010

rebeccawoodhead Has been rejection week for me :( but got some great feedback on my research :) #litchat -2:00 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser RT @deberryandgrant: and if you've drawn the characters well, they will speak what needs to be said & refuse to say more! #litchat -2:00 PM Jan 13th, 2010

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wendykwebb Depends on site. Graveyard, no. Lovely B&B that might be haunted, yes. @TheNewAuthor #litchat -2:01 PM Jan 13th, 2010
scgreen @TheNewAuthor Actually lived in TWO places that were haunted. I don't think I need to experience that again. #litchat -2:01 PM Jan 13th, 2010
deberryandgrant @scgreen Everything is up to the author. The author is omnipotent. Life & death, health & wealth, joy & sorry are in your hands. #litchat -2:01 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TheNewAuthor I think research is more important for proper settings, the right time period, procedures or processes #litchat -2:01 PM Jan 13th, 2010
kashicat @deberryandgrant Yet sometimes all the "stuff" you found out can bring depth to what you write, even if you never write about IT. #litchat -2:01 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TheNewAuthor Those things that happen around and surround the characters but not get in the way of the story. #litchat -2:02 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TheNewAuthor @wendykwebb LOL....I can agree with that. #litchat -2:02 PM Jan 13th, 2010
thejohnkeenan @LitChat sorry. my mind is blocked with football and bad puns. I'll be back. :- ) #litchat -2:02 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TheNewAuthor @scgreen Yea, I think you have all the research you need in this area. #litchat -2:03 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TheTsarsDwarf @rebeccawoodhead Rejection makes us stronger & angrier. Don't underestimate the beauty of it :- ) #litchat -2:03 PM Jan 13th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @badbadbad that's a very good approach #litchat -2:03 PM Jan 13th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes RT @mariblaser I was thinking on using the experience on the book, and then writing another about the immersion, heh. #litchat >love it! -2:04 PM Jan 13th, 2010
scgreen @TheNewAuthor Going undercover might mean joining a shady paranormal investigations group. #litchat -2:04 PM Jan 13th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Story is the landscape on which novels grow. Too much extraneous detail about that landscape must be weeded out. #litchat -2:05 PM Jan 13th, 2010
mariblaser Strong words! :)RT @TheTsarsDwarf: @rebeccawoodhead Rejection makes us stronger & angrier. Don't underestimate the beauty of it :- ) #litchat -2:05 PM Jan 13th, 2010
mariblaser @agnieszkasshoes Thanks. :D #litchat -2:05 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TheTsarsDwarf @kashicat I agree. A manuscript is like a canvas. If you remove one layer it still adds depth to the story #litchat -2:05 PM Jan 13th, 2010
nchsmith @LitChat Sorry for the dup. My #litchat & trying to work too. I'm working on one where I'm undercover as a techwriter. Not publishd #litchat -2:05 PM Jan 13th, 2010
deberryandgrant @kashicat Yes. It helps greatly to know more than you tell. #litchat -2:05 PM Jan 13th, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @TheTsarsDwarf @irenes Sharon @doug Bremner thank you #litchat -2:06 PM Jan 13th, 2010
rebeccawoodhead RT @TheTsarsDwarf: @rebeccawoodhead Rejection makes us stronger & angrier. Don't underestimate the beauty of it :- ) #litchat -2:06 PM Jan 13th, 2010
TheNewAuthor @scgreen Absolutely that would be going undercover. The things you could possible learn...good or bad. #litchat -2:07 PM Jan 13th, 2010
deberryandgrant Have a meeting-must go. Thanks all... #litchat -2:07 PM Jan 13th, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @scgreen I lived in haunted houses all my childhood. Thought it was me until I moved away and it stopped. Went back and it started. #litchat -2:08 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mmj5170 RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Story is the landscape on which novels grow. 2 much extraneous detail about that landscape must be weeded out. #litchat -2:08 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser @TheTsarsDwarf @deberryandgrant @kashicat Feel the same . The knowledge spreads through the writing unconsciously. Better this way #litchat -2:08 PM Jan 13th, 2010

LitChat At the top of the hour again with many interesting ideas, remarks, opinions and links. Do continue as your time allows. #litchat -2:08 PM Jan 13th, 2010

rebeccawoodhead Either the house was haunted or my parents were possessed. I'm pretty sure it was the house - but was it? \*spooky music\* #litchat -2:09 PM Jan 13th, 2010

wendykwebb Thanks, everyone for a fun chat today. Must go make dinner for pals and family. Croque Monsieurs and soup, I think. Do I have wine? #litchat -2:09 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser @deberryandgrant Have a good meeting. Night (here at least) and thanks for the insightful comments. :) (as usual, eh? heh) #litchat -2:09 PM Jan 13th, 2010

scgreen @rebeccawoodhead Likewise. I thought all houses came with spooks until moved to one without. #litchat -2:09 PM Jan 13th, 2010

wendykwebb @scgreen @rebeccawoodhead Would like to talk to you both at some point for next book. #litchat -2:10 PM Jan 13th, 2010

scgreen @rebeccawoodhead One could lead to the other. Do I see Rod Sterling? #litchat -2:10 PM Jan 13th, 2010

danish\_novelist @mariblaser @kashicat @deberrygrant Everything is in our novels: our subconscious, our passion. They're more personal than we think #litchat -2:11 PM Jan 13th, 2010

badbadbad @litchat thanks for the #litchat, y'all. back to my life as lit whore. or is it pimp? READ ME: <http://is.gd/6b0iP> por favor... -2:11 PM Jan 13th, 2010

rebeccawoodhead @scgreen Comforting isn't it? Ours had a poltergeist too so I was used to dodging stuff. Was v normal to me - not spooky. #litchat -2:11 PM Jan 13th, 2010

marisabirns @rebeccawoodhead Oh missed #litchat but wanted to say my father lived with a poltergeist one summer as a boy. It threw cutlery around. -2:11 PM Jan 13th, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @TheTsarsDwarf: @kashicat I agree.A ms is like a canvas. If u remove one layer it still adds depth to the story #amwriting #litchat -2:11 PM Jan 13th, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @danish\_novelist: Everything is in our novels: our subconscious, our passion. Theyre more personal than we think #amwriting #litchat -2:12 PM Jan 13th, 2010

TheNewAuthor I don't have to worry about moving to a house that is haunted. The spooks follow me. #litchat -2:12 PM Jan 13th, 2010

LitChat Thanks everyone for showing up today. Let's welcome some newbies: @nchsmith @LeftyWritey @JennJArceneaux @mrchrn @carolthecleaner #litchat -2:12 PM Jan 13th, 2010

kashicat @danish\_novelist I think so too. #litchat -2:12 PM Jan 13th, 2010

rebeccawoodhead @marisabirns Ours threw pictures around, knives, nail brushes, trays - all manner of nonsense. Made housework a real chore #litchat -2:13 PM Jan 13th, 2010

mariblaser Agree. RT @danish\_novelist: Everything is in our novels: our subconscious, our passion. They're more personal than we think #litchat -2:13 PM Jan 13th, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @wendykwebb: You and me both, sister. Love him. RT @TwinkleChar I'd like to ride in a car WITH Castle. heh #litchat -2:13 PM Jan 13th, 2010

rebeccawoodhead @LitChat Thanks - great chat. #litchat -2:16 PM Jan 13th, 2010

scgreen @rebeccawoodhead Nothing that traumatic. Mainly laughing from nowhere, full-body apparitions, but my brother experienced worse. #litchat -2:16 PM Jan 13th, 2010

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marisabirns @TwinkleChar @wendykwebb Oh? You both must love Castle's wonderful writerly skills, eh? :)  
#litchat -2:16 PM Jan 13th, 2010

LitChat Another newbie: @anjuellefloyd, welcome! Thanks also for these RTs: @Webook @AbbyEscapades  
@brownies1 @DebraMarrs #litchat -2:16 PM Jan 13th, 2010

scgreen Thanks for the great chat. #litchat Hope I can sleep tonight w/ all this talk of ghosts. -2:18 PM Jan 13th,  
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LitChat Be sure to return on Friday, same time, for guest host @CEMcKenzie1, author of SPIN, a novel of writer  
going underground for story. #litchat -2:18 PM Jan 13th, 2010