



## LitChat February 1-3, 2010

Topic of the Week: Shh! That's Taboo!

Monday and Wednesday: Open chat

### MONDAY: February 1, 2010

LitChat Welcome to Monday's #litchat. This week we're discussing controversial and ticklish subjects in SHH! THAT'S TABOO. Know any? -1:00 PM Feb 1st, 2010

AnneTylerLord I'm joining #litchat today! Yay! I finally am back on track and have figured out what day of the week it is! -1:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010

TheNewAuthor Hello everyone. This should be an interesting #litchat -1:02 PM Feb 1st, 2010

AnneTylerLord RT @LitChat: Welcome to Monday's #litchat. This week we're discussing controversial and ticklish subjects in SHH! THAT'S TABOO. Know any? -1:02 PM Feb 1st, 2010

LaureIDL #litchat Yeah! my first lit chat! taboo- older women with underage men...17 counts. -1:02 PM Feb 1st, 2010

rebeccawoodhead Will be on #litchat talking about taboos in a minute so apologies if it gets saucy. :) -1:02 PM Feb 1st, 2010

sandiosandi RT @rebeccawoodhead: Will be on #litchat talking about taboos in a minute so apologies if it gets saucy. :) -1:04 PM Feb 1st, 2010

LitChat Who's here today? Please introduce yourself and don't be shy to jump into the convo. #litchat -1:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010

deegospel joining #litchat. hi, all -1:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010

AnneTylerLord RT @rebeccawoodhead: Will be on #litchat talking about taboos in a minute so apologies if it gets saucy. :) -1:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010

sharifwrites RT @LitChat: Welcome to Monday's #litchat. This week we're discussing controversial and ticklish subjects in SHH! THAT'S TABOO. Know any? -1:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010

deegospel RT @rebeccawoodhead: Will be on #litchat talking about taboos in a minute so apologies if it gets saucy. :) -1:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010

sandiosandi Howdy, all! #litchat -1:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

LitChat Don't you have some exciting news to share? Something about a 3-book deal? RT @deegospel: joining #litchat. hi, all #litchat -1:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

TheNewAuthor Is it taboo to talk things that are taboo? #litchat -1:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

deegospel @LitChat Ha Ha. Yes. I've been offered a 3 book deal with Kensington. #litchat -1:07 PM Feb 1st, 2010

wwwgalelaurecom RT @LitChat: Who's here today? Please introduce yourself and don't be shy to jump into the convo. #litchat -1:07 PM Feb 1st, 2010

danish\_novelist In TV everything of interest is taboo, but in literature everything goes. Fiction should never be PC #litchat -1:07 PM Feb 1st, 2010

JSLion @LitChat Grin. Never Seen - A well adjusted white male who loves his wife, doesn't cheat, and is a good father and role model? #litchat -1:07 PM Feb 1st, 2010

LaureIDL #litchat um Hello all! sorry, just jumped in without a hello! like I said first #litchat...i think I got overexcited... -1:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010

peggyfrezon @deegospel Congratulations! #litchat -1:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010

ExisleMoll RT @LitChat: Welcome to Monday's #litchat. SHH! THAT'S TABOO. Know any?/ Philosophy & politics in novels -1:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010

deegospel @rj\_anderson @peggyfrezon thanks :) #litchat -1:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010

ficwriter Just popped in but can't stay long. Congratulations @deegospel on your 3 book deal with Kensington. #litchat -1:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat We won't call fire from the gods on anyone who broaches a taboo today. RT @TheNewAuthor: Is it taboo to talk things that are taboo? #litchat -1:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel @ficwriter thanks. i appreciate it. #litchat -1:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat Why are these taboo? RT @ExisleMoll: ...Philosophy & politics in novels #litchat -1:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
wwwgalelaurecom I love to listen in on these discussions. They are always so interesting on #litchat. GL -1:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead Hello, I'm currently, I think, the only unpublished writer in the finals of <a href="http://shortyawards.com">http://shortyawards.com</a> . I'm English and like tea. #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana Taboo? Is anything taboo in fiction? It is on US television, but in novels? #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @deegospel Congratulations :) #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi If you're writing about a taboo subject, what warning do you owe readers/potential readers? #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
carolinseidenk @LitChat Isn't it the job of the writer to break some taboos? :D #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
geektreasure #litchat @LitChat It may be in fact. If you look at historical writing, the edgy stuff was always about taboos. Look at De Sade ;) -1:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel @rebeccawoodhead thanks again, rebecca #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @JSLion Is the operative phrase here, "well adjusted"? #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana Redundancy alert!!! RT @rebeccawoodhead: I'm English and like tea. #litchat -1:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
marisabirns Hello #litchat! I remember when Kathryn Harrison wrote The Kiss, memoir of her incestuous relationship with her father, -1:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Saffy Hello #litchat what's today's topic? -1:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL #litchat umm... even in fiction sadly. if you write gay erotica, you are lucky if you don't have to fight amazon to get book sales... -1:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi @maggiedana - I, uh, speak English and like tea :) #litchat -1:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana Not ALL English people like tea...do they? #litchat -1:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
latta @litchat am here only long enough to apologise for not being able to stay. Sorry to miss such a grand, provocative topic. #litchat -1:12 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll also, though not a subject, difficult & challenging language is a taboo. No experimentation a la Modernists permissible #litchat -1:12 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL @deegospel #litchat congrats! that is awesome... may you soar! -1:12 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TheNewAuthor Well, for the writer nothing is taboo - the reader is a different story. #litchat -1:12 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ficwriter RT @TheNewAuthor: Well, for the writer nothing is taboo - the reader is a different story. #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
marisabirns @maggiedana @rebeccawoodhead I'm American and I do love tea. Earl Grey. Coffee only for morning. #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
jeremiahabrams hi #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010

maggiedana What prompts a writer to tackle the taboo? #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
danish_novelist @sandiosandi Readers shouldn't be warned about content. Our books aren't cigarettes that are dangerous to your mental health #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi RT @LaurelDL: re: gay erotica... but would you write it anyway, if significant to the story (& hope for non-Amazon channels)? #litchat -1:14 PM Feb 1st, 2010
corb21 Hi #litchat! I'm on the phone, but maybe I can still play..... is that taboo?? -1:14 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead There's an Amazon bestseller - that no publisher wd touch about dangerous things to do with kids. Health & safety- the dull taboo #litchat -1:14 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @marisabirns Such a fan of the Earl. :) #litchat -1:14 PM Feb 1st, 2010
peggyfrezon I read Augusten Burroughs "Running with Scissors" and there was not much taboo in that book! #litchat -1:14 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Sick and twisted as it is, the snuff and kiddie porn industries prove there are readers for everything. #litchat -1:15 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel @Georgia_McBride , @LaurelDL thank you, guys. :) #litchat -1:15 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi @danish_novelist - agreed, but what about the issue that @LaurelDL brings up - Amazon (and other mainstream channels)? #litchat -1:15 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TheNewAuthor The biggest taboo, in my opinion, would revolve around sex. It's such a diverse topic from one group to the next. #litchat -1:15 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Saffy @sandiosandi I've been wondering about this myself, often warnings act as an invitation to those who shouldn't really be reading it #litchat -1:15 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs Hi, sorry to be late. I love talking taboo :- ) #litchat -1:16 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat You are multi-tasking! RT @corb21: Hi #litchat! Im on the phone, but maybe I can still play..... is that taboo?? #litchat -1:16 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll Taboo anything society does not want 2look at too closely. Pop fic dominated by fantasy/horror ie escaping society not studying it #litchat -1:16 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana In my house, Early Gray is taboo. A ruddy perfume of a tea. Prefer builder's brew, mesself. #litchat -1:17 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead 'Taboo' is a cultural and historical concept. One person's taboo is another person's vanilla. #litchat -1:17 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sharifwrites @TheNewAuthor It is. I remember reading Marquis de Sade and feeling wrong about it. #litchat -1:17 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Saffy the issue is that things need to be talked about & brought into the open but societal taboos mean that writing is the only recourse #litchat -1:17 PM Feb 1st, 2010
4evermore @LitChat I guess that's why I try to couch my politics in satire or absurdity...then it's easier to make points. #litchat -1:17 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ficwriter Write your story. If people have a problem with it, that is their problem. Fear only paralyzes a writer. #litchat -1:17 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Still, just because there are twisted people who read kiddie and snuff porn, should the taboos be lifted on those? #litchat -1:17 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi @TheNewAuthor - yes, sex... but only the outside edges of it. So many non-erotica books include some elements of sex #litchat -1:17 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @peggyfrezon Burroughs and other recent memoirists push edges of what ppl had been comfortable reading. But not taboo 2me #litchat -1:17 PM Feb 1st, 2010

rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana You cannot taboo the Earl. Bad Maggie! Mind you, I do love a mug of PG. :) #litchat -1:18 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs Agree! RT @rebeccawoodhead: Taboo is a cultural and historical concept. One persons taboo is another persons vanilla. #litchat -1:18 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs Brilliant! RT @ficwriter: Write your story. If people have a problem with it, that is their problem. Fear only paralyzes a writer. #litchat -1:18 PM Feb 1st, 2010
samredlich RT @ficwriter: Write your story. If people have a problem with it, that is their problem. Fear only paralyzes a writer. #litchat -1:18 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi besides, what I'm open to reading is much wider than what I'm open to seeing (in film/TV) #litchat -1:18 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat Q1 Are there any topics left in literature that are taboo? #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
marisabirns @maggiedana Builder's brew? Will try. After I find a builder. #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
nicolamorgan @maggiedana Earl Grey is not tea. It's floral water #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi RT @ficwriter: Write your story. If people have a problem with it, that is their problem. Fear only paralyzes a writer. #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
inkwellHQ @maggiedana Love that expression, have terribly proper friend who always asks 'builders or Earl Grey?' Lyons girl myself #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana Etymology of taboo: ta-bu "sacred," from ta "mark" + bu "especially," from Capt. Cook's voyage to Polynesia. #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @Saffy I'm with you. Issues need to be brought out without fear of retribution. Leave to reader to decide #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana YES!!!! RT @nicolamorgan: @maggiedana Earl Grey is not tea. Its floral water #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll The market also paralyses a writer when he/she practises self-censorship on economic grounds #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat If you are responding to a specific question, please precede with Q and the number referencing the question. Thanks. #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
inkwellHQ Not sure my thoughts on tea will benefit #litchat! -1:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @LitChat: Q1 Are there any topics left in literature that are taboo? #litchat -1:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
danish_novelist @sandiosandi @LaurelDL Huge corporations are always conservative. Next time someone says "family values" I'm going to vomit :-)) #litchat -1:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel @LitChat what question are we on. reading the stream, but don't see it #litchat -1:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana Disagree about Earl Grey but don't get me started on Lapsang. What IS that? Ew! #litchat -1:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CheekyWench Imao RT @maggiedana: YES!!!! RT @nicolamorgan: @maggiedana Earl Grey is not tea. Its floral water #litchat -1:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
nicolamorgan @maggiedana if a teaspoon cannot stand straight in it, it's not tea #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
lsmith1964 RT @ficwriter: Write your story. If people have a problem with it, that is their problem. Fear only paralyzes a writer. #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat More... RT @ExisleMoll: The market also paralyses a writer when he/she practises self-censorship on economic grounds #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010

jeremiahabrams sex? it's all over the cable tv on demand... not v subtle or culturally taboo really, mental illness is still taboo #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MarshallBuckley Quite partial to Earl Grey personally. RT @maggiedana: YES!!! RT @nicolamorgan: @maggiedana Earl Grey is not tea. Its floral water #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead Is tea a taboo? I think it may be. #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi @danish_novelist - corps are conservative, but I write to be read so I have to be aware of the gate-keepers #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
inkwellHQ RT @nicolamorgan: @maggiedana Earl Grey is not tea. It's floral water #litchat > have to agree with that! -1:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
marisabirns @rebeccawoodhead Then there's green tea which is so, so...good for one, but still... #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @MarshallBuckley Me too. :) #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi only on #litchat! RT @rebeccawoodhead: Is tea a taboo? I think it may be. #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat Love the tea recommendations, but it's time to bring the chat back on topic. Tea chat is henceforth taboo in today's #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @LitChat Q1-There's a fine line between writing "anything" and crafting "literature" that holds the test of time #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi RT @nicolamorgan: @maggiedana if a teaspoon cannot stand straight in it, its not tea #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @LitChat Agreed. #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010
hprw NO!!! RT @maggiedana YES!!!! RT @nicolamorgan: @maggiedana Earl Grey is not tea. Its floral water #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead RT @DebraMarrs: @LitChat Q1-Theres a fine line between writing "anything" and crafting "literature" that holds the test of time #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010
4evermore Q#1 -- no, there are topics left unwritten, only degrees on intensity, IMO. #litchat -1:23 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TheNewAuthor Taboo topics in literature - what about terrorism? You can write about it but is it taboo to write a certain people doing it? #litchat -1:23 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel q1: in christian publishing there are many taboo topics, understandably, but in mainstream it depends on culture secrets now #litchat -1:23 PM Feb 1st, 2010
chrisredding #litchat. Don't you think if story is strong taboo subjects are okay. The story rises above the taboo? -1:24 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll @Litchat fledgeling writers see what the market/agents/pubs will and will not wear & some adapt their writing accordingly #litchat -1:24 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @LitChat Q1-Not a fan of ppl who write to expose themselves, saying hey, look at me, what I did, etc. Not literature 2me #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sharifwrites RT @ficwriter: Write your story. If people have a problem with it, that is their problem. Fear only paralyzes a writer. #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 1st, 2010
f_rancesca YES!!! RT @hprw: NO!!! RT @maggiedana YES!!!! RT @nicolamorgan: @maggiedana Earl Grey is not tea. Its floral water #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel q1 @TheNewAuthor i think showtime's sleeper cell did a good job #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Q1 Referencing once again kiddie and snuff porn, these aren't taboo if the focus isn't glorification, eg, THE GIRL W/DAGON TATTOO. #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 1st, 2010

Topic of the Week:

rebeccawoodhead Q1 Yes, because as culture globalises more, we are influenced by other cultures that have diff taboos, so concept always changes #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser Lost track of time and am late for #litchat, akk! But I'm here! :) -1:26 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Saffy @TheNewAuthor The Zion books r full of terrorism from the terrorists point of view, on all sides showing they r all humans like us #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana Experiencing tech difficulties here. #litchat. Will keep monitoring, but cannot chime in, for now. - 1:27 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana Bomb-making instructions? RT @TheNewAuthor: Taboo topics in literature - what about terrorism? #litchat -1:27 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi and Gemma (meg tilly) RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Q1 taboo if the focus isnt glorification, eg, THE GIRL W/DRAGON TATTOO. #litchat -1:27 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL #litchat always important to write what calls to you, no matter the content...why else would you be inspired to write every day? -1:27 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser RT @ficwriter: Write your story. If people have a problem with it, that is their problem. Fear only paralyzes a writer. #litchat -1:28 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll I've written unpubbed book about suicide bomber. Taboo? Need to understand 1's 'enemy' #litchat - 1:28 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TwinkleChar Made it! Beat the snow home for litchat. Glad I'm not alone in my tardiness, @Mariblaser. #litchat - 1:28 PM Feb 1st, 2010
chrisredding #litchat. You can get bomb-making instructions on the internet. And the news reports stuff like that so it isn't taboo in my mind -1:28 PM Feb 1st, 2010
chrisredding RT @LaureIDL: #litchat always important to write what calls to you, no matter the content...why else would you be inspired to write every day? -1:29 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll suicide bombing so extreme, most shake their heads in incomprehension. #litchat -1:29 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi Have you ever had an editor ask you to remove scenes because subject was too 'hot'? Did you? #litchat -1:29 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana If nobody wants to read your story, it's not their problem, it's yours. If you write to sell, pay attn. to market. If not, then ... #litchat -1:29 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant late--Hi everyone! #litchat -1:29 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @CarolyBurnsBass Q1: Q1: yes, glorification is a useful term to delineate rationale behind writing certain things #litchat -1:29 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass I wrote a short story about a jumper from the Twin Towers and a couple of seasoned writers were offended by it. Others were not. #litchat -1:29 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser RT @LitChat: RT @ExisleMoll: The market also paralyses a writer when he/she practises self-censorship on economic grounds #litchat -1:29 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AS_King @CarolyBurnsBass 4 my next book, I talked to kids who'd been approached by creeps. it happens more than we like to think. (2Bcont) #litchat -1:30 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana Hello, ladies. Good to see you. RT @deberryandgrant: late--Hi everyone! #litchat -1:30 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @maggiedana Can't seem to chime in via TweetChat today either. Fail whaling #litchat -1:30 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll Compare & contrast domestic suicide with suicide bomber - I do both. #litchat -1:30 PM Feb 1st, 2010

rochellespencer @CarolyBurnsBass why were they offended by the story? did they feel u were being exploitative? #litchat -1:30 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Waving to @AS_King. Great to see you here! #litchat -1:30 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi @AS_King - how do you define "creep" for your book? #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant We have a character in the new book who has a psycho-sexual paraphilia--not sure how our readers will react. #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana @DebraMarrs Try this: go back to Twitter and chime in from there (with hashtag) then come back here. Cured my problem. #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ficwriter If writers allow the market to water down their writing, like bad tea, it won't succeed. #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi reTweetchat problems - refresh page (fixed it for me). #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 1st, 2010
10MinuteWriter #litchat This is my big taboo: Writing about the abuse I faced as a child. (Don't want to freak anybody out) But will my folks find out? -1:31 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant Doing the research was an interesting challenge... #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 1st, 2010
chrisredding RT @ficwriter: If writers allow the market to water down their writing, like bad tea, it won't succeed. #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana Same here. RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Waving to @AS_King. Great to see you here! #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll Also written about UK teenage knife crime, cos no-one wants to talk about that properly either. Parents' culpability #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @rochellespencer: I believe they were offended that I posted it on the 5-year anniversary of 9/11. They did not elaborate. #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @chrisredding: RT @ficwriter: If writers allow the market to water down their writing, like bad tea, it wont succeed. #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MeganPwrites RT @ficwriter: If writers allow the market to water down their writing, like bad tea, it won't succeed. #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 1st, 2010
BothamsofWhitby You've not tried the real stuff. RT @nicolamorgan : @maggiedana Earl Grey is not tea. It's floral water #litchat > have to agree with that! -1:32 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AS_King So, I felt writing about it--that approach--was important. #litchat -1:33 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn Hi everyone, Dad and I changed the first sentence of the book we're writing because his friend thought it cld be seen as offensive #litchat -1:33 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MikeJarman You've not tried the real stuff. RT @nicolamorgan : @maggiedana Earl Grey is not tea. It's floral water #litchat > have to agree with that! -1:33 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs At writers conf. memoir client of mine told Don't cuss in 1st 50 pgs; other fdback said that's what made her/narrator believable #litchat -1:33 PM Feb 1st, 2010
cafemercury RT @DebraMarrs: Brilliant! RT @ficwriter: Write your story. If people have a problem with it, that is their problem. Fear only paralyzes a writer. #litchat -1:33 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll @ficwriter - where are the radical books then? Radical in form as well as content. 21stC Finnegans wake? Neutered by markey #litchat -1:33 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll sorrtr should have read neutered by the market #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi @AutumnStJohn - did it change the meaning, or was it a case of possible mis-interpretation? #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @AS_King Glad to see you covering this. Protag in my WIP struggles with after effects of this her entire life. #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TheNewAuthor Is something offensive the same as being taboo? #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 1st, 2010

mariblaser @TwinkleChar Hi! Welcome here. Glad the snow was left behind and you made it here. :) // Just this once, as I love snow, heh. #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 1st, 2010

TwinkleChar @deberryandgrant Re your character, we have to be true to the characters that show up, otherwise reads like pap, no? #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 1st, 2010

writersamblake RT @ficwriter: Write your story. If people have a problem with it, that is their problem. Fear only paralyzes a writer. #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 1st, 2010

DebraMarrs @CarolyBurnsBass Readers carry their own sensitivities on topics that are taboo. I don't think writers should censor bec. of that #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 1st, 2010

AS\_King @CarolyBurnsBass @maggiedana Waving back! #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010

chrisredding #litchat Radical books? I don't think they'd get pubbed. nowadays. -1:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010

ficwriter @ExisleMoll The End of the World As We Know It by Robert Goolrick is radical and brave. #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010

DebraMarrs @maggiedana Thx, Maggie. Will try your fix now #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010

brownies1 :o) RT @sandiosandi: @AS\_King - how do you define "creep" for your book? #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010

mariblaser Q1 The darker corners of human mind tend to be received with some resistance from the market, IMO; except for violence, of course. #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010

JessicaCapelle RT @ficwriter: Write your story. If people have a problem with it, that is their problem. Fear only paralyzes a writer. #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010

rochellespencer @maggiedana so you're saying ppl should only write what's popular? not sure if i understand/agree. #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010

sandiosandi true. RT @DebraMarrs: @CarolyBurnsBass Readers carry their own sensitivities on topics that are taboo. #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010

ExisleMoll Same idea as is there any topic off limits to comedians? Jewish jokes by jewish comics ok, but by some other ethnicity? #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010

AutumnStJohn @sandiosandi no, not really. It was a funny line with a swear word in it, but we changed it to an even funnier line w/o the word #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010

Tamstarz @10MinuteWriter I can relate. I put some personal experiences in my novel. At 1st I worried about people being affected. (cont') #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010

TheNewAuthor Or is being taboo on a larger scale...something that the general population (as a whole) does not want to know about or look at? #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010

deberryandgrant @TwinkleChar Indeed & we brought this character back from a book that came out in 2004 & he had some unexplained sexual hangups then #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010

ExisleMoll Point being as long as writer does it with integrity #litchat & gets to emotional truth of taboo subject -1:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010

AS\_King @sandiosandi Creep = adult who approaches children for inappropriate reasons. In this case, photographs. #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010

LitChat Q2: Should publishers, bookstores or online outlets rate books with controversial subjects? #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010

rebeccawoodhead @TheNewAuthor Good question. I think taboo is stronger than something that is offensive. Taboo is something a culture can't look at #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010

mariblaser @TwinkleChar Err, I mean just this once for the snow being left behind. You're always welcome here, of course! :) #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010

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TwinkleChar RT @DebraMarrs: @CarolyBurnsBass Rdrs carry own sensitivities on topics that r taboo. I dont think writers sld censor bec. of that #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @TwinkleChar This was a chance to explain/explore it in a way we didn't get into previously. #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana Like w/films? RT @LitChat: Q2: Should publishers, bookstores or online outlets rate books with controversial subjects? #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead I think the idea of fiction is taboo. People always want to place the author in his/her own books. #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TheNewAuthor @mariblaser Unless that violence is directed towards women and/or children. #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AS_King @LitChat NO. #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll Q2 absolutely not. remember Tipper Gore's campaign against music? Censorship pure & simple #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @LitChat: Q2: Should publishers, bookstores or online outlets rate books with controversial subjects? #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Tamstarz @10MinuteWriter But WE own our experiences and as writers we can't hide. #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ficwriter @ExisleMoll Also Tom Perrotta's Little Children. #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @LitChat Don't know-takes me back to my student days when my teacher was prohibited frm teaching Catcher.Then when I was a teacher #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TwinkleChar Or 4 so many so radical they no longer stand out?//RT @chrisredding: Radical books? I dont think theyd get pubbed nowadays. #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll If a bookstore doesn't like a book's sujet matter, it doesn't have to stock it as an individual decision #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi Q2 - not if done like films - those ratings are pure crap. iota of sex=R, blood and guts everywhere=PG13. #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel q2 @LitChat yes #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser I'm not so sure about that... RT @TheNewAuthor: @mariblaser Unless that violence is directed towards women and/or children. #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
bookaliciouspam @LitChat why should the be rated? An Are rating could hurt potential sales of a great book. Read review for that. #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @LitChat it was "suggested" that I teach another novel. I did Catcher anyway. #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TheNewAuthor @LitChat Rate books? How so? #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi Absolutely! RT @Tamstarz: @10MinuteWriter But WE own our experiences and as writers we cant hide. #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass When I was young, the sex ed books were considered controversial and I had to get parental permission to check out from library. #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Georgia_McBride @AS_King Thanks so much for your awesome birthday note. That was so thoughtful. Much appreciated. #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser Makes sense. RT @rebeccawoodhead: taboo is stronger than something that is offensive. Taboo is something a culture can't look at #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn @LitChat they could do so for guidance, but I wouldn't want it to be law #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 1st, 2010

DebraMarrs @LitChat Q2: NO way! should publishers, bookstores or online outlets rate books with controversial subjects. Who would set gauge? #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Hayley_DM #litchat One persons taboo is not necessarily anothers I believe -1:39 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruuswurm RT @DebraMarrs: Brilliant! RT @ficwriter: Write your story. If people have a problem with it, that is their problem. Fear only paralyzes a writer. #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TwinkleChar @deberryandgrant Diving deeper into char = exciting, intense, scary... education! #litchat -1:40 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead Until you can check a ratings sticker on the street you walk down or the content of the news, why put one on depictions? #litchat -1:40 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat If you have a question to pose to the chat, please send to @LitChat w/o hashtag. I will post to group in Q order. #litchat -1:40 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll @ficwriter satire may be subversive, but it is not radical #litchat -1:40 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TwinkleChar Q2 = controversial question. #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @CarolyBurnsBass Now that you mention, I remember that too--to get permission to read beyond certain 'grade level bec. of content #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TheNewAuthor @mariblaser It all depends on the type of book and situation. #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ficwriter Agree. RT @DebraMarrs: @LitChat Q2: NO way! Who would set gauge? #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat RT @Bookfoolery:Q2 - Jumping in. It would be nice if there were warnings (contains graphic sex&violence) but ratings? Not necessary #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi @DebraMarrs @CarolyBurnsBass - was this the school library or public? If public, that is sad to me #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll within 1st 2 pages of my novel "nipped in the bud a la thalidomide" - it nails the character. If I alienate some, so B it #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs Art in all forms should be allowed to form w/o censorship. Let the consumer decide what's right for them #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 1st, 2010
hashtager # If you have a question to pose to the chat, please send to @LitChat w/o hashtag. I will post to group in Q order. #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @TheNewAuthor Yes, of course. Also depends on the intensity, and cruelty maybe?, of the violence. #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TheNewAuthor Q2 - It has happened in music so why not with books? It would be easy with E-books. You must be 18 to download this book. #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel RT @LitChat: RT @Bookfoolery:Q2 - Jumping in. It would be nice if there were warnings (contains graphic sex&violence) but ratings? #litchat -1:43 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @TwinkleChar Yes--all of those! #litchat -1:43 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AS_King @CarolyBurnsBass Hey Carolyn--anyone told you that you rock today? Totally random, yes, but I'm tagging it #litchat anyway. :) -1:43 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand RT @ficwriter: Agree. RT @DebraMarrs: @LitChat Q2: NO way! Who would set gauge? #litchat -1:43 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll @litchat no, Tipper Gore again. Who are 2B the guardians of taste? #litchat -1:43 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Tamstarz @DebraMarrs Q2: I think the experience of reading the book jacket to determine the subject matter should remain pure. #litchat -1:43 PM Feb 1st, 2010

DebraMarrs @sandiosandi @CarolyBurnsBass Both school and public library but also in sm. town where ev'one knew ev'one's biz #litchat -1:43 PM Feb 1st, 2010

Bookfoolery @deegospel Thanks. I forgot the #litchat hashtag. -1:44 PM Feb 1st, 2010

sandiosandi RT @Tamstarz: @DebraMarrs Q2: I think the experience of reading the book jacket to determine the subject matter should remain pure. #litchat -1:44 PM Feb 1st, 2010

LitChat RT@thrillerchick I write abt victimization of women.It's all in how you do it.Respect&reverence, not just dumping bodies 4 plot pts #litchat -1:44 PM Feb 1st, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @Tamstarz: @DebraMarrs Q2: I think the experience of reading the book jacket to determine the subject matter should remain pure. #litchat -1:44 PM Feb 1st, 2010

DebraMarrs @Tamstarz Yes, absolutely. The book jacket is the appropriate place to estab. the appropriate audience/reader #litchat -1:44 PM Feb 1st, 2010

ExisleMoll Q2 same argument as films make people go out & shoot ppl. You going to legislate all art that way? #litchat -1:44 PM Feb 1st, 2010

rebeccawoodhead RT @TheNewAuthor: Q2 - It has happened in music so why not with books? It would be easy with E-books. You must be 18 to download this book. #litchat -1:46 PM Feb 1st, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Funny that you chimed in on day I referenced my 9/11 story. You were one of the writers who read it and thought it was tasteful. #litchat -1:46 PM Feb 1st, 2010

DebraMarrs @ExisleMoll Exactly: who are to be the guardians of taste? Who sets the measurement? We can't get healthcare measured in US :- ) #litchat -1:46 PM Feb 1st, 2010

Tamstarz I'm so sorry I just jumped right in w/out saying hello! This is my second visit and I'm loving #litchat! -1:46 PM Feb 1st, 2010

ClaireCookbooks Lots of new tips for writers up on the writing page at <http://ClaireCook.com>. #litchat -1:46 PM Feb 1st, 2010

SueCookcom Over 50% of pop age 50+. But the pursuit is ever of young readers/ audiences. How persuade pubs to go for stories with older chars? #litchat -1:46 PM Feb 1st, 2010

rebeccawoodhead RT @SueCookcom: Over 50% of pop age 50+. But the pursuit is ever of young readers/ audiences. How persuade pubs to go for stories with older chars? #litchat -1:47 PM Feb 1st, 2010

myotherhand @DebraMarrs only readers can rate us, I believe, and no one else... #litchat -1:47 PM Feb 1st, 2010

mariblaser @LitChat Is it only me, or convo on taboo developed into convo on censorship? Not that it's not interesting too... :) #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 1st, 2010

DebraMarrs @Tamstarz No apologies needed. It's not taboo to join in. Love that you're loving it too :- ) #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 1st, 2010

sandiosandi @debraMarrs @ExilseMoll - I don't think it can be measured. Appropriateness is such a moving target. #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 1st, 2010

ExisleMoll @ficwriter - don't know Goolrich, but referencing an REM song radical??? #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 1st, 2010

TheNewAuthor There is a line between edgy and taboo. The trick is to walk next to that line without stepping over. #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 1st, 2010

mariblaser RT @DebraMarrs Q2: I think the experience of reading the book jacket to determine the subject matter should remain pure. #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 1st, 2010

Hayley\_DM People should be able to make a decision without a label on the jacket - this may wrongly steer people away - a form of censorship? #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 1st, 2010

thebookjournal RT @mariblaser: @LitChat Is it only me, or convo on taboo developed into convo on censorship? Not that it's not interesting too... :) #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 1st, 2010

TwinkleChar "Gatekeepers" persuade rdrs be4 bk in hand//RT @myotherhand: @DebraMarrs only readers can rate us, I believe, &no one else... #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 1st, 2010

thebookjournal @mariblaser we need books that touch on the taboo. as long as it is done in a researched way. show pro/con on topic #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 1st, 2010

MadisonWoods2 Hello - I'm going to be lurking during breaks at work...very interested in this topic! #litchat -1:50 PM Feb 1st, 2010

myotherhand @Hayley\_DM yes I cannot agree more with you. that's right! #litchat -1:50 PM Feb 1st, 2010

deberryandgrant @mariblaser I think taboo led the convo to censorship which isn't that far a stretch #litchat -1:50 PM Feb 1st, 2010

ExisleMoll @litchat Certain writers here willing to consider warning labels = my point about self-censorship #litchat -1:50 PM Feb 1st, 2010

mariblaser I like edgy RT @TheNewAuthor: There is a line between edgy and taboo. The trick is to walk next to that line without stepping over. #litchat -1:50 PM Feb 1st, 2010

sandiosandi RT @mariblaser we need books that touch on the taboo. as long as it is done in a researched way. show pro/con on topic #litchat -1:50 PM Feb 1st, 2010

DebraMarrs @CarolyBurnsBass Thinking abt ur 9/11 experience... how ppl come to the page w/own filters and sensitivities #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 1st, 2010

LitChat Q3 What books can you name that have successfully, artfully, educationally covered controversial/taboo topics? #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 1st, 2010

Saffy @crazyjane13 What is a literary purpose would you say? #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 1st, 2010

ExisleMoll @mariblaser - sort of agree re pro/cons, all sides in suicide bomb novel shown 2B wrong! #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 1st, 2010

mariblaser @thebookjournal Agree. It's important to touch on uncomfortable topics, leading the readers gently to reflection. #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 1st, 2010

LitChat RT @crazyjane13: @LitChat Another problem with a rating system is how easily it can become censorship. #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 1st, 2010

Hayley\_DM @myotherhand Thanks #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 1st, 2010

ExisleMoll Q3 suppose obvious one is Lolita #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 1st, 2010

laurelruesswurm RT @myotherhand: @DebraMarrs only readers can rate us, I believe, and no one else... #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 1st, 2010

LitChat RT @crazyjane13: @LitChat All a rating does is titillate the public and push up sales. It serves little to no literary purpose. #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 1st, 2010

sandiosandi Q3 - Gemma, by Meg Tilly. Terrible things happen to a young girl, but the character of the girl was so real. #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 1st, 2010

Tamstarz It's hard when your work has strong material that may be controversial but you want to be published and you're a NEW writer. #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 1st, 2010

myotherhand @Hayley\_DM plesure is mine when someone is right.. @TwinkleChar yup.. thanks #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 1st, 2010

MadisonWoods2 M.Z. Bradley touched on a taboo in Mists of Avalon - brother/sister sex between Authur/Morgaine during great marriage ritual. #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 1st, 2010

AutumnStJohn @LitChat re: Q3 Spring Awakening has been massive twice over now #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 1st, 2010

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Tamstarz RT @myotherhand: @DebraMarrs only readers can rate us, I believe, and no one else... #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat RT @sandiosandi: I would like to hear from anyone else if they've edited anything because of 'taboo' subjects (or been asked to). #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @mariblaser Ur right re: dif. betw. taboo and censorship. Interesting how our minds/experiences morph convo's direction #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant Whether it's edgy, taboo or just plain provocative,if the story isn't good--what's the point? Writing is about the story. #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TheNewAuthor @LitChat Would Lady Chatterley's Lover be on that list? That seemed very taboo when released. #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thrillerchick Q3 THE LOVELY BONES. Graphic descriptions of rape and murder of a young girl. Done, for lack of a better word, beautifully. #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @deberryandgrant Not a problem to me either. It's just that I like the "pure taboo" convo. :) But censorship is a great topic too. #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Tamstarz RT @deberryandgrant: Whether it's edgy, taboo or just plain provocative,if the story isn't good--what's the point? Writing is about the story. #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 1st, 2010
donquig Isn't the buying public the ones who rate your material by either buying it or ignoring the marketing? #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ficwriter Must return to work on chapter w/ woman who starts her period right before she climbs through the ropes in a title fight. Taboo? #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll suicide bomber piece orig script 4 radio drama. BBC said really liked it, but not cat in hell's chance to air! #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead Still think adverbs are the biggest taboo. #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 1st, 2010
danish_novelist Rating systems are absurd. In that case, the Bible should be X.-rated. There are lots of sex and violence in THAT book #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs So true. Influence is always skewed, isn't it? RT @TwinkleChar: "Gatekeepers" persuade rdrs be4 bk in hand #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thebookjournal @MadisonWoods2 i love reading taboo books and books that push the limit to the point of un-comfortableness ...cont #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thrillerchick @sandiosandi I've been asked to intensify things before, but never cut them back. #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 1st, 2010
marisabirns Q3 The Color Purple. Alice Walker covering domestic violence. #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana @thrillerchick Agree w/you on The Lovely Bones. #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruesswurm Q2 warnings will lead to ratings will lead to censorship #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll @ficwriter only if she's a southpaw... #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana RT @danish_novelist: Rating systems are absurd. In that case, the Bible should be X.-rated. Lots of sex and violence in THAT book #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thebookjournal @MadisonWoods2 but it might offend someone else. who would get to choose what is over the line? #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @thebookjournal @ExisleMoll Re: showing pros/con: sometimes, showing only one side can be interesting too. Depends on execution tho #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 1st, 2010
marisabirns RT @rebeccawoodhead Still think adverbs are the biggest taboo. #litchat -> Agree with you wholeheartedly! :) -1:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010

maggiedana Especially absurdly awful adverbs. RT @rebeccawoodhead: Still think adverbs are the biggest taboo. #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn @ficwriter Only in so far as boxing is preceived to be a masculine sport. Tennis players play on their period all the time #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thrillerchick Q3 Heck, LOLITA qualifies too. Pedophilia is always taboo, isn't it? Yet Nabokov makes us root for Humbert. #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand @Tamstarz @deberryandgrant: yeap about the story and caracters. the was you lead you hero though the story is imp 2. #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @thebookjournal Um... maybe the controllers of the means of production so... publishers? #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010
danish_novelist @Tamstarz Write what you want to write. Don't speculate so much. What you don't think will work for you, might just work #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MadisonWoods2 @thebookjournal i think the reader should choose for themselves what is too far. #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @thrillerchick Because The Lovely Bones is a great story. When a taboo is relevant to character/story, it may be difficult to read #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @DebraMarrs Yes, I love to observe the functioning of our minds. Did we change subject because discussing taboo is uncomfortable? #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Saffy @thrillerchick wow - I always get asked to water down the intensity :/ #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @ficwriter Funny that you mention period as part of ur project cuz had thot of that when read parts of Flow #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel q3 @marisabirns not just domestic violence, but the church turning deaf ear to that and incest, also sexual discovery #color purple #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi @ficwriter sadly, I think this is still an avoided topic, not sure it's quite taboo, tho #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana really terribly obscenely awful adverbs? You may be supremely right. #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
kashicat Hallo! Arriving late , to stay out of "adverb" discussion, since I have my own views on that already. Heh. #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thrillerchick @deberryandgrant And we all know you can't kill kids or animals. Those are the RULES. Yet we still do it. #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @ficwriter Will look forward to reading how Deirdre G dealt with that (period) as an athlete #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @thrillerchick or experience. But the taboo works because the story wouldn't be the same without it. #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Miridunn Goodly Said! RT @rebeccawoodhead Still think adverbs are the biggest taboo. #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll @marisabirns no room for ambiguity if only offer 1 perspective? All human activity has 2 or more perspectives #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser RT @LitChat: RT @crazyjane13: Another problem with a rating system is how easily it can become censorship. #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thebookjournal @rebeccawoodhead i dont' want a publisher telling me what is too controversial. everyone has diff. definitions for that #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MadisonWoods2 it doesn't have to be 'awful' to be taboo, either. #litchat -1:58 PM Feb 1st, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Q3 Have read many others, but I'm now reading THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO and horrified/amazed at this intricate story. #litchat -1:58 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel q2: ratings aren't absurd, i've told many parents about the type of books their children were reading & they had no clue #litchat -1:58 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Hayley_DM @donquig Agree - but this could be taken out of their hands if the jacket was messed with #litchat -1:58 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thrillerchick @Saffy My editor knows how to bring situations, and my writing, to the optimum level. I am blessed. #litchat -1:58 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruesswurm I stopped reading book jackets years ago... like dvd backs... they get it wrong more than not #litchat -1:58 PM Feb 1st, 2010
redwinter101 RT @Miridunn: Goodly Said! RT @rebeccawoodhead Still think adverbs are the biggest taboo. #litchat -1:58 PM Feb 1st, 2010
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rebeccawoodhead @thebookjournal absolutely - see earlier tweets. #litchat -1:58 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser Love the book and the approach on taboo! RT @MadisonWoods2: M.Z. Bradley touched on a taboo in Mists of Avalon - brother/sister sex #litchat -1:58 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TwinkleChar @kashicat KASHICAT! YAY! #litchat -1:59 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @kashicat Have secret adverb fetish. Slaughter pages of them when I edit. Hello :) #litchat -1:59 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat Final question of the day in one minute, which will take us over our 1-hour. Stick around. #litchat -1:59 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @LitChat: RT @crazyjane13: @LitChat All a rating does is titillate the public and push up sales. It serves little to no literary purpose. #litchat -1:59 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thebookjournal @rebeccawoodhead sorry I am kind of in and out in the convo today.... #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 1st, 2010
danish_novelist @laurelruesswurm Great. Most people ONLY read book jackets, not books. You're an improvement :- ) #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll most taboo subs have their trending moments. We've had incest films & books & will have them again #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @thrillerchick because we love to break rules! #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat Q4 fm @Tamstarz How do you stay true to your story when it has strong themes & you know it may cost connecting w/certain agents? #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel q2 @sandiosandi if its a source i trust, then i defintely do. my friends come to me about books before they buy for that reason #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead I said this in another litchat, I think, but the biggest taboo may be the neutral mother. #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MadisonWoods2 @Rumpio you should be on #litchat (Is incest really so bad? Discuss...) -2:00 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MikellKober @CarolyBurnsBass DRAGON TATTOO is worth it, then? I've heard great things about it. #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Hayley_DM @thebookjournal Totally agree - my taboo may not necessarily be my neighbours #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010

deegospel q4: four agents are still holding onto my book because of its content. i got a book deal without them #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruuswurm Q4 If you won't stay true to your story who will? #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll rules are only consensus, of course we must break them when they are shown to be ridiculous #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead Wonderful mothers and terrible mothers are fine, but when do you ever see a 'well, I could take it or leave it' mother? #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @thrillerchick: @Saffy My editor knows how to bring situations, and my writing, to the optimum level. I am blessed.//yes! #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana Interesting. RT @rebeccawoodhead: I said this in another litchat, I think, but the biggest taboo may be the neutral mother. #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi right - and I don't trust rating systems. @deegospel: q2 @sandiosandi if its a source i trust, then i defintely do. #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thebookjournal @LitChat be true to yourself. there will be an agent out there that will appreciate your story and time spent on research... #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser Yes! I couldn't believe in myself! RT @thrillerchick: Q3 LOLITA qualifies too. Pedophilia Yet Nabokov makes us root for Humbert. #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @Tamstarz Q4: Find bks similar to urs. Research their agent as a way of screening agents who are not taboo averse #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand exactly !! RT @ExisleMoll: rules are only consensus, of course we must break them when they are shown to be ridiculous #litchat -2:02 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thrillerchick Q4 If you're not true to yourself and your story, your work will suffer. You can't write for agents, or even the market but 4 you. #litchat -2:02 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thebookjournal @rebeccawoodhead in real life or in books? #litchat -2:02 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn @rebeccawoodhead you mean a mother apathetic towards her kids? or something else? #litchat -2:02 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll Q4 go down route of self-pubbing. A taboo subj poss stir up interest - Sex Pistols scenario #litchat -2:02 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat Adding tag #litchat RT @donquig: @LitChat Who would write the instruction manual on how to judge the content? -2:02 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruuswurm i think the only taboo a writer should bother with is their own... if you worry about other' you'll never write anything #litchat -2:02 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @kashicat Hiya! Glad you made it! How are you, dear? :D #litchat -2:03 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel q2 @sandiosandi i do, but i'm biased ;) #litchat -2:03 PM Feb 1st, 2010
danish_novelist @Bookfoolery Any respectable parent will keep kids away from the Old Testament where fathers sleep with their daughters :-)) #litchat -2:03 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaurelDL RT @laurelruuswurm: i think the only taboo a writer should bother with is their own... if you worry about other' you'll never write anything #litchat -2:03 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thrillerchick @rebeccawoodhead I agree - the ambivalent mother is always a great story to mine. #litchat -2:03 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser Example please? RT @MadisonWoods2: it doesn't have to be 'awful' to be taboo, either. #litchat -2:03 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Jolina_Joy RT @thrillerchick: Q4 If you're not true to yourself and your story, your work will suffer. You can't write for agents, or even the market but 4 you. #litchat -2:03 PM Feb 1st, 2010

laurelrusswurm RT @thrillerchick: Q4 If you're not true to yourself and your story, your work will suffer. You can't write for agents, or even the market but 4 you. #litchat -2:03 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Saffy @thrillerchick @myotherhand Too much intensity for to long in a novel can fatigue the reader I trust my editor :) too story savers! #litchat -2:03 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thebookjournal @rebeccawoodhead if it's written as a self help for apathetic mothers it is better received than a book that develops one #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 1st, 2010
kashicat @rebeccawoodhead Hi! I've learned to be more spare with adverbs. But still maintain they exist for a reason & are sometimes needed. #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Hayley_DM RT @thrillerchick: Q4 If you're not true to yourself and your story, your work will suffer. You can't write for agents, or even the market but 4 you. #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll I'd do it-anything goes RT @donquig: #LitChat Who would write the instruction manual on how to judge the content? -2:04 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana Lots of good advice here, but if writers want to sell, they need to know what today's market will bear. #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mciddangelo @mariblaser In LOLITA, Humbert does redeem himself; he kills that other pedo and gives Lolita and her young hubby an inheritance #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Rumpio @MadisonWoods2 ah but I've never written a story, I fear I might get busted as an infiltrator #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 1st, 2010
brownies1 RT @maggiedana: Lots of good advice here, but if writers want to sell, they need to know what todays market will bear. #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MadisonWoods2 my mother thought using any words at all to decribe 'down there' was taboo. to her, sexuality was taboo. #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs Q3: Perhaps not literature but I'm sure most of us recall our 1st bk of taboo: Valley of the Dolls; Evything Wanted 2Kno Abt Sex #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead Shame @agnieszkasshoes isn't around. This is just his kind of chat. #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 1st, 2010
girlswritenow RT @ficwriter: Write your story. If people have a problem with it, that is their problem. Fear only paralyzes a writer. #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @maggiedana Hi Maggie! #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MadisonWoods2 @Rumpio but the topic is 'taboo'. #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Bookfoolery @danish_novelist LOL So true. There's some rather eyebrow-raising sin in the Old Testament. The things they do in Genesis alone. #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs Well put RT @maggiedana: Lots of good advice here, but if writers want to sell, they need to know what todays market will bear. #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat Yes! (Adding #litchat tag.) RT @Leavittnovelist: @LitChat Lolita! -2:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @AutumnStJohn Yep. Just apathetic. Doesn't happen. If she's apathetic she must be awful. Where are the apathetic mothers? #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thrillerchick RT @girlswritenow: RT @ficwriter: Fear only paralyzes a writer. (Amen!) #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thebookjournal @maggiedana all depends on if you want a lot of readers or want to concentrate on a niche #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel RT @maggiedana: Lots of good advice here, but if writers want to sell, they need to know what today's market will bear. #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010
maggiedana Hey there. RT @deberryandgrant: @maggiedana Hi Maggie! #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010

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marisabirns @LitChat Q4 Stay true to yourself; write very best book you can. Readers will respect. #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

danish\_novelist @kashicat @Bookfoolery WARNING: This novel consists of adverbs and other atrocities that are dangerous to your health #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

DebraMarrs @MadisonWoods2 There is something abt 'parenting' that causes some parents to go Victorian :-)  
#litchat -2:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

mciddangelo hmm, I just finished a gratuitous scene in my book where the MC runs around naked in a hospital.  
#litchat -2:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

mariblaser Don't have an opinon on that, but it is taboo for a reason. @MadisonWoods2: @Rumpio Is incest really so bad? #litchat ( Discuss...) -2:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

maggiedana RT @danish\_novelist: WARNING: This novel consists of adverbs and other atrocities that are dangerous to your health #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

myotherhand @Saffy a graduate intensity that must have it's peak - the climax. #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

DebraMarrs Masterful vision RT @marisabirns: @LitChat Q4 Stay true to yourself; write very best book you can. Readers will respect. #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

ExisleMoll Nurse sick of being attacked by patients (taboo 1) strikes back at them woundingly (taboo2) in my novel #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

LaureIDL RT @deegospel: RT @maggiedana: Lots of good advice here, but if writers want to sell, they need to know what today's market will bear. #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

Rumpio @mariblaser what reason is that though? #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

sherisaid #litchat are there any taboos left? it seems like every book I pick up is sensationalist -2:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010

marisabirns @rebeccawoodhead There was a news program here about mothers who give up custody of children, willingly. Criticized soundly. #litchat -2:07 PM Feb 1st, 2010

Rumpio @MadisonWoods2 Doesn't she know that she had sex in order to have you? #litchat -2:07 PM Feb 1st, 2010

rebeccawoodhead @thebookjournal That's a good question. I think it is a taboo - not seen in soc either. Hidden behind yummy mummy fashion etc. #litchat -2:07 PM Feb 1st, 2010

dosankodebbie @LitChat Late to join, but I have a translation coming out this month that is upsetting some ppl because of some queasy topics #litchat -2:07 PM Feb 1st, 2010

kashicat @danish\_novelist You funny, funny guy! #litchat -2:07 PM Feb 1st, 2010

laurelrusswurm @maggiedana the thing is, nobody knows nothin' so until it's written nobody knows what the market will bear #litchat -2:07 PM Feb 1st, 2010

danish\_novelist If people don't consider fiction and poetry an art form, we should tell writers to be true to their wallets #litchat -2:07 PM Feb 1st, 2010

DebraMarrs Interesting Q RT @sherisaid: are there any taboos left? it seems like every book I pick up is sensationalist #litchat -2:07 PM Feb 1st, 2010

DebraMarrs @dosankodebbie Say more about your upcoming translation and taboo #litchat -2:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010

MadisonWoods2 @DebraMarrs what i'm saying, though, is that some 'taboo' is subjective. #litchat -2:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Q4 Writing about controversial topics is all about perspective. Write a great story, don't worry about agents when writing. #litchat -2:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010

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LaurelDL #litchat if you r writing for yrslf, which is the bst way, write what you want, but don't be married to anything if you want eyes on it -2:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll Mine lethal then RT @danish_novelist WARNING: This novel consists of adverbs that are dangerous to your health #litchat -2:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel @sparklyhero thanks #litchat -2:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn @rebeccawoodhead I haven't read too much lit featuring apathetic mums, but I admit that TV fiction portrays them as awful people #litchat -2:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MadisonWoods2 @Rumpio but to speak of it, was taboo. to her. #litchat -2:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @dosankodebbie What book is it? Will it be available in the states? #litchat -2:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Bookfoolery RT @danish_novelist WARNING: This novel consists of adverbs and other atrocities that are dangerous to your health #litchat [snicker] -2:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @MCidDAngelo I don't think killing a man should redeem him. He never changes his "tastes" or regrets what he's done. #litchat -2:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @mariblaser You may be on to something there: chging subj. bec. we are uncomfortable w/tabooing :- ) #litchat -2:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @mariblaser You may be on to something there: chging subj. bec. we are uncomfortable w/tabooing :- ) #litchat -2:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thebookjournal #litchat okay i have to go, but this was a great talk! need someone to read your taboo books, look me up. i love them... -2:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thrillerchick RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Q4 Writing about controversial topics is all about perspective. Write a great story, don't worry about agents. #litchat -2:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @marisabirns See? Is a genuine taboo. Ingrained so not even spoken about. Apathetic dads are...well...dads. #litchat -2:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand @LaurelDL well you are very right this night... #litchat -2:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruuswurm RT @LaurelDL: #litchat if you r writing for yrslf, which is the bst way, write what you want, but don't be married to anything if you want eyes on it -2:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll Oh yeah, i wrote a play about a baby addicted to heroin in utero... Taboo? We performed it anyway #litchat -2:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @Rumpio For once, the continuity of the species. Problematic children can born from incestuous relations. #litchat -2:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaurelDL #litchat on the other hand, does bad publicity exist? if people hate what you write and they talk about it, they are still talking. -2:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TwinkleChar What is auth's intent writing taboo? To sear a conscience, disturb, educate, cause rethinking or tolerance? Intent=important. #litchat -2:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010
dosankodebbie @DebraMarrs I don't know if it qualifies as taboo (non-PC?) A human woman suckling a bear &The killing of a young bear in a ritual #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MadisonWoods2 @thebookjournal lol. lots of sex in mine - which is taboo to my mom! #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AS_King I'm pretty sure Q2 was about ratings, therefore the convo about censorship came from the Q. #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sherisaid @rebeccawoodhead #litchat ouch. too true. -2:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Tamstarz I think not writing from your heart and soul is taboo quite frankly. #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010

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mariblaser @Rumpio Cultural background serves as good spice to that. #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sandiosandi RT @danish_novelist: WARNING: This novel consists of adverbs and other atrocities that are dangerous to your health #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel @LaureIDL so true #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LauraSibson RT @ficwriter: Write your story. If people have a problem with it, that is their problem. Fear only paralyzes a writer. #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Lebanese_Writer Is it okay to tell someone who requested a full MS that you've decided to make more changes and will send it in a week or so? #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser RT @DebraMarrs: @Tamstarz Q4: Find bks similar to urs. Research their agent as a way of screening agents who are not taboo averse #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thrillerchick @rebeccawoodhead I think we expect mothers to be fierce protectors, to put their children 1st. Apathetic mothers are so sad. #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @MadisonWoods2 Absolutely. All taboo is subjective. Comes from individual sensitivities, I think. You? #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser Another way out, yes. RT @ExisleMoll: Q4 go down route of self-pubbing. A taboo subj poss stir up interest - Sex Pistols scenario #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AS_King @LitChat In my experience, writing the best book--controversial or not--means agents will have interest. #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn @ExisleMoll taboo, but it's been known to happen, so why not write about it? How was the play received? #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
danish_novelist @LaureIDL Does bad publicity exist? Maybe you should ask Tiger Woods, John Terry, and John Edwards about that? #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Hayley_DM RT @LaureIDL: #litchat on the other hand, does bad publicity exist? if people hate what you write and they talk about it, they are still talking. -2:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
kashicat Is "writing taboo" necessary tho?Shouldn't intent be to write great story, & if taboo enters pic,that's just part of story? 2ndary? #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
dosankodebbie @DebraMarrs It is a story that explains an important aspect of Ainu culture & worldview targeted to young readers #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs LOL RT @danish_novelist: WARNING: This novel consists of adverbs and other atrocities that are dangerous to your health #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thebookjournal #litchat Come see us for our live chat w/Mary DeMuth author of Thin Places - she talks about sexual abuse-taboo topic <a href="http://bit.ly/5C1v2n">http://bit.ly/5C1v2n</a> -2:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat We've gone overtime today, but the topic's still boiling. Continue convo as you will, but save some heat for Wednesday's chat. #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruuswurm RT @LaureIDL: #litchat on the other hand, does bad publicity exist? if people hate what you write and they talk about it, they are still talking. -2:12 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @danish_novelist: @LaureIDL Does bad publicity exist? Maybe you should ask Tiger Woods, John Terry&John Edwards about that? #litchat -2:12 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mciddangelo @mariblaser well in the sense of Humbert killing that man was indication that Humbert "killed" that part of him that was wretched. #Litchat -2:12 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @thrillerchick They're not though. They're just people. Is a cultural concept. Apathetic mothers were expected historically. #litchat -2:12 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @dosankodebbie Is the controversy associated with the young readers as primary audience? #litchat -2:12 PM Feb 1st, 2010

MadisonWoods2 @DebraMarrs yes, and some like @mariblaser says from necessity, such as offspring from incest being genetically faulty. cont... #litchat -2:12 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sherisaid RT @DebraMarrs: LOL RT @danish_novelist: WARNING: This novel consists of adverbs and other atrocities that are dangerous to your health #litchat -2:12 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL @danish_novelist #litchat LOL!!! but that's what they do behind 'closed doors', not what they do creatively...do they do anything creative? -2:12 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel @thebookjournal i love @MaryDemuth Thin Places is a great book. much of her work is, too. #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mciddangelo @mariblaser in literature, we must not take all plot devices literally. ;) #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @thrillerchick Wealthy women would give birth, then everything from breast-feeding onwards would be done by a nanny. Expected. #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll @AutumnStJohn God it was a long time ago. It was a modest scale production, did ok #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MadisonWoods2 @DebraMarrs but the unwillingness to TALK about the reasons is why i consider it a 'taboo'. #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Rumpio @mariblaser The human race is a few billion away from extinction so that's not a major concern. Weren't the health risks debunked? #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Hayley_DM #litchat Writers may write about what they know - their life experiences may be your taboo -2:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL @laurelruuswurm #litchat I love there's another Laurel! Yeah! -2:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @DebraMarrs Yup. :) But I don't mind at all the changing of subjects. Find it amusing even; educating. ;) #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
dosankodebbie @CarolyBurnsBass The title is The Ainu and the Bear- the gift of the cycle of life. It can be ordered from pub or later on amazon #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @kashicat Good point. Writing taboo ought to be organic, not a focus. If taboo finds its way into lit we write, so be it #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 1st, 2010
kashicat RT @MadisonWoods2: lots of sex in mine - which is taboo to my mom! #litchat [Ha! I have fundamentalist family & worry about that] -2:14 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel great chat. girlee is done with homework. must now review her work, then get a little writing time in...bye #litchat -2:14 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thrillerchick @rebeccawoodhead I think this one is subjective, 2. I want mothers 2B engaged, an apathetic mother is a challenge & great story 2 #litchat -2:14 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead Thanks for the chat tweeps. Signing off now. #litchat -2:14 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL @MadisonWoods2 #litchat - truth is often genetically faulty... am a pediatric nurse and have seen it first hand... sad... -2:14 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @Lebanese_Writer A short reply saying that you will have the ms to them shortly is sufficient; you don't need to say more. #litchat -2:14 PM Feb 1st, 2010
danish_novelist @LaureIDL Isn't getting a kid creative? (Ask John Edwards) Furthermore, all scandals feed books. Bad books - those publishers LOVE #litchat -2:14 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @MCidDAngelo Of course! But in the very begging Humbert informs the reader that he still has the same urges; can't control them. #litchat -2:14 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll Talking re taboo, Pratchett on TV in 10 mins talking about euthanasia #litchat -2:14 PM Feb 1st, 2010

dosankodebbie @DebraMarrs Controversial to adults who chose books for kids, and also for adult themselves. activists and such #litchat -2:15 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblasers @MCidDAngelo Hence, no redemption from my view. #Litchat -2:15 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @MadisonWoods2 Agree, talking or not talking part of subj. is what shades it into taboo. The idea that it's uncomfortable 2 discuss #litchat -2:15 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thrillerchick Thanks @Litchat, for another thought-provoking afternoon. Back to my (nearly empty) Tic Tacs. #litchat -2:15 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @thrillerchick @rebeccawoodhead Have written several apathetic, disengaged mothers--what does that say about us/me? #litchat -2:15 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblasers @Rumpio I'm not talking about extinction, but about perpetuating genetic flaws, as @MadisonWoods2 says, making species weaker. #litchat -2:15 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll Controversy suggests U know you're stirring it up for commercial reasons. Taboo ought to entail rigorous exploration #litchat -2:16 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL @danish_novelist #litchat exactly (scandals)... i guess a kid is about as creative as it gets... did the fake memoir sell more? -2:16 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MadisonWoods2 @LaureIDL is it the truth that's faulty or the offspring of incest? #litchat -2:16 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruuswurm RT @LaureIDL: @laurelruuswurm #litchat I love there's another Laurel! Yeah! -2:16 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @deberryandgrant That you have brains. #litchat -2:16 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant But never thought of that (Mom doesn't give a hoot) as taboo #litchat -2:16 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @dosankodebbie Yes, we were talking abt that earlier. How adults/librarians censor what school children read by gatekeeping #litchat -2:16 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Wow, what time/channel? Thanks. RT @ExisleMoll: Talking re taboo, Pratchett on TV in 10 mins talking about euthanasia #litchat -2:16 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TheTsarsDwarf @LaureIDL I agree. Nothing is more boring than people who want to provoke just to provoke. Ask the Danish cartoonists about that #litchat -2:17 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @rebeccawoodhead Oh that problem again. That brains thing keeps cropping up... #litchat -2:17 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Rumpio @mariblasers but wouldn't that presuppose that a majority of people do it? I suspect there wouldn't be a cultural shift to incest. #litchat -2:17 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL @deberryandgrant #litchat... mom not giving a hoot, sad scary and deplorable... not necc taboo -2:17 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll @CarolyBurnsBass 10.35pm (UK) BBC1 maybe BBC2 #litchat -2:18 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @LitChat Looking forward to continuing the convo on Wed. Right now husb. says "Where's dinner?" Uh, I hv no clue :- ) #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
sherisaid @deberryandgrant #litchat *shakes head sadly* pesky, that brains thing. -2:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thrillerchick @LaureIDL @deberryandgrant I agree. Not taboo. My newest is about necrosadism. That's more what I think about as taboo. #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblasers @Rumpio You have good points there. But I believe precaution is never enough. If incest ceases to be taboo we could face this shift #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @LaureIDL We usually find a way to weave the pathology behind Mom's apathy into the fabric of the story #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010

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LaureIDL @TheTsarsDwarf #litchat yeah... provocation is more like a pissing contest, not a thoughtful investigation into the uncomfortable. -2:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @Rumpio Which could develop into something dangerous. #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat Check out @elissastein, co-author of FLOW, THE CULTURAL STORY OF MENSTRUATION (non-fiction, but juicy reading). #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruuswurm was Q3 the one about rising above taboo: I vote Harry Potter (i went out and bought it for my kid after hearing the controversy) #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 1st, 2010
kashicat @ExisleMoll I imagine Pratchett will be arguing for patient's right to decide. Tho maybe I shouldn't make that assumption. #litchat -2:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @Litchat Thx as always for shepherding us through edgy topics. What fun we have here w/you at #litchat -2:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
21stCscribe @DebraMarrs He knows where the microwave is doesn't he? #litchat -2:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @thrillerchick Yes I would say that should qualify! #litchat -2:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LitChat Thanks everyone for a great chat today. Many new voices in the convo--big thanks to you all. Hope to see you back soon. #litchat -2:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TheTsarsDwarf If your writing only is meant to provoke, you feel like you're reading a teenager with issues and pimples. Boring! #litchat -2:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL @thrillerchick #litchat necrosadism... its weird and again uncomfortable... is it taboo? -2:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
rebeccawoodhead @deberryandgrant Maybe that's the root of the taboo then...that women have brains as well as hormones. We've come a long way eh? :( #litchat -2:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser Or hate you, but who cares? lol RT @marisabirns: @LitChat Q4 write very best book you can. Readers will respect. #litchat -2:20 PM Feb 1st, 2010
andreagl RT @ficwriter: Write your story. If people have a problem with it, that is their problem. Fear only paralyzes a writer. #litchat -2:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @sherisaid LOL. One of those problems that just won't go away! #litchat -2:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @21stCscribe LOL yes, he does but there would need to be something to nuke. Mamamia needs to shop! LOL #litchat -2:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser heh RT @danish_novelist: WARNING: This novel consists of adverbs and other atrocities that are dangerous to your health #litchat -2:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll RT @kashicat: @ExisleMoll Imagine Pratchett argues patient's right to decide. mayB shouldn't make assumption. #litchat No think U're right -2:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL @laurelruuswurm #litchat Harry Potter controversy? wow. I am really out of touch... -2:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @rebeccawoodhead You may have hit the proverbial nail on its pretty little head! #litchat -2:21 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deegospel @coltonjames agreed. now i want to visit & 7 Up #oprah #litchat -2:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL RT @TheTsarsDwarf: If your writing only is meant to provoke, you feel like you're reading a teenager with issues and pimples. Boring! #litchat -2:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser There are many of those all around. RT @danish_novelist: If (...) art form, we should tell writers to be true to their wallets #litchat -2:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010

ExisleMoll @LaureIDL #litchat Harry Potter controversy? wow. I am really out of touch/ Keep it that way 4 yr own self-respect! -2:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant Thanks all--and for the new litchatters I'm the DeBerry 1/2 of the writing team. The internet makes Donna nervous! #litchat -2:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL RT @rebeccawoodhead: @deberryandgrant Maybe that's the root of the taboo then...that women have brains as well as hormones. We've come a long way eh? :( #litchat -2:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand @TheTsarsDwarf: If your writing only is meant to provoke, you feel like you're reading a teenager with issues and pimples. Boring!#litchat -2:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn @TheTsarsDwarf totally agree, an attention-seeking teenager, at that #litchat -2:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser Oh, yes! This is a key point! RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Q4 Writing about controversial topics is all about perspective.#litchat -2:23 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @CarolyBurnsBass Isn't writing in general about perspective? :) #litchat -2:23 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @rebeccawoodhead:Maybe thats the root of the taboo then...that women have brains as well as hormones. Weve come a long way eh?:( #litchat -2:23 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass RT @myotherhand:If your writing only is meant to provoke, you feel like youre reading a teenager with issues and pimples. #litchat #litchat -2:23 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL #litchat thank you all! too cool!! -2:24 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll @marisabirns Q4 I think it's about emotional intelligence #litchat -2:24 PM Feb 1st, 2010
kashicat @LaureIDL Fundamentalists said Harry Potter "taught/promoted witchcraft." Totally absurd, but resulted in book burnings etc #litchat -2:24 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @myotherhand:If your writing only is meant to provoke, you feel like you're reading a teenager with issues and pimples. #litchat -2:25 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @dosankodebbie @DebraMarrs Depending on how you describe the relation between humans and animals can touch taboo, no? #litchat -2:25 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MadisonWoods2 sorry, got called away at work. will backtrack to see what i've missed... #litchat -2:25 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand RT @mariblaser: @CarolyBurnsBass Isn't writing in general about perspective? :) #litchat -2:25 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL @laurelrusswurm #litchat WOW! what for? I read those books and can't imagine why... somebody dies?? -2:25 PM Feb 1st, 2010
marisabirns RT @ExisleMoll @marisabirns Q4 I think it's about emotional intelligence #litchat /Yes. In agreement. -2:25 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll @marisabirns I wrote re relationship of vulture to dead child soldier ... #litchat -2:26 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @mariblaser Of course it's about perspective...usually it takes several perspectives to unveil the story #litchat -2:26 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL @kashicat #litchat OMG! i think I just fell off the bed laughing... -2:26 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TheTsarsDwarf One day it'll be taboo to be on #litchat. Then the whole world will be here. -2:26 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @dosankodebbie Ohh, did I read about the bear ritual on Joseph Campbell's 'Masks of God'? #litchat -2:26 PM Feb 1st, 2010

elainebayless @10MinuteWriter yep, I want to write a memoir about my recent health issues, but they involve my husband-what will he think? #litchat -2:27 PM Feb 1st, 2010

mariblaser My point precisely :) RT @deberryandgrant: Of course it's about perspective. it takes several perspectives to unveil the story #litchat -2:27 PM Feb 1st, 2010

LaurelDL @mariblaser #litchat um... that's been covered... bestiality (sp?) in a series of books by Laurell K. Hamilton. uncomfortable yes, but fine -2:27 PM Feb 1st, 2010

laurelruesswurm taboo is in the eye of the beholder... best book I read as a kid was John Fowles "Collector" bought thru scholastic bookclub #litchat -2:27 PM Feb 1st, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass RT@TheTsarsDwarf:If your writing only is meant to provoke, you feel like youre reading a teenager w/ issues and pimples. #litchat #litchat -2:27 PM Feb 1st, 2010

LaurelDL RT @TheTsarsDwarf: One day it'll be taboo to be on #litchat. Then the whole world will be here. -2:27 PM Feb 1st, 2010

deberryandgrant @mariblaser The kinds of perspective it's hard to see in real life is what helps to make a good story.Ppl rarely see #litchat -2:28 PM Feb 1st, 2010

deberryandgrant @mariblaser the same thing the same way. #litchat -2:28 PM Feb 1st, 2010

felloff @kashicat #litchat OMG! i think I just fell off the bed laughing...: @kashicat #litchat OMG! i think I just fell off the bed laughing... -2:28 PM Feb 1st, 2010

mariblaser RT @DebraMarrs: @kashicat Writing taboo ought to be organic, not a focus. If taboo finds its way into lit we write, so be it #litchat -2:28 PM Feb 1st, 2010

latta @litchat q3 many that are being burnt/banned today. 'mockingbird' 'uncle tom's cabin' 'huck finn' 'sula' to name a few. #litchat -2:28 PM Feb 1st, 2010

AutumnStJohn @TheTsarsDwarf I thought it already was taboo. That's why I'm on here for the first time ever. I heard you guys were #badass. #litchat -2:29 PM Feb 1st, 2010

JSLion The ultimate judgment of Taboo or not is in how many people read it. If people buy the book, it speaks to something in them. #litchat -2:29 PM Feb 1st, 2010

TheTsarsDwarf Taboo is cultural. In Russia and Denmark it's totally normal to have sex with your mother while you clean your microwave oven :- ) #litchat -2:29 PM Feb 1st, 2010

mariblaser @LaurelDL I think feeling uncomfortable while reading a novel \*can\* be a good thing. That's why I like taboo in literature. #litchat -2:30 PM Feb 1st, 2010

myotherhand @laurelruesswurm I love the collector too ...I read it a few years ago. nice writing and the clean writing was off taboo #litchat -2:30 PM Feb 1st, 2010

laurelruesswurm RT @latta: @litchat q3 many that are being burnt/banned today. 'mockingbird' 'uncle tom's cabin' 'huck finn' 'sula' to name a few. #litchat -2:31 PM Feb 1st, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @TheTsarsDwarf:Taboo is cultural.In Russia & Denmark its totally normal 2 have sex w/ur mother while u clean microwave oven:-) #litchat -2:31 PM Feb 1st, 2010

JSLion @latta I am saddened to hear that. I hoped we had moved past that nonsense. Sigh. Can't fix stupid. #litchat -2:31 PM Feb 1st, 2010

mariblaser @deberryandgrant Agree. Conversely, making the reader feel the limitations of char's sigle perspective can be interesting too, no? #litchat -2:31 PM Feb 1st, 2010

deberryandgrant @TheTsarsDwarf LOL!! I think it is in Lichtenstein too. #litchat -2:32 PM Feb 1st, 2010

laurelruesswurm @myotherhand it was so awesome... first time i got to be inside a sociopath's head... that was so awesome. Still a great book. #litchat -2:32 PM Feb 1st, 2010

mariblaser Is euthanasia taboo? I think is only controversial. RT @ExisleMoll: Talking re taboo, Pratchett on TV talking about euthanasia #litchat -2:32 PM Feb 1st, 2010

myotherhand @mariblaser I guess that's just the way it was written. taboo plays just a little part. you can write a good book about a whore #litchat -2:32 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll while eating kebab in Uk RT @TheTsarsDwarf Denmark - totally normal 2have sex with your mother while you clean your microwave oven #litchat -2:33 PM Feb 1st, 2010
kashicat @LaureIDL Heh. I'm an ex-Fundamentalist, and used to hear things like that all the time. :- ) #litchat -2:33 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand @laurelruuswurm i know.. I'm studying psychology and I am fascinated.. #litchat -2:33 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @myotherhand Absolutely yes. But then again, is prostitution a taboo? I don't have an answer to my own question, lol. #litchat -2:33 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @mariblaser Yes, but in making the reader feel the limitations of 1 character's perspective, they get a POV that shows them that #litchat -2:33 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruuswurm @JSLion It's coming back because we thought the war was won and decreased vigilance. Censorship is insidious #litchat -2:34 PM Feb 1st, 2010
JSLion @mariblaser I don't think ANYTHING should be Taboo. Good writing will be read, and bad writing won't - ultimately. #litchat -2:34 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @JSLion: @mariblaser I dont think ANYTHING should be Taboo. Good writing will be read, and bad writing wont - ultimately. #litchat -2:34 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll @marisabirns Talking about death is taboo in Western society. It informs ALL my writing #litchat -2:34 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn Difference between taboo & controversial: If it's taboo, no one talks about it, if its controversial, everyone does. #litchat -2:34 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant Am going to check out other cultural taboos in Russia & Denmark. Later folks. #litchat -2:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010
kashicat RT @LaureIDL: RT @TheTsarsDwarf: One day it'll be taboo to be on #litchat. Then the whole world will be here. [Hahahahaha!] -2:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010
TheTsarsDwarf @deberryandgrant In Liechtenstein watching American Idol is taboo. You can go to jail for that #litchat -2:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @deberryandgrant Good point. I was thinking on the omniscient narrator, forgetting it's also a POV (kinda?). #litchat -2:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll Pratchett calls. Bye folks, thanks for #litchat -2:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand @mariblaser well, it depends on education, person, sex, country, etc.. who knows now.. in 18century a woman's ankle was taboo #litchat -2:35 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser Agree wholeheartedly. RT @JSLion: I don't think ANYTHING should be Taboo. Good writing will be read, and bad writing won't. #litchat -2:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruuswurm @myotherhand it's what I think we read for... to get inside other lives; nothing is taboo if we can understand it ... #litchat -2:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010
JSLion @laurelruuswurm Censorship - There is no reason for it except to keep minds from expanding. Again, you can't fix stupid. #litchat -2:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll & so U shld RT @TheTsarsDwarf @deberryandgrant In Liechtenstein watching American Idol is taboo. You can go to jail for that #litchat -2:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010
thebookjournal @deegospel I agree her writing is amazing #litchat -2:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @myotherhand Err, I think it was a fetish? #litchat -2:36 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant @TheTsarsDwarf Thank goodness I am neither an American Idol watcher or in Lichtenstein-- whew! #litchat -2:37 PM Feb 1st, 2010

myotherhand @laurelruesswurm yeap that right. taboo is the general name of a fear. and is the fear to name smth ... #litchat -2:37 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AS_King @JSLion Censorship is alive and well--both the burn-in-the-barrel kind and the less obvious kinds. #litchat -2:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Saffy @myotherhand took me a while to work that out :) The intense bits were easier to write #litchat -2:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Sending back the love to @AS_King, an amazing author you should follow. #litchat -2:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblasers RT @TheTsarsDwarf: If your writing only is meant to provoke, you feel like you're reading a teenager with issues & pimples. Boring! #litchat -2:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand @mariblasers yea, smth like that. they had magazines.. like playboy of our times:)) #litchat -2:38 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblasers @ExisleMoll I like Harry Potter. :P #litchat -2:39 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll My deepest sympathies RT @mariblasers @ExisleMoll I like Harry Potter. :P #litchat -2:39 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblasers Pathetic. RT @kashicat: @LaureIDL Fundamentalists said Harry Potter "taught/promoted witchcraft." #litchat -2:39 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblasers Can't stop smiling at that. :-D RT @TheTsarsDwarf: One day it'll be taboo to be on #litchat. Then the whole world will be here. -2:40 PM Feb 1st, 2010
deberryandgrant Must go now --really! Have to read the latest MacMillan/Amazon news... have 3 titles affected. #litchat -2:40 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblasers LOL RT @ExisleMoll: My deepest sympathies RT @mariblasers @ExisleMoll I like Harry Potter. :P #litchat -2:41 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand @Saffy yea, everything gets better in time.. even writing.. #litchat -2:41 PM Feb 1st, 2010
lol_rt RT @mariblasers: LOL RT @ExisleMoll: My deepest sympathies RT @mariblasers @ExisleMoll I like Harry Potter. :P #litchat -2:41 PM Feb 1st, 2010
kashicat RT @mariblasers: Is euthanasia taboo? I think is only controversial. #litchat One person's "merely controversial" may be another's "taboo"? -2:41 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Tamstarz I love being a part of the #litchat community! The advice and shop talk is so valuable! -2:41 PM Feb 1st, 2010
BobbiMumm @mariblasers RT @TheTsarsDwarf: Writing only meant to provoke; you feel you're reading a teenager with issues & pimples. Boring! #litchat :-)) -2:42 PM Feb 1st, 2010
LaureIDL #litchat off to write more about a woman in love with a younger man... is that taboo? lol. -2:42 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruesswurm @mariblasers I like Harry Potter too... i own #7 'coz i couldn't wait a day for the kid to finish his :) #litchat -2:42 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblasers Hmm, yes. The perspective keeps creeping into good convos, lol. RT @kashicat: #litchat person's merely controversial may be another's taboo? -2:43 PM Feb 1st, 2010
kashicat @mariblasers @LaureIDL At Bible school I went to yrs ago some thought Lord of Rings was Satanic bc it had supernatural creatures #litchat -2:43 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruesswurm @LaureIDL aren't ALL men "younger" :P #litchat -2:43 PM Feb 1st, 2010
JSLion Must say I loved Harry Potter - and i have been a Christian for 40 years. #litchat -2:44 PM Feb 1st, 2010

Topic of the Week:

mariblaser @laurelruesswurm Yeah, I know what you meant, ehh. *Very* engaging but not perfect/excellent, agree? #litchat -2:44 PM Feb 1st, 2010
marisabirns @ExisleMoll Death should not be taboo subject. #litchat -2:45 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser Yes there is: power. RT @JSLion: @laurelruesswurm Censorship - There is no reason for it except to keep minds from expanding. #litchat -2:46 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Saffy @JSLion lots of people get upset about the occult content :/ #litchat -2:46 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser *sighs* RT @kashicat: @mariblaser @LaureIDL some thought Lord of Rings was Satanic bc it had supernatural creatures #litchat -2:46 PM Feb 1st, 2010
JSLion @laurelruesswurm I have the grey hair to show I am not 'younger' :P #litchat -2:46 PM Feb 1st, 2010
marisabirns @ExisleMoll Thomas Mann's Magic Mountain was important book for me. #litchat -2:46 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll RT @marisabirns: @ExisleMoll Death should not be taboo subject. #litchat shouldn't, but is -2:46 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruesswurm @mariblaser agree. Really easy to dis HP, but I probably like it most because it has turned a generation onto reading #litchat -2:47 PM Feb 1st, 2010
kashicat @mariblaser Yes, funny, I hadn't thought of controversy/taboo being perspective issue, but of course it is! #litchat -2:47 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser Used to be... RT @LaureIDL: #litchat off to write more about a woman in love with a younger man... is that taboo? lol. -2:47 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruesswurm @JSLion me too #litchat -2:47 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn The Narnia book series is an analogy re: Christianity, yet has a supernatural premise. And a witch. #litchat -2:47 PM Feb 1st, 2010
JSLion @Saffy I know. But, no 'occult' as in Satan worship. People who saw it were jumping at shadows. #litchat -2:48 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Donna_Carrick Not now! RT @mariblaser: Used to be... RT @LaureIDL: #litchat write more about a woman in love with a younger man... is that taboo? lol. -2:49 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruesswurm @AutumnStJohn i know... far more satanic than anything in harry potter. #litchat -2:49 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Saffy Yep I got hooked on HP because a 14 yr old boy who didn't read handed me the book when he'd finished it! Saying I had to read it #litchat -2:49 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @laurelruesswurm There are many good things about HP, and others not so; but is good enough to make a good reading! IMO :) #litchat -2:49 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Donna_Carrick @kashicat @mariblaser Sounds like it was a good #litchat today!? -2:50 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @AutumnStJohn But it was written by a Christian, whit a very biblical message. Not sure about your reasoning... #litchat -2:50 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn Exactly. RT @laurelruesswurm: @AutumnStJohn i know... far more satanic than anything in harry potter. #litchat -2:50 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @Donna_Carrick @kashicat Ohh, excellent! One of the best! Do come on Wed. I can't wait for it! heh :) #litchat -2:51 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand @marisabirns I can say the same about Umberto Eco's The name of the rose. & about taboo I remember that sex scene of Aldo? #litchat -2:51 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser Yup! heh RT @kashicat: @mariblaser Yes, funny, I hadn't thought of controversy/taboo being perspective issue, but of course it is! #litchat -2:52 PM Feb 1st, 2010

JSLion @AutumnStJohn You are right! although, to me its not fair to compare anything to Narnia as I was spelbound by it as a child . #litchat -2:52 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Saffy @JSLion there was the following and want of dark powers because they were strong but the main protag was fighting against them! #litchat -2:52 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn @mariblaser sorry, I'm saying it shows HP and LoTR shouldn't bee seen as unChristian, because if it was good enough for CS Lewis.. #litchat -2:52 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser Signing off #litchat. Fantastic discussions! Will most certainly be back on Wed. -2:53 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruuswurm HP magic is essentially the equivalent of science; no deities in it at all... the fuss was because people condemned w/o reading #litchat -2:53 PM Feb 1st, 2010
latta How will the right-wing nut jobs burn books when they're on kindles, ipads, nooks? #litchat -2:53 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @AutumnStJohn No no. I agree with you. Just disagree about Narnia being satanic at all! heh #litchat -2:54 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn @mariblaser yeah, by saying it's an analogy of Christianity, I'm saying it has a biblical message... #litchat -2:54 PM Feb 1st, 2010
DebraMarrs @mariblaser Say more abt this: the relation between humans and animals can touch taboo, no? #litchat -2:55 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn @mariblaser ...so it proves that there's nothing wrong with a Christian writing/reading supernatural #litchat -2:55 PM Feb 1st, 2010
MadisonWoods2 I have to go. I have really enjoyed this topic - very enlightening! #litchat -2:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @AutumnStJohn Oh, we agree in that too then. I misunderstood you . Sorry! #litchat -2:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010
JSLion @Saffy Yes, - want of dark powers. That is happening today everywhere., magic, or money, or press. So, can't be taboo, right? #litchat -2:56 PM Feb 1st, 2010
latta @jslion sadly not the case. Burnings/bannings alive & well in us. #litchat -2:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @DebraMarrs I think so; especially when love, and eventually sexuality, is involved? #litchat -2:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
kashicat RT @latta: How will the right-wing nut jobs burn books when they're on kindles, ipads, nooks? #litchat -2:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
JSLion Must go home and work on next poem for world poetry month. Thank you everyone, I love litchat. #litchat -2:57 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn @mariblaser Oh yeah, I thought the tweep who said that first meant it was 'darker' than HP, that's what i was agreeing with #litchat -2:58 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser Of course! RT @AutumnStJohn: @mariblaser there's nothing wrong with a Christian writing/reading supernatural #litchat -2:58 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand off #litchat. I cannot wait for the next time. see you then! until Wed: good inspiration -2:58 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn @mariblaser no worries, i shld have said in the first place why i was agreeing with the tweep #litchat -2:58 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Saffy @JSLion anything can be taboo if those who try to talk about it are hurt in some way for it #litchat weather its just loss of reputation... -2:59 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn @JSLion Yeah me too. I loved it so much as a child-both the books and the BBC adaptation #litchat -2:59 PM Feb 1st, 2010

marisabirns @myotherhand Yes. When Adso loses virginity to peasant girl? #litchat -2:59 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruesswurm Latest: @AutumnStJohn Makes sense... isn't Christianity "supernatural"? less than 10 seconds ago #litchat -2:59 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn @laurelruesswurm that's true actually. maybe someone shld point that out to the Christians who r against Lord of the Rings, lol! #litchat -3:00 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruesswurm @marisabirns I confess I liked the Name of the Rose ... movie better #litchat -3:00 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand @marisabirns yess exactly!!! he was an apprentice, but he slept with the girl... #litchat -3:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @marisabirns Adso? You must be talking Name of the Rose? sounds like I missed an awesome #litchat -3:01 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser @AutumnStJohn Nah, no problems. :) #litchat -3:02 PM Feb 1st, 2010
kashicat @AutumnStJohn They liked Narnia bc it was explicitly 'about' Christianity. Anything that wasn't direct analogy was "satanic" #litchat -3:02 PM Feb 1st, 2010
marisabirns @agnieszkasshoes Yes, topic was taboos, and I was chatting with @myotherhand about Adso and peasant girl. #litchat -3:02 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand @agnieszkasshoes yea we were talking about important books for us and taboo ;) #litchat -3:03 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand @marisabirns hehe... in one thought ;))) #litchat -3:03 PM Feb 1st, 2010
marisabirns @laurelruesswurm Book is richly multi-layered so have to really pay attention to the read. :) #litchat -3:03 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll RT @marisabirns: @ExisleMoll Thomas Mann's Magic Mountain was important book for me. #litchat/lost thread. In relatuion -3:03 PM Feb 1st, 2010
laurelruesswurm I just stumbled across #litchat... but I've enjoyed it... this happens when? -3:03 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Saffy @agnieszkasshoes @mariblaser is that the one with monk sex in? And a secret library? #litchat -3:04 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand @laurelruesswurm just follow @LitChat and you'll find out. next time is on wed #litchat -3:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010
agnieszkasshoes Holy moly. #litchat about taboo & I missed it. Probably 4 best. I struggle w/ taboo as concept. Anyone at Thursday's gig will find that out! -3:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010
marisabirns @ExisleMoll No worries. Just saying that Magic Mountain book was a favorite. It had theme of death. #litchat -3:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010
AutumnStJohn @kashicat Oh, ok, I see. Thanks. #litchat -3:05 PM Feb 1st, 2010
ExisleMoll RT @marisabirns: @ExisleMoll No worries. Just saying that Magic Mountain bk was a favorite. It had theme of death. #litchat ah yes death... -3:06 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand @Saffy yeap, just about that... the name of the rose.. #litchat -3:07 PM Feb 1st, 2010
myotherhand @laurelruesswurm yeap, I know.. I discovered #litchat the last week and I feel like it's a strong comunity.. -3:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010
mariblaser THE NAME OF THE ROSE, right? RT @Saffy: @agnieszkasshoes @mariblaser is that the one with monk sex in? And a secret library? #litchat -3:08 PM Feb 1st, 2010
Saffy @agnieszkasshoes @marisabirns Ah that is *the* film I couldn't remember the name of that resulted in The Punk hiding in a monestry #litchat -3:09 PM Feb 1st, 2010

AS\_King @latta My guess: They will call for a rating system that can do the job with less mess, under the guise of 'warning readers.' #litchat -3:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010

MadisonWoods2 Interesting #litchat Today on Twitter: <http://wp.me/pj6xM-et> -3:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010

myotherhand RT @MadisonWoods2: Interesting #litchat Today on Twitter: <http://wp.me/pj6xM-et> -3:10 PM Feb 1st, 2010

myotherhand @agnieszkasshoes well see you next time on #litchat and until then let's follow and tweet. ;) -3:12 PM Feb 1st, 2010

deborahblum Randy Shilts' brilliant "And the Band Played On". RT @LitChat Q3 What books successfully, artfully, covered controversial topics? #litchat -3:22 PM Feb 1st, 2010

jodyms @deborahblum Good one. A classic.#litchat -3:23 PM Feb 1st, 2010

### WEDNESDAY, February 3, 2010

LitChat Welcome to Wednesday's #litchat. For the next hour we're talking about taboo topics in literature and life. Join us! -1:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @LitChat: #litchat starts in 5 minutes: Topic is SHH! THATS TABOO--were going beyond censorship and into perspective. 4-5 pmEST. #litchat -1:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

LiaKeys RT @LitChat: Welcome to Wednesday's #litchat. For the next hour we're talking about taboo topics in literature and life. Join us! -1:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

TwinkleChar Started spring cleaning (accidentally). Need #litchat to stop me. THANK YOU! #litchat -1:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

LitChat Who's with us today? Let's spend a moment with introductions. #litchat -1:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

unbridledbooks RT @LitChat: Welcome to Wednesday's #litchat. For the next hour we're talking about taboo topics in literature and life. Join us! -1:02 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

TwinkleChar Waves hand! #litchat -1:02 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

TracyClark\_TLC RT @LitChat: Welcome to Wednesday's #litchat. For the next hour we're talking about taboo topics in literature and life. Join us! -1:02 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

kellylynthomas Hi! This is my first #litchat. I've been reading a lot of YA the past few months, lots of interesting and taboo things going on there. -1:03 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

Saffy Me I'm here #litchat though dealing with kidsomnia and making inspiration monsters -1:03 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

maggiedana Waves cup of tea. Sloshes tea. Oh dear ... wipes keyboard. #litchat -1:03 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

LitChat If you're a reader, tell us what's got you hooked right now. If you're a writer, tell us what you're working on right now. #litchat -1:03 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

sandiosandi howdy! #litchat -1:03 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

danish\_novelist Hi #Litchat hooligans. I'm chatting, writing on my novel, and watching football on TV. Call it multi tasking. Or just being plain stupid. -1:04 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

LiaKeys RT @LitChat: If you're a reader, tell us what's got you hooked right now. If you're a writer, tell us what you're working on right now. #litchat -1:04 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

TwinkleChar Writer here. Just turned in rewrites for DIVINE APPOINTMENTS, 2nd bk in series, releases Sept. #litchat -1:05 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

LeftyWritey RT @LitChat: Welcome to Wednesday's #litchat. For the next hour we're talking about taboo topics in literature and life. Join us! -1:05 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

kellylynnthomas Urban fantasy YA is really interesting to me...Things like @cdelint, Holly Black, Gaiman, etc. #litchat -1:05 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
bookish_type RT @unbridledbooks: RT @LitChat: Welcome to Wednesday's #litchat. For the next hour we're talking about taboo topics in literature and life. Join us! -1:05 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar @maggiedana LOL. Can feel it splashing on me. #litchat -1:05 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana Reading apocalyptic FAR NORTH; just finished writing novel abt birthmother searching for child she gave away. Tough subjects, both. #litchat -1:05 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan There is way too little Transgression in art in general. I have always tried to rectify that #litchat -1:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MarDixon @LitChat The Last Dickens by @matthewpearl has me hooked right now #litchat -1:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes #litchat is on taboo topics again. Cool! -1:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC As a reader I'm hooked on YA. But also on...shhh...it's taboo...erotica! Yes. I like a good dirty story. There, I said it. #litchat -1:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy I'm currently working on press stuff for #wopowrimo World Poetry Writing Month as well as doing their poetry challenge #litchat -1:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi @kellylynnthomas - Gaiman is the writer who got me over my "I'm too literary for YA" problem. <3 him. #litchat -1:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan There is and shouldn't be any limit to what one may create. Art should offend someone #litchat -1:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Many of you know that #litchat is my alter ego, the voice of my inner-reader's love of books and authors. #litchat -1:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar Reading TO THE LIGHT HOUSE by Virginia Woolf #litchat -1:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana @agnieszkasshoes Just you wait till Friday's #litchat. Will probably scare all the men away. #litchat -1:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi Dear @maggiedana, keyboard covers are your friend. :) #litchat -1:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
bloodypickle Agreed.@HoodedMan There is way too little Transgression in art in general. I have always tried to rectify that #litchat -1:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy Reading Elizabeth as research for my historical cyber punk novel too #litchat -1:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
danish_novelist For the first time in my life I'm working on two novels, one in English, one in Danish. One takes place in 1737, the other in 2010 #litchat -1:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat I'm keenly interested in today's #litchat topic. -1:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @maggiedana sounds intriguing. I hope I'm unscarawayable #litchat -1:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy @HoodedMan Yo they're still on introductions over in #litchat :) -1:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar @danish_novelist Thanks for "hooligan" tag. Kinda perked me up! #litchat -1:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
knittingmomof3 Reading The Last Surgeon by Michael Palmer. #litchat -1:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana Dear @sandiosandi Do they come color coordinated to match my living room decor? #litchat -1:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LexxClarke Sorry to be tardy! #litchat -1:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar @danish_novelist 2 novels. My-my. Just so you know, you are here and it's now. #litchat -1:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

sandiosandi @TracyClark_TLC - I write YA and erotica... just call me jekyll/hyde #litchat -1:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
KellyRailton @agnieszkasshoes I like that you are concocting your own language on #litchat ! -1:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
difowlernovels #litchat revising ms: Lincoln's Diary a suspense novel. Sarah risks exposing its secrets to beat a murder wrap - if she lives. -1:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana @danish_novelist Do you ever get your pages muddled up? #litchat -1:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi @maggiedana - if your living room is somewhat tea-colored, then yes! #litchat -1:09 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes currently reading 2666 and a book on "Howl" on its 50tyh anniversary #litchat -1:09 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
knittingmomof3 @danish_novelist now these two works both sound interesting. #litchat -1:09 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb Or the time periods? I'd think that would be confusing. RT @maggiedana @danish_novelist Do you ever get your pages muddled up? #litchat -1:09 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LitChat We want more men for Friday with guest host is @elissastein, author of non-fic FLOW,THE CULTURAL STORY OF MENSTRUATION. #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy @danish_novelist which ones which? #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC @sandiosandi I have found that a lot of YA authors write both. Wonder why that is? Is YA too restrictive? #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll RT @agnieszkasshoes: currently reading 2666 and a book on "Howl" on its 50tyh anniversary #litchat/cut up reading? -1:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ClaireCookbooks Just turned in first pass revisions for SEVEN YEAR SWITCH and on deadline for my next novel. #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Just finished reading THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO and moving on to THE HELP by Kathryn Stockett. #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes current WIP is novella about a woman who gives EVERYTHING away free after her son dies #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ladypfeiffer RT @danish_novelist: For the first time in my life I'm working on two novels, one in English, one in Danish. One takes place in 1737, the other in 2010 #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
danish_novelist @TwinkleChar Someone told me about the now once. Sounds like a mighty nice place #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG im here Im here #litchat -1:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana @ClaireCookbooks HI Claire, and I really do love that title, Seven Year Switch. Brilliant. Conjures up all sorts of mayhem. #litchat -1:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi @TracyClark_TLC I think they both appeal to different sides of me. There are elements of freedom in both YA and erotica #litchat -1:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JSLion @maggiedana I have not been scared away in many a year. <grin>. #litchat -1:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kingsenglish RT @unbridledbooks: RT @LitChat: Welcome to Wednesday's #litchat. For the next hour we're talking about taboo topics in literature and life. -1:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LitChat Are any of you writers tackling a taboo topic in your current work? #litchat -1:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

kellylynthomas @TracyClark_TLC Personally I feel YA allows authors a lot more room when we're talking about trad. genres than adult fic. #litchat -1:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LexxClarke @CarolyBurnsBass I loved The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo #litchat -1:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MarDixon RT @LitChat: Are any of you writers tackling a taboo topic in your current work? #litchat -1:12 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ecurbmp RT: @LitChat: Welcome to Wednesday's #litchat. For the next hour we're talking about taboo topics in literature and life. Join us! -1:12 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC @sandiosandi I totally agree! It's why I read both. The YA for the yearning. The erotica for the...er...satisfaction. #litchat -1:12 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan I've completed about 8 novels, working on about 10 new simultaneously. 2 are published. I'm idle. #litchat -1:12 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
danish_novelist @CarolyBurnsBass Stieg Larsson didn't write his own books. His girlfriend did. From now on my girlfriend will write all my books #litchat -1:12 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sarahemelville current WIP is a screenplay about a man who cuts off his finger and develops somatoparaphrenia. #litchat ? -1:12 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @LitChat 50+ woman/16 y-o boy romance. Don't know if that's taboo any more? #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan I'm also doing all kinds of art, like theater and music #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana Is writer's block taboo? RT @LitChat: Are any of you writers tackling a taboo topic in your current work? #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
murzee Reading "the Elegance of the Hedgehog". Taboo: wisdom among the "servant" class and brooding adolescents in Paris #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy I'm also reading Distraction by Bruce Sterling and Gods of the New Millenium #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
KellyRailton I'm writing about a character with bipolar disorder in current work...far more taboo than it really should be given it's prevalence #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
linda1966 I am about to read Down and out in Paris and London #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC @kellylynthomas It's true that there is more freedom for a YA writer than I thought there was before I started reading it heavily #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar @danish_novelist How will we be sure it's her? Not as funny, or funnier? #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LitChat @ClaireCookbooks We want you as a guest host when your next book comes out. When does next book launch? #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan I write about special people and situations, really #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb True? RT @danish_novelist @CarolyBurnsBass Stieg Larsson didn't write his own books. His girlfriend did #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
jodyms @LitChat Reading - Lorrie Moore, Mary Karr. Writing: essays. #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MurphyJacobs #litchat do D/s , polyamory, and fat prejudice count as taboo subjects? -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
BunnyRabbitSex RT @HoodedMan: I've completed about 8 novels, working on about 10 new simultaneously. 2 are published. I'm idle. #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @LitChat previous work was about a woman who flayed her abusive twin when she was 12 & made her diary from his skin #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC @kellylynthomas (and I was referring to SEX before...) #litchat -1:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

maggiedana @murzee {{{{{{{{{WAVES}}}}}}}} #litchat -1:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
revolucion0 technically illegal, but maybe not taboo RT @agnieszkasshoes @LitChat 50+ woman/16 y-o boy romance. taboo any more? #litchat -1:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @danish_novelist Now that's a controversial topic--Stieg Larsson's girlfriend writing books attributed to him. #litchat -1:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
emmawindsor @linda1966 great title is it good? #litchat -1:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynnthomas @TracyClark_TLC Yes, I like YA takes down a kind of mental block and allows authors to be more imaginative and experiment more. #litchat -1:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @LitChat hi everyone. i'm working on a book that revolves around several taboos, some of which make it difficult to #litchat about! -1:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ClaireCookbooks @maggiedana Thanks, Maggie! It's my seventh novel, so I called it SEVEN until the rest of the title came along! #litchat -1:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
murzee @maggiedana Waves back! #litchat -1:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan Taboos are unacceptable, really, and so are censorship, no matter the excuse #litchat -1:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi @kellylynnthomas that's why I write YA. I have an 'other world' element to my WIP, but it isn't trad. fantasy #litchat -1:15 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb Whoa. Now THAT'S taboo. RT @agnieszkasshoes previous work was about woman who flayed her abusive twin & made diary from his skin #litchat -1:15 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @revolucion0 illegal? Not here it's not! #litchat -1:15 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
BunnyRabbitSex RT @agnieszkasshoes: @LitChat previous work was about a woman who flayed her abusive twin when she was 12 & made her diary from his skin #litchat -1:15 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
emmawindsor @LitChat I'm hooked on Alan Titchmarsh #litchat -1:15 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LitChat @Thandelike I'm itching for more... Sounds like the perfect thing to #litchat about! #litchat -1:16 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
revolucion0 @agnieszkasshoes #litchat i can't--CANNOT--write about children hurt, dead, even thought about wrongly. can do ANYTHING else. WIP abt hooker -1:16 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
linda1966 @emmawindsor it's Orwell and comes highly recommended. Looks very good #litchat -1:16 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar @agnieszkasshoes YIKES! That sure got my attention. #litchat -1:16 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
danish_novelist @wendykwebb Yes supposedly. Stieg Larsson couldn't write. He plotted the stories, but the actual writing was done by his girlfriend.#litchat -1:16 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @litchat reading: Year of Magical Thinking (does that face the taboo of talking too much about death?) #litchat -1:16 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
AlexCampion @murzee I kind of though that the idea was that the concierge and the thirteen year old were thought to be on the same footing. #litchat -1:16 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynnthomas @TracyClark_TLC Although I think the amount of sex in YA is comparable to sex in adult, unless we are talking about erotica/romance #litchat -1:16 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @wendykwebb it's a love story - intended to show that no one is beyond love. #litchat -1:17 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MikellKober @jodyms Are you reading Moore and Karr's latest? I just finished them, how do you like it? #litchat -1:17 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
whimsicalwalney Let her know your thoughts! RT @savvyautie: Who has the best book author blog and why? Thanks! #litchat #kidlitchat #writechat -1:17 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

sandiosandi @sarahemelville had to look up somataparaphrenia. does that seem taboo to you (or is it the way it's dealt with)? #litchat -1:17 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC I will get all up in the grill of anyone who doesn't see that there is TRUTH to the taboo themes in YA. Exhibit A: @EllenHopkinsYA #litchat -1:17 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb I could never write about something very bad happening to a child about my son's age. Not taboo but bad karma, somehow. #litchat -1:17 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @Thandelike THE YEAR OF MAGICAL THINKING came out shortly after my mother died an ignoble death and I couldn't imagine reading it. #litchat -1:18 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan It's the duty of any artist to break a given society's narrow perception of what is acceptable #litchat -1:18 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana Agree. RT @wendykwebb: I could never write about something very bad happening to a child about my sons age. #litchat -1:18 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb He must've been one evil twin. @agnieszkasshoes it's a love story - intended to show that no one is beyond love. #litchat -1:18 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @revolucion0 yes but does that make it a taboo? Guess so. taboo is all in subjectivity #litchat -1:18 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
danish_novelist @TwinkleChar My novels are more serious than my blogs. The Tsar's Dwarf is a very serious novel (with a funny protagonist) #litchat -1:18 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat @revolucion0 I'd have the same reaction to writing about hurt children, and hurt animals too. #litchat -1:18 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @LitChat i'm finding taboo has masking effect, our avoidance means we don't recognize it right in front of us. #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ClaireCookbooks @wendykwebb I know what you mean! Way too creepy. #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
linda1966 I don't think that there is much that is taboo in the world today, not for literature where people can choose to not read #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG Im writing about a dwarf that I accidentally made full sized human... #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
murzee @AlexCampion Yup, also well beyond the privileged adults intellectually. That is the taboo to which I refer. #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
revolucion0 @kashicat #litchat sometimes taboo is just a cheap tearjerker (like children or animals) -1:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan If you don't receive hate mail or receive angry responses you haven't made your art #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi RT @Thandelike: @LitChat im finding taboo has masking effect, our avoidance means we dont recognize it right in front of us. #litchat -1:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @HoodedMan I don't know about DUTY...we've got some great Renaissance art that staid within conventions, both religious and social. #litchat -1:20 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy @wendykwebb I would consider that hiding from the dangers in the world more but then I tend to write dark - write my fears #litchat -1:20 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll There are no taboos I can think of. Only powerful images/themes, some less explored in fiction than others #litchat #litchat -1:20 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @Thandelike: @LitChat i'm finding taboo has masking effect, our avoidance means we don't recognize it right in front of us. #litchat -1:20 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

LizsInk @LitChat Reading: Key to Golden Firebird by Maureen Johnson ; Writing: YA historical about Charlotte Corday & 2005 Paris riots #litchat -1:20 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

MarDixon I feel a trial or lawsuit that is currently within the courts should be taboo as it usually tends to lead to more lawsuits. #litchat -1:20 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

MikellKober One could make argument that there's social censorship and financial censorship. Financial = not publishing controversial material #litchat -1:20 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

timradioboy RT @HoodedMan: If you don't receive hate mail or receive angry responses you haven't made your art #litchat -1:20 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes Can I ask #litchat people if they remember the Sensation exhibition, & whether they think art is different from literature in dealing w/taboo -1:20 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

LexxClarke IMO harming/killing/abusing children - society's ultimate taboo, look at the way such people are treated by the most hardened crims #litchat -1:20 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

JLichtenberg RT @HoodedMan: It's the duty of any artist to break a given society's narrow perception of what is acceptable #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

Saffy RT @Thanelike: @LitChat i'm finding taboo has masking effect, our avoidance means we don't recognize it right in front of us. #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

wendykwebb I find that if I write my fears, I'm living them. And yet I wrote a creepy ghost story, so... #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

sandiosandi I don't write to generate hate RT @HoodedMan: If you don't receive hate mail or receive angry responses you haven't made your art #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

Annarkie If it doesn't thrill you to your bones, don't do it. #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

HoodedMan I write the Wild Man, the savage in current human repressive society, how he and she break all rules for "acceptable" behavior #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @wendykwebb Interesting. My WIP has two sisters as I do; one has died and I can allow that in MS, but can't harm other sister. #litchat -1:21 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

brownies1 Taboo subjects usually surround real events. #litchat #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

ExisleMoll #litchat @agnieszkasshoes Sensation show? Don't get me started! That was art's feeble attempt at a Malcolm McLaren moment #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

herstorian RT @HoodedMan: There shouldn't be any limit to what one may create. Art should offend someone #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

badbadbad #litchat @agnieszkasshoes GREAT question! "Is art different from literature in dealing w/ taboo?" -1:22 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

TracyClark\_TLC If it makes me squirm while writing, then it's personally a bit taboo for me and might be for a reader. Then I KNOW it should go in #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

danish\_novelist @CarolyBurnsBass Well, he died. It's much better for sales if you're dead. We should all commit suicide on #litchat & sales will skyrocket -1:22 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

HoodedMan I did that from the very start, when I started out 35 years ago, as a teenager #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

wendykwebb @CarolyBurnsBass I hear you! It makes the possibility too real. Gives it life, somehow. #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

JSLion Coming in late and trying to catch up. #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

kashicat @LexxClarke But is a taboo the same thing as a crime like murder or child abuse? I wonder. #litchat -1:22 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

MadisonWoods2 There may be familial taboos and societal taboos. My family has taboos. Not as many in society anymore. #litchat -1:23 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @HoodedMan interesting approach. One of our members got a lot of flak for a frank and decontextualised account of suicide recently #litchat -1:23 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg @HoodedMan: There shouldn't be any limit to what one may create. Art should offend someone #litchat -1:23 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
badbadbad RT @TracyClark_TLC: If it makes me squirm while writing, then it's personally a bit taboo for me and might be for a reader. Then I KNOW it should go in #litchat -1:23 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LeftyWritey Reading Gayle Forman's Sisters in Sanity, Pam Munoz Ryan's Esperanza Rising. 3 wks ago handed in agent rev.s, + editing latest ms. #litchat -1:23 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MikellKober @agnieszkasshoes Some stories are harder to see rather than read/imagine. There is a difference between visual art and literature #litchat -1:23 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy @LexxClarke it is also one of *the* most ignored areas of life which is why it can go on bringing things to light shouldnt be taboo #litchat -1:24 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC @MikellKober I agree. It's sad to reconsider profanity that's good for the story because freaking WalMart might not sell it. #litchat -1:24 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MadisonWoods2 A taboo, to me, is something that isn't discussed, even though we know it exists. Like my cousin who is gay. Not taboo to me, btw. #litchat -1:24 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg @HoodedMan Art "should offend" - OK, but does that apply to 'commercial art'? #litchat #scriptchat -1:24 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @badbadbad I don't know the answer but my feeling is that people kneejerk against the visual bcos it makes an instant impact #litchat -1:24 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LexxClarke @kashicat no you're right it isn't the same, but perhaps putting it in art is taboo? #litchat -1:24 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
brownies1 Those real events, while writing in a fictional way, usually have to do with crime and those involved in the crime. #litchat #litchat -1:24 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @badbadbad but actually object more to literature because it feels more "respectable" & lingers in imagination more #litchat -1:24 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar @danish_novelist Thanks for point out diff between funny book and funny char--altho diff to have fun char w/o some humor in bk. #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi @agnieszkasshoes @badbadbad - and it is easier to close a book than a sculpture/painting #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan @sandiosandi You don't generate hate. you expose it, challenge it. Of course #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
emmawindsor @linda1966 thanks, I'll put that on my list #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
danish_novelist @JLichtenberg Art doesn't become better because it offends people. Art can do anything it wants, thank you very much :- ) #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
crazyjane13 @LitChat Last short-short dealt with depressed and desperate mother contemplating the murder of her family. #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll #litchat @agnieszkasshoes, no kneejerk against mod art cos it usually contains 1 idea/association ONLY. Barren (& oft relies on lang) #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynnthomas @sandiosandi I actually struggle w/ Gaiman-most of his adult stuff is not that great. But his YA and comics are fantastic. #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @MadisonWoods2: There may be familial taboos and societal taboos. My family has taboos. Not as many in society anymore. #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
DarlaV RT @HoodedMan: It's the duty of any artist to break a given society's narrow perception of what is acceptable #litchat #art #truth -1:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

Topic of the Week:

agnieszkasshoes RT @MikellKober: @agnieszkasshoes Some stories are harder to see rather than read/imagine. There is a difference between visual art and literature #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
AyeQue RT @TracyClark_TLC: If it makes me squirm while writing, then it's personally a bit taboo for me and might be for a reader. Then I KNOW it should go in #litchat -1:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
brownies1 Creepy? RT @wendykwebb: I find that if I write my fears, Im living them. And yet I wrote a creepy ghost story, so... #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LexxClarke @Saffy Indeed,sadly such things are all too common in the real world and it would be foolish (?offensive) to ignore them in art #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JeffreyBeesler RT @MikellKober: @agnieszkasshoes Some stories are harder to see rather than read/imagine. There is a difference between visual art and literature #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @LexxClarke Im lost what's taboo in art #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan @kellylynthomas No "art" made for kings and popes are worth shit. At best it is overrated #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb A different taboo: A friend asked when we would see product placement advertising in novels, like on TV. Heroine drinks a Pepsi. #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg @HoodedMan If art is to break "narrow perception" then does that mean to "change perception"? Do we break taboo to abolish taboos? #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
KellyRailton There are no taboos in reality; bad things happen to kids/cute puppies etc.Art does reflect life + so include the taboo! #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
crazyjane13 @LitChat Currently hooked on DeLillo's 'Falling Man'. Currently working on urban fantasy set in Melbourne. #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
AmethystGreye @agnieszkasshoes I don't think it IS diff, but perception is. With lit you have more room to interpret, soften. W/art, not as much. #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat @LexxClarke Okay, I can see that, re: putting that sort of abuse into art. #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi @HoodedMan that works for me. just not going for the taboo *bcuz* it's taboo, but wanting to tell an important story #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LitChat Q1 fm @mariblaser & @maggiedana: How do you tell taboo from bad taste? #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @KellyRailton yes mental illness a major taboo (to have in your life, to talk about) but so prevalent #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy RT @MadisonWoods2: A taboo, to me, is something that isn't discussed, even though we know it exists. #litchat -1:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
badbadbad feeling like there is a wall between "Lit" & "taboo" (i.e., sex/erotica-informed) writing worlds. am I paranoid? #litchat @agnieszkasshoes -1:27 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MadisonWoods2 Discussing salaries with co-workers is an example of a taboo that's not an 'awful' thing. A business taboo. #litchat -1:27 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
linda1966 @emmawindsor let you know what I think in a couple of days #litchat -1:27 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LexxClarke @CDominiqueG harming/killing children #litchat -1:27 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @wendykwebb I hope we never see ads in art or books! That would really be awful, in my opinion, and disingenuous. #litchat -1:27 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan @JLichtenberg Absolutely to break the taboos, but also because it is greater art #litchat -1:27 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
woodsauce #litchat Wait, why are art and literature two separate categories? -1:27 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

Topic of the Week:

JLichtenberg @danish_novelist I agree Art does not become better because it offends, but if a writer offends, it should be on purpose #litchat -1:27 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb Not Steph. King-type horror, just creepy. Eerie. @brownies1 Creepy? RT @wendykwebb: ...And yet I wrote a creepy ghost story, so #litchat -1:27 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes RT @sandiosandi: @agnieszkasshoes @badbadbad - and it is easier to close a book than a sculpture/painting #litchat -1:28 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy @danish_novelist @JLichtenberg but what ever it is no matter how placid will offend someone somewhere! #litchat -1:28 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll #litchat Q1 tase is personal (though influenced by outside). Taboo is wider consensus across culture #litchat -1:28 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat RT @danish_novelist: We should all commit suicide on #litchat & sales will skyrocket [Yabbut, all that hassle about verification...!] -1:28 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
WritingAgain #litchat Taboos are things that make people uncomfortable, and therefore should be explored in serious fiction. -1:28 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @crazyjane13 Why Melbourne? I'm going to Melbourne later this month. Anything of literary exotique I should look for? #litchat -1:28 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi True! RT @Saffy: @danish_novelist @JLichtenberg but what ever it is no matter how placid will offend someone somewhere! #litchat -1:28 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana @wendykwebb Creepy like Sarah Waters's THE LITTLE STRANGER, yes? #litchat -1:28 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LexxClarke @Thandelike Yes indeed,1 in 4 suffer from some form of MI in their life,1 in 6 at any given time & 1 in 9 of the prison population #litchat -1:28 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @ExisleMoll you're not a fan of it are you. I spoke about tracey emin & confessional art at the conf on Monday #litchat -1:28 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @LexxClarke oohhhh a yeah, thats taboo in art or real life ... #litchat What about bathing in kids blood to stay young??? -1:29 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
brownies1 RT @WritingAgain: #litchat Taboos are things that make people uncomfortable, and therefore should be explored in serious fiction. #litchat -1:29 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar Q1 Story never as good.Just rambling to *be shocking rather than drawing us in. Some newbies think shock will generate "interest." #litchat -1:29 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan @JLichtenberg @danish_novelist Art definitely becomes better by default if it offends #litchat -1:29 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy @LexxClarke yes foolish to ignore as it allows it to continue and also makes those who suffer more isolated - big feedback loop #litchat -1:29 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg #litchat Are "you" (all of you) personally offended when a taboo of your own is broken by art you've paid money for - w/o knowing of break? -1:29 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
iamJaymes @LexxClarke thats not taboo. Hitchcock did it in Birds & he's still legendary, doing what others dare not is how legends are made. #litchat -1:29 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb That's a flattering comparison! But yes, in that same tone. @maggiedana Creepy like Sarah Waters's THE LITTLE STRANGER, yes? #litchat -1:29 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @LexxClarke What constitutes a MI in that context? Seasonal depression, or major things like schizophrenia or paranoia? #litchat -1:30 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @WritingAgain: #litchat Taboos are things that make people uncomfortable, and therefore should be explored in serious fiction. -1:30 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

ExisleMoll #litchat @agnieszkasshoes, er no. Not a fan. Without the celebrity public lifestyle, YBA would have no existence #litchat -1:30 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

AllInky #litchat Taboos come on many levels. In my home, no one mentioned that my diabeic grandmother would steal loose candy in the store! -1:30 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @badbadbad don't know: Miller & Nin accepted happily as lit. Maybe bcause not contemporary. Maybe acceptance needs distance of time #litchat -1:30 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

Thandelike @TracyClark\_TLC agree, when writer faces her own taboos she is doing her strongest work #litchat -1:30 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

sherisaid @crazyjane13 #litchat I wrote a short abt a man justifying murder of hs family in his mind as he made his getaway. creeped out writing group -1:30 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

HoodedMan JLichtenberg @danish\_novelist Both done on "purpose" or not. One should simply write or make art, and not be afraid to be censored #litchat -1:30 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

sandiosandi @JLichtenberg I'm hard to offend, esp in art - I find it engaging. makes me question why I have the taboo #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

badbadbad #litchat @JLichtenberg As a writer and reader I want to challenge and be challenged. How else do we learn, grow, better understand? -1:31 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

LexxClarke @iamJaymes maintaining a legendary status does not always mean taboos aren't explored #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

kashicat @crazyjane13 I once contemplated trying to write short story ab how s/one e/one descr'd as good person ended up 9/11 suicide bomber #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

murzee RT @LitChat Q1: How do you tell taboo from bad taste? Taboo is generally societal, taste is individual #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

ExisleMoll @JLichtenberg #litchat can honestly say I have no taboos, so can't be surprised/hoodwinked #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

sherisaid RT @badbadbad: #litchat @JLichtenberg As a writer and reader I want to challenge and be challenged. How else do we learn, grow, better understand? -1:31 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

kellylynthomas @JLichtenberg I'm not offended-it makes me uncomfortable. I love it when that happens, b/c I usually didn't realize it was taboo. #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

danish\_novelist @HoodedMan If Art becomes better by offending, it would be the easiest thing in the world to do well #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

JLichtenberg @WritingAgain comedy is best vehicle for exploring the edges of a really painful taboo? #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @AmethystGreye which brings it back to question of immediacy. Which is why the Hindley portrait so interesting. #litchat -1:31 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

CDominiqueG @LitChat I think taboo is something that exists that ppl R in denial about, uncomfy with, bad taste is lack of good judgment to me #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

HoodedMan @woodsauce Art and literature aren't two separate categories, not to me... #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

iamJaymes Only just noticed #litchat is going on xD Assumed it was a friendly out of hours chat lmao, guess the topic is taboos in writing? #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

badbadbad #litchat @agnieszkasshoes yeah, miller and nin are "classic" but annie sprinkle is not david foster wallace, etc. -1:32 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

LexxClarke @kellylynthomas In this case I'm meaning severe and enduring, something that doesn't go away of it's own accord #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

AS_King #litchat Taboo is a personal thing. I wrote a book about horrid crime/s against humans, & I get hate mail about the guy who hits his dog. -1:32 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @CarolyBurnsBass I too was in no hurry to read MAGICAL THINKING, took 15yrs to write about a death impt to me #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC @Thandelike Totally! If you aren't scaring yourself, I don't think you're going deep enough. #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll @kashicat #litchat I have written novel about genesis of homegrown suicide bomber and written about domestic suicide as well. #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi What about "The Littleist Hitler" - liking Nazis is still pretty taboo (but was a great story) #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid #litchat if it doesn't make your readers think, you've wasted your time. -1:32 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
brownies1 What if it is geared towards kids & at some point there is a thread of prior sex, violence, etc. it could be a taboo to discuss it #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @murzee What if society as a whole has bad taste? Like female genital mutilation, or killing baby girls for not being boys? #litchat -1:32 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC Self-censorship should be taboo for a writer. #litchat -1:33 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes @TracyClark_TLC I'm scared every time I approach the keyboard! #litchat -1:33 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb Re: 9/11 taboos: makes me think about how taboos are time-sensitive. What was taboo in the 1950s is tame today. #litchat -1:33 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @ExisleMoll Whereas I think confessional art has immense value. And lit. It's how we tell people they're not alone #litchat -1:33 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan @JLichtenberg I don't really consider commercial art "worthy" art... #litchat -1:33 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
badbadbad RT @TracyClark_TLC: Self-censorship should be taboo for a writer. #litchat -1:33 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @murzee: RT @LitChat Q1: How do you tell taboo from bad taste? Taboo is generally societal, taste is individual #litchat -1:33 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @danish_novelist Strongest point of GWDT is plotting. Larsson's girlfriend writing could explain long stretches of telling voice. #litchat -1:33 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll JLichtenberg comedy is best vehicle for exploring the edges of a really painful taboo? #litchat /Not necessarily.Sometimes metaphor #litchat -1:33 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @LexxClarke thanks for those mental illness stats, i will contact you later for a source! #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat @ExisleMoll In my case it wasn't the suicide that was main focus, but how "good relig man" cd become convinced 9/11 was only way #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
iamJaymes In terms of fiction there is nothing you can write that doesn't have a worse counterpart in real life, we have always done worse #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ScottNoir RT @TracyClark_TLC: If it makes me squirm while writing, then it's personally a bit taboo for me and might be for a reader. Then I KNOW it should go in #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @badbadbad yes - like it's OK to have exhibitions of 19th century photos #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @LexxClarke Ah, okay, wow, those are shocking numbers then! #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

WritingAgain RT @sherisaid: #litchat if it doesn't make your readers think, you've wasted your time. <-- Make 'em _feel_ something, and you're there. -1:34 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan @agnieszkasshoes Thank you, that's one example, yes #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy @JLichtenberg No because it was only by finding out I did have brought up prejudice that I could really look @ what they were n be 3 #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @kellylynthomas #litchat excellent point. it's not like there isn't precedence for just about any form of socially sanctioned perversion. -1:34 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LexxClarke Having recently read The 19th Wife and its inherent exploration of 'plural marriage' my eyes were opened to this hidden society #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
murzee RT @kellylynthomas: These are crimes, usually in the name of religion, not bad taste #litchat -1:34 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg #litchat A writer converses with the reader, and "plays with" ideas at edge of taboo conversationally, being sensitive to response -1:35 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
danish_novelist @kellylynthomas You could argue that society as a whole has bad taste. Did you ever read Angels & Demons??? #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Q1 I think its the perspective from which a taboo topic is written makes it acceptable, even if the topic is cringe-worthy. #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
KellyRailton Submitted short story l/w to comp about (here we go)suicide,sex,materialism and subtly Necrophilia.Think I may lose followers now. #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
thekeithbruce @woodsauce Art and literature aren't two separate categories, not to me... #litchat (via @HoodedMan)//Agreed. -1:35 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
herstorian RT @agnieszkasshoes I think confessional art has immense value. And lit. It's how we tell people they're not alone #litchat [Nicely said!] -1:35 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll #litchat @agnieszkasshoes if U can separate confessional art fm artistic living yr life in public which I believe was YBA=celebrity #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy @kellylynthomas seasonal depression can be crippling so would definatly count as a MI #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
vinyl_mike RT @TracyClark_TLC: Self-censorship should be taboo for a writer. #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
welch6331 RT @JLichtenberg: #litchat A writer converses w/ reader, & "plays w/" ideas at edge of taboo conversationally, being sensitive 2 response -1:35 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb @LexxClarke Do you get Big Love in the UK? It's about plural marriage. Watching the show, I've thought, hey, it works for them. #litchat -1:35 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg #Litchat Taboo breaking is in bad taste when the breaking is done without sensitivity to the fact that others may feel more strongly than U -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana More tea on keyboard! RT @danish_novelist:You could argue that society has bad taste. Did you ever read Angels & Demons??? #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes I absolutely agree with those who say we need to question taboos but they often fail to consider the logic of their position #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @danish_novelist No, I haven't. I do believe society as a whole has bad taste on a lot of things. The list is too long for Twitter! #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan @sandiosandi The story is the most important, yes, but in my eyes, in order to tell it, we have to offend today's narrow perception #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat RT @TwinkleChar: Q1 Story...Just rambling to *be shocking r/than drawing us in. Some newbies think shock will generate "interest." #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

Saffy @kellylynthomas it becomes an illness if it impinges on the functionality of your life #litchat severity not traits -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
welch6331 RT @WritingAgain: RT @sherisaid: #litchat if it doesn't make your readers think, you've wasted your time. -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @KellyRailton follows just to be contrary. #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll @kashicat #litchat absolutely. Know thine enemy - at least try and understand what motivates such extreme act of self-abnegation #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan @danish_novelist I don't think so #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LitChat If you have a question to pose to the chat, please send it to @LitChat w/o hashtag and I will post to the group. #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
brownies1 RT @welch6331: RT @WritingAgain: RT @sherisaid: #litchat if it doesn't make your readers think, you've wasted your time. #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes ...in many art circles censorship is the ultimate taboo. How do we question that taboo in a nuanced way? #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @kashicat sure, many taboos are criminal, and *the worst* taboos are criminal #litchat -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @thekeithbruce: @woodsauce Art and literature aren't two separate categories, not to me... #litchat (via @HoodedMan)//Agreed. -1:36 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @Saffy Yes, it can be, but it's also temporary. And there are many more mild cases than there are severe. #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
badbadbad #litchat @agnieszkasshoes right, and "porn" v. "erotica" v. capital L "Lit"/legit. I wonder how uptight about sex many still are even today. -1:37 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy @sherisaid I was always managing to creep my writing group out! #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac @LitChat Q1. On taboo subjects: I guess I am. My heroine could be called a terrorist by some definitions. #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
iamJaymes I think things in bad taste are generally those which happen for no reason, everything should have a reason in your story. #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi and how we process w/out having to experience it RT @agnieszkasshoes I think confessional art has immense value. And lit. #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb @JLichtenberg To me, bad taste is rudeness. Taboo is something like an incest love story. #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
brownies1 @AS_King - hate mail about a dog???? #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll @agnieszkasshoes How do we question that taboo in a nuanced way? #litchat Find right metaphor #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LexxClarke @wendykwebb Yes but I didn't watch it, now would have liked to! The important thing seems to be the effect on the kids not the adults #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @herstorian I was speaking at a conference about mental health in the media. There were 2 of us bipolar & one borderline speaking #litchat -1:37 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg @CarolyBurnsBass Taboo is cringe-worthy -- I like that turn of phrase. #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @Saffy that's an excellent skill though, you've done your job #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb @LexxClarke Agreed. #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

AS_King RT @danish_novelist:You could argue that society has bad taste....I would! I've seen gel-filled bras on sale for 6-9 year old girls #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @herstorian we all both write about mental health frankly and have found others' writing about it essential to coping #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
twistedjamie RT @TracyClark_TLC Self-censorship should be taboo for a writer....You are so true. I have disgusted myself but still kept it in. #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
murzee RT @maggiedana: RT @danish_novelist: society has bad taste: Angels & Demons??? [proves diff bet taboo & taste] #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @murzee But where do you draw the line between "taboo" and "crime" then? And b/c it's a crime, that doesn't preclude bad taste. #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @litchat scrolling thru tweets, counting up the taboos. see overload in my current NF book. no wonder feels like weight of world! #litchat -1:38 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
woodsauce #litchat I mean you can't really examine a trend in non-literary art or non-artistic literature because I don't think either of those exists -1:39 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi @badbadbad @agnieszkasshoes - diff btwn porn and erotica = little more than POV #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan Transgression is art, high art, and should be embraced or at least tried by all artists, one time or another #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar 1c tried 2 write story from schizophrenic POV. Had to stop, afraid I cldn't "come back." Have. schiz. in fam & freaked self out #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
herstorian RT @TracyClark_TLC If you aren't scaring yourself, I don't think youre going deep enough. #litchat [Some comfort when we're writing scared!] -1:39 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat @sherisaid That idea - understanding reasoning of person who committed crime - seems to be at least uncomfortable,if not taboo #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @HoodedMan: @JLichtenberg I don't really consider commercial art "worthy" art... #litchat == AH-HA! Commercial art is not worthy Art? -1:39 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @wendykwebb thought we started seeing product placement in novels in the late '80s? #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan When I say art i include literature. of course I do #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
brownies1 I don't think its a taboo to write about mental health. My opinion. #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MadisonWoods2 If it can't be discussed in open, but only in hushed whisper, then it must be taboo. #litchat -1:39 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @ExisleMoll I always disagree with people on Tracey Emin. I REALLY think her art is immensely valuable window 2 her & others' pain #litchat -1:40 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
AllInky #litchat Some TV, like Big Love and Dexter, make "criminals" nicer - but still no "nice" pedophiles, for example, so we still have taboos. -1:40 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb I totally get this. RT @TwinkleChar 1c tried 2 write story from schizophrenic POV. Had to stop, afraid I cldn't "come back." #litchat -1:40 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac @JLichtenberg Disagree. Art needs to test boundaries. Middle ground is safe but creatively boring. #litchat -1:40 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LexxClarke @Thandelike tell me about it!My wip is full of serious taboos! #litchat -1:40 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy RT @kellylynthomas: @murzee What if soc. as a whole has bad taste? female genital mutilation, killing baby girls 4 not being boys? #litchat -1:40 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

brownies1 In my opinion taboo subjects usually have to do with sex and/or violence with multiple people. #litchat -1:40 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat RT @danish_novelist: If Art becomes better by offending, it would be the easiest thing in the world to do well #litchat [Great point!] -1:40 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LitChat RT@ixtumea:One of my books tackles bipolar disorder & violence.Another one will deal with radical group's idea ofthe perfect woman.#litchat -1:40 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @sarahemelville yes, that's exactly what I mean. #litchat -1:40 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Kavzi #litchat u cn make a career out of hvng bn declar'd a failure. Luk at kafka. -1:40 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
AS_King @brownies1 It's the #1 complaint I get--not the genocide, the sexual assault, or domestic violence. I think that's telling! #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynntomas @HoodedMan I have to disagree. Those artists pioneered many very important techniques that are still in wide use today. #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
WritingAgain RT @niltiac: @JLichtenberg Art needs to test boundaries. Middle ground is safe but creatively boring. #litchat <-- Ab. So. Lutely -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
murzee @kellylynntomas Could argue all crime is in bad taste? #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb Paid, though? Like advertising. @Thandelike thought we started seeing product placement in novels in the late '80s? #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar @agnieszkasshoes My last bk dealt in part with family fallout after a suicide. Not written abt enough for exac. ur reasons. GO NAMI #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat @crazyjane13 I fretted that it wdn't be as difficult as U'd expect, since I'm an ex-fundamentalist. Probably too easy, for me, Heh. #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
danish_novelist It's not taboo, provocations or offending readers that turn literature into art. Art is undefinable. That's why it's so great! #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes Everyone who says "There are no taboos" & "no more censorship" is committinmg a logical fallacy & often they just don't see it! #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy RT @iamJaymes 4 fic there is nothing you can write that doesn't have a worse counterpart in real life, we have always done worse #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac @CarolyBurnsBass Interesting point but what do you make of Nabokov's Lolita? #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC @JLichtenberg I'm wondering though...how can you possibly know? You can only write authentically and without regard for reception #Litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan @JLichtenberg Not to me, no. Note that I say "worthy", in exclamation points. I'm stating my opinion #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
badbadbad exactly! @sandiosandi @agnieszkasshoes - diff btwn porn and erotica = little more than POV #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LitChat RT@ixtumea: Iso in CROSSED OUT my mc helps a murdered girl who happens to be Muslim. Mc finds out cross talismans don't work on all #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @HoodedMan: @JLichtenberg Not to me, no. Note that I say "worthy", in exclamation points. I'm stating my opinion #litchat -1:41 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LitChat RT @LizsInk: Reading: Key to Golden Firebird by Maureen Johnson ; Writing: YA historical about Charlotte Corday & 2005 Paris riots #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @badbadbad yes, it's interesting how the words are used so judgmentally #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC @twistedjamie Brave. I like that. #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

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DarlaV RT @HoodedMan: When I say art i include literature. of course I do #litchat // without a doubt. -1:42 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi RT @danish_novelist: not taboo, provocations or offending readers that turn lit into art. Art is undefinable. Thats why so great! #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @HoodedMan I believe in art for art's sake, not only for society's sake. Art I create for me won't offend, doesn't mean it's bad. #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Tamstarz I'm just lurking today. #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy @kellylynthomas it goes a way but reoccures and even if it lasts a while once in your life depression would still count #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg @HoodedMan #Litchat - you have a good opinion, one I'm familiar with and which makes sense to me. But there's more to the world of Art -1:42 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
brownies1 You are kidding? Without the dog, their is just dust. The dog is apart of your story. People. Sorry I digressed. @AS_King #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
megwaiteclayton is there any art other than literature, Darla? ;- ) #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll @agnieszkasshoes #litchat And Damien Hirst? #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac @danish_novelist Breaking taboos doesn't automatically turn something into art, but shying away from them can kill your writing. #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat @wendykwebb I suppose it would be similar to writing about Japanese pilot at Pearl Harbour. Not as taboo now as was bf. #litchat -1:42 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @wendykwebb: Paid, though? Like advertising. @Thandelike thought we started seeing product placement in novels in the late '80s? #litchat -1:43 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
herstorian RT @agnieszkasshoes @herstorian we write about mental health frankly & have found others' writing about it essential to coping #litchat -1:43 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana I once designed & typeset book about Swinging for major UK pub. Didn't offend me simply b/c it was extremely well written. #litchat -1:43 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG kids killing kids is still pretty taboo to me,Im still disturbed by the brutal murders of Simon and Piggy in Lord of the Flies #litchat -1:43 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @Saffy Right, I was mostly just trying to figure out what the numbers meant, not trying to say anything about SAD. =D #litchat -1:43 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @wendykwebb yes paid. can't remember the brands. a watch maybe. highbrow press. St Martin's? #litchat -1:43 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
AS_King Leaving #litchat due to surprise Chinese food! Woot! (for the food. not for leaving...) -1:43 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg @wendykwebb @Thandelike Product Placement in novels - like Tiger Woods meltdown, a Taboo breaker story would lose sponsor #LitChat -1:44 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi RT @niltiac: Breaking taboos doesnt automatically turn something into art, but shying away from them can kill your writing. #litchat -1:44 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Kavzi #litchat Talkng of taboo,shud a writr b true to d reality arnd hr..or shud she filtr it to as per d sensibilities of hr readrs? -1:44 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes @CDominiqueG Have you read Hunger Games? Did you find it disturbing that kids were killing kids there? #litchat -1:44 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @sherisaid now that's something, when what you write breaches a taboo held by your critique group. how to work? #litchat -1:44 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @ExisleMoll Part of Fat Les - the man's untouchable! #litchat -1:45 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

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CarolyBurnsBass @AS_King Eat some yummy noodles for me. I'm starving. #litchat -1:45 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas RT @sandiosandi: RT @danish_novelist: not taboo, provocations or offending readers that turn lit into art. Art is undefinable. Thats why so great! #litchat -1:45 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi @maggiedana there's got to be a font joke in there somewhere! #litchat -1:45 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb @Thandelike Wow. Didn't know that! #litchat -1:45 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
twistedjamie RT @TracyClark_TLC @twistedjamie Brave. I like that. #litchat .....Thank you. Everything I have written has suprised me but so pleased too -1:45 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
megwaiteclayton @Thandelike new critique group, maybe? #litchat -1:45 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac @CarolyBurnsBass It's deeply uncomfortable reading something from the perspective of a child molester, but Lolita is a great novel. #litchat -1:45 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy @kellylynthomas yeah I realised that - it's 1 of the issues with MI that cos it's so 'bad' to have no 1 admits to the milder forms #litchat -1:45 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana Will have to ponder this one. RT @sandiosandi: @maggiedana theres got to be a font joke in there somewhere! #litchat -1:45 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll @agnieszkasshoes #litchat irony is his art relies 100% on LANGUAGE to give it a context. Dead shark meaningless w/out its title #litchat -1:45 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @LiaKeyes I certainly did. But something about Lord of the flies seemed so more brutal and savage. #litchat -1:46 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @LiaKeyes what disturbed me more in the HUnger Games was how the adults exploited the kids and had them fighting #litchat -1:46 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
KellyRailton @agnieszkasshoes Totally agree - wrote a post the other week about how I preferred characters in books as more 'open'!! #litchat -1:46 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan I agree that art is or should be undefinable. That's one reason why any kind of censorship is bad #litchat -1:47 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @KellyRailton I'm way more interesting than anyone you'll lose, trust me :D #litchat -1:47 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @TracyClark_TLC #Litchat == No, U can know how readers respond b/c U feel Ur reader respond b/c U target an audience -1:47 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
danish_novelist @niltiac Sure, I agree. But shying away from characters, story telling, and great language will kill your writing even faster :- ) #litchat -1:47 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @ExisleMoll absolutely - I find the text/art interface of YBA fascinating. #litchat -1:47 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @LiaKeyes Lord of the Flies... they became pretty savage on their own. #litchat -1:47 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LexxClarke dipping your toe in?? @maggiedana: RT @sandiosandi: theres got to be a font joke in there somewhere! #litchat -1:47 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes @CDominiqueG I agree! Hunger Games wasn't realistic violence, thank goodness. Lord of The Flies was v. v. dark. Always hated it. #litchat -1:47 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC @LiaKeyes Right! Hunger Games is a great example of a taboo idea (kids killing kids) and making it a great read. #litchat -1:47 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MikellKober @CDominiqueG You might wanna stay far away from the film CITY OF GOD since you didn't FLIES. That movie is traumatic. #litchat -1:47 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

badbadbad #litchat (i'm cheating here at work... I gotta sign off. sorry to miss this) -1:48 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy what is noyeurism ? #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @KellyRailton do you have the link? #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @kashicat yeah..got me kicked right out of the group. Course they were delicate little church ladies. I didn't belong there anyway #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar Is it possible there are no taboos but rather a lack of tolerance (writer and/or reader) to explore them with depth and insight? #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan You write the story, paint the canvas, let it take you where it wanna go #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @niltiac Was he a child molester? From what I know of novel, he doesn't force himself on her. Rather, he seduces with her consent. #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @kashicat lol ... I loved Lord of the Flies... though @HikiMadwoman is right Piggy was kind of whiny and annoying #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll @agnieszkasshoes @ExisleMoll absolutely -I find the text/art interface of YBA fascinating. #litchat I find it lamentable I'm afraid #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg #LitChat anthropologists know that all societies have "public" and "private" behaviors. Public taboo is not Private taboo -1:48 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @Thandelike it did not end well...but they were too nice for me anyway. #litchat -1:48 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana Taboo subjects more acceptable if extremely well-written. If not, book takes flying lessons. #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan But art is never done in a vacuum. The society where it is made will always be important #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac #litchat I don't like books that treat taboos as titillation, eg. recurring incest theme in Flowers in Attic & other V.C. Andrews books. -1:49 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @Saffy I think that the taboo on mental illnesses is slowly being lifted, though. A lot more of my friends seek counseling than bf. #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes @CDominiqueG Yes, the adults condoned violent system by not rising up to protest it. Felt v. unrealistic to me. #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
megwaiteclayton @CarolyBurnsBass definitely child molester. how does a child consent? #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @EilidhMacInnes I was only saying it doesn't make sense to say art should break taboos whilst holding one shouldn't censor #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @maggiedana: Taboo subjects more acceptable if extremely well-written. If not, book takes flying lessons. #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @MikellKober I did watch that!!! And I was like :- . Have you watched An American Crime though? I was more disturbed by that #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @crazyjane13 it really was, too bad I can't find a copy. dammit. #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LexxClarke @Saffy damn typos..... #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
InvasiveNotes RT @HoodedMan: I agree that art is or should be undefinable. That's one reason why any kind of censorship is bad #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan And when that society is actively oppressing a wide range of art our task becomes clear #litchat -1:49 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

JLichtenberg RT @HoodedMan: But art is never done in a vacuum. The society where it is made will always be important #litchat -1:50 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @TwinkleChar Isn't a lack of tolerance what makes it a taboo in the first place? #litchat -1:50 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
nitewanderer @JLichtenberg A counterexample to that might be FEAR OF FLYING. :) #litchat -1:50 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes RT @JLichtenberg: Anthropologists know all societies have "public" and "private" behaviors. Public taboo is not Private taboo #litchat -1:50 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana Gratuitous sex and violence = taboo. #litchat -1:50 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Kavzi #litchat one person's #taboo is anthr persn's liberty and yt anthr's reality. -1:50 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @LiaKeyes yes yes, But Hunger Games really does present a realistic problem, when parents exploit children for glory #litchat -1:50 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy @kellylynthomas when I was at uni everyone was worried about being accused of jumping on the mental health band wagon :/ #litchat -1:50 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MikellKober If nothing should be taboo, what about staging Seung-Hui Cho's plays (V. Tech shooter)? How does situation influence censorship? #litchat -1:50 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan Transgression is a good, worthy thing in itself. In a tyranny, like we have today it becomes even more crucial #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @niltiac Not that seducing a young girl is right. There is a pedophilic sickness to seducing children. #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes True! RT @CDominiqueG: @LiaKeyes But Hunger Games really does present a realistic problem, when parents exploit children for glory #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll @maggiedana Gratuitous sex and violence = taboo. #litchat/ Not sure that's true. In real life it's anathema, in art? Less so #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @LiaKeyes its like the little Miss Pageants where they breed little girls as living dolls... for something to brag about #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb Another different type of taboo: I'd never write about a famous friend's infidelity/bad behavior. #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
brownies1 RT @Kavzi: #litchat one persons #taboo is anthr persns liberty and yt anthrs reality. #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
mokkikunta RT @HoodedMan: Transgression is a good, worthy thing in itself. In a tyranny, like we have today it becomes even more crucial #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
herstorian Have to take off. Thanks for the great chat, everyone! #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
brownies1 RT @maggiedana: Gratuitous sex and violence = taboo. #litchat -1:51 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
IanB022 @CarolyBurnsBass Interesting, she certainly leads him on and also he knows he's wrong. But that's part of why it works #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
KellyRailton @agnieszkasshoes Absolutely - link re preferring 'openness' of characters to real people here...! <a href="http://www.kellyrailton.com/?p=162">http://www.kellyrailton.com/?p=162</a> #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar @kellylynthomas Dunno for sure. That's the discussion. #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
brownies1 RT @wendykwebb: Another different type of taboo: Id never write about a famous friends infidelity/bad behavior. #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
thekeithbruce Every story has its audience. Your taboo is my literary masterpiece. The only person you owe anything to is the story itself. #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

niltiac @CarolyBurnsBass That goes to heart of novel. Aside from her age, remember it's a first-person narrator who may not be trustworthy. #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg #LitChat does all taboo breaking have to be "dark?" -1:52 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @ExisleMoll maybe the way it was handled - but the way objects and descriptions interact in itself is fascinating lto me anyway) #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeys @CDominiqueG Little Miss Pageants curdle my stomach. #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
InvasiveNotes RT @HoodedMan: And when that society is actively oppressing a wide range of art our task becomes clear #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll @wendykwebb #litchat not sure yr example re friend is taboo. More about not endangering yr friendship #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan RT @thekeithbruce: Every story has its audience. Your taboo is my literary masterpiece. The only person you owe anything to is the story itself. #litchat -1:52 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
SinsoftheEldest RT @badbadbad: #litchat @JLichtenberg As a writer and reader I want to challenge and be challenged. How else do we learn, grow, better understand? -1:52 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
SinsoftheEldest RT @TracyClark_TLC: Self-censorship should be taboo for a writer. #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar @annodcullen That's the thing: I wasn't joking. Am participating in discussion at #litchat on "taboos" -1:53 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
SinsoftheEldest RT @badbadbad: #litchat @agnieszkasshoes right, and "porn" v. "erotica" v. capital L "Lit"/legit. I wonder how uptight about sex many still are even today. -1:53 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @MikellKober The question to ask is what would audience get out of staging those plays? Do they have lit value? or just his fantasy?#litchat -1:53 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg #LitChat I think what @HoodedMan is talking about is breaking a taboo wall that keeps LIGHT out of the society -1:53 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana RT @LiaKeys: @CDominiqueG Little Miss Pageants curdle my stomach. #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
wendykwebb Agreed. It's more of a personal taboo. Something that's off limits to me. @ExisleMoll #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass If LOLITA had been written today, would the seduction of underage girl have found a publisher? @niltiac #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeys Is intelligence taboo? Feels like it sometimes... #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
BillNigh RT @InvasiveNotes: RT @HoodedMan: "I agree that art ..censorship is bad" #litchat ~ Gov't subsidizing it is another discussion, tho. -1:53 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
SinsoftheEldest RT @badbadbad: exactly! @sandiosandi @agnieszkasshoes - diff btwn porn and erotica = little more than POV #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @EilidhMacInnes oh dear - betraying the fact I did my postgrad philosophy in the late 90s I feel :) #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @LiaKeys I think it will be interesting to see where the author carries the series #litchat -1:53 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @ExisleMoll I think "telling" is def. taboo--hence nickname "tattle tale" No one wants to be called a tattle tale. #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac @IanB022 Also that it's a first-person narrator. We only know what he tells us. He says that she leads him on. Heard that before! #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas RT @LiaKeys: Is intelligence taboo? Feels like it sometimes... #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

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MikellKober @CDominiqueG Was it a recent event? I might have read about it in the paper. Isn't it sad though that there could be more than 1? #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana Good question! RT @LiaKeyes: Is intelligence taboo? Feels like it sometimes... #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @maggiedana @LiaKeyes now see what's taboo is talking about how those parents are really destroying those kids #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @maggiedana i'd agree, taboo topics need to be EXTRA well-written and perhaps *under*written #litchat -1:54 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sandiosandi Only if Jms Pttrson wrote it RT @CarolyBurnsBass: If LOLITA today, would the seduction of underage girl have found a publisher? #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan @JLichtenberg Not really, anything that keep the rainbow, all range of human emotion out of society #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat Not sure gratuitous sex & violence=taboo. S/times sex/violence might be integral to plot, but still regarded as taboo #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @crazyjane13 this was written before I had a computer...about 20 years ago. on real paper, in longhand. yeah, I know, right? #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll @kellylynthomas @ExisleMoll I think "telling" is def. taboo/ is that actually a taboo? More like peer pressure #litchat #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
brownies1 Under written??? @Thandelike: @maggiedana id agree, taboo topics need to be EXTRA well-written and perhaps *under*written #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana RT @Thandelike: @maggiedana id agree, taboo topics need to be EXTRA well-written and perhaps *under*written #litchat -1:55 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @HoodedMan but if art censorship is bad & it's good to transgress, then censorship has become the taboo & you should...#litchat -1:55 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg #LitChat are taboos the society's version of a person's neuroses? When we "break" taboo, we cure a social neurosis? -1:55 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas Hahahahahaha!! RT@sandiosandi Only if James Patterson wrote it RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Would Lolita find a publisher today? #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MikellKober @kellylynthomas Haven't read them but could give interesting perspective on murderer's mind set. But is it worth it? #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
KellyRailton @LiaKeyes totally agree. Fashionable to be vacuous... #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @HoodedMan transgress it by acting censoriously? #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan Cut a piece out of the painting, and it's no longer the same painting, but a lesser version of it #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy  The term 'over acheiver' says it all :/ RT @kellylynthomas: RT @LiaKeyes: Is intelligence taboo? Feels like it sometimes... #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LitChat What exactly is "noyeurism"? Google is light on that topic. @LexxClarke #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @JLichtenberg: #LitChat are taboos the societys version of a persons neuroses? When we "break" taboo, we cure a social neurosis? #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @nitewanderer: @JLichtenberg A counterexample to that might be FEAR OF FLYING. :) #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat RT @CarolyBurnsBass: If LOLITA had been written today, wd seduction of underage girl have found a publisher? @niltiac #litchat [I bet not] -1:56 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

Topic of the Week:

niltiac @CarolyBurnsBass I don't know. It's a complex, multi-layered book. He's not WRITTEN as a sympathetic protagonist. #litchat -1:56 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @MikellKober it is sad and I think it was in the fifties that this happened, with what kids are exposed to now, its proolly worse #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
SusanCushman RT @danish_novelist: It's not taboo, provocations or offending readers that turn literature into art. Art is undefinable. That's why it's so great! #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @HoodedMan: @JLichtenberg Not really, anything that keep the rainbow, all range of human emotion out of society #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LexxClarke @LitChat yeah ok thanks for that lol noyeurism = voyeurism..... #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @MikellKober and you're right, its proolly happening to more young people than we know about. #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana Google is a voyeur. RT @LitChat: What exactly is "noyeurism"? Google is light on that topic. #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan @agnieszkasshoes that was too metaphysical for me... #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
thekeithbruce Are taboos the societies version of a person's neuroses? When we "break" taboo, we cure a social neurosis? #litchat (via @JLichtenberg) -1:57 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @EilidhMacInnes yes, the book I'm reading about Ginsberg spends a long time praising his anti-postmodernity #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @maggiedana: Good question! RT @LiaKeyes: Is intelligence taboo? Feels like it sometimes... #litchat -1:57 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll I give you Dexter, a morally favoured serial killer... Taboo has no meaning in our atomised society & sundered morality #litchat #litchat -1:58 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @LexxClarke lol #litchat thought that was a cute typo BTW -1:58 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
shersaid @sandiosandi @CarolyBurnsBass Lolita would seem tame by today's standards. #litchat -1:58 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
danish_novelist We should realize that great literature is undefinable, but maybe it's taboo for us not to define everything? #litchat -1:58 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @EilidhMacInnes we've spent a lot of time at Year Zero discussing resurgence of Modernism & art as transparent confessional truth #litchat -1:58 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac Is exploring a taboo subject the same as breaking a taboo? #litchat -1:58 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
thekeithbruce Cut a piece out of the painting, and it's no longer the same painting, but a lesser version of it #litchat (via @HoodedMan)// Amen! (Taboo?) -1:58 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Pyerse @CDominiqueG argeed, kids are exposed to some serious crap #litchat -1:59 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MikellKober Great chat! Gotta get some things done... happy tweet chatting! #litchat -1:59 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @niltiac: Aha! If he's not written as sympathetic protag, that supports my idea that perspective is what de-taboos a topic. #litchat -1:59 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy That's the sort of thing that keeps me awake at night ;) RT @HoodedMan: @agnieszkasshoes that was too metaphysical for me... #litchat -1:59 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes @KellyRailton Why is it fashionable to be vacuous? Why do people fear intelligence? #litchat -1:59 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike RT @niltiac: Is exploring a taboo subject the same as breaking a taboo? #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

niltiac A lot of people have a lot of opinions about Lolita without having actually read Nabokov's book. It's complex and multi-layered. #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll RT @LiaKeyes: @KellyRailton Why is it fashionable to be vacuous? Why do people fear intelligence? #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @EilidhMacInnes I guess we have got 2 a stage where the artist puts a urinal in a gallery and uses it as a urinal #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @TwinkleChar: @annodcullen That's the thing: I wasn't joking. Am participating in discussion at #litchat on "taboos" -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
crazyjane13 @LitChat I suspect it's a fetish involving simulated drowning, or at least immersion in water. #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @LiaKeyes intelligence makes you elite & therefore suspect. #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana Seems only fashionable for girls, not boys. RT @LiaKeyes: Why is it fashionable to be vacuous? Why do people fear intelligence? #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @Pyerse I know right #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat RT @niltiac: Is exploring a taboo subject the same as breaking a taboo? #litchat [I think that's a good distinction. Not the same things.] -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
thekeithbruce I give you Dexter, a morally favored serial killer. Taboo has no meaning in our atomized society & sundered morality #litchat via @ExisleMoll -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
IanB022 @niltiac: Is exploring a taboo subject the same as breaking a taboo? #litchat The very nature of taboo is it's not discussed, so yes -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @ExisleMoll: RT @LiaKeyes: @KellyRailton Why is it fashionable to be vacuous? Why do people fear intelligence? #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @EilidhMacInnes Should I call you Pangloss? #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac @CarolyBurnsBass He's still first person and we're still only told his version of events. I think it's more complicated than that. #litchat -2:00 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
crazyjane13 @kashicat Absolutely - it would be INCREDIBLY hard to get Lolita published today. Yet American Psycho is *still* around. #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana @agnieszkasshoes Nothing interesting about watching a guy pee. Art it is not. #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @Thandelike: RT @niltiac: Is exploring a taboo subject the same as breaking a taboo? #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG RT @sherisaid: @LiaKeyes intelligence makes you elite & therefore suspect. #litchat/// I agree -2:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac @CarolyBurnsBass Maybe so, but I think you would get a lot out of reading it. #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas @niltiac No, I don't think so. (re: exploring taboo v. breaking taboo) Talking about taboo topics can also be taboo, but not always #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @megwaiteclayton hi meg! absolutely, when your material freaks out your critique group you're done there #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @crazyjane13 I predate computers by a few decades, but writing longhand is too damn slow! #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll @LiaKeyes I think people R lazy & don't want effort of working for their art any more. eg let drugs/alcohol do the work 4U #litchat #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

TwinkleChar Summer of '42. Certainly "taboo" but not generally received that way because of presentation. #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @Saffy @HoodedMan apologies - too much Modernist adrenalin in advance of tomorrow night's reading :) #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @maggiedana lol ... that may not be so far from the truth, as more women seem to be about intelligence than young men nowadays #litchat -2:01 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan @thekeithbruce It's a metaphor, illustration for censorship I use. Change the text in a book and so on #litchat -2:02 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes RT @maggiedana: Seems only fashionable for girls, not boys. RT @LiaKeyes: Y is it fashionable to be vacuous? Y fear intelligence? #litchat -2:02 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana US suspicious of elites? RT @CDominiqueG: RT @sherisaid: @LiaKeyes intelligence makes you elite & therefore suspect. #litchat -2:02 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes RT @CDominiqueG: RT @sherisaid: @LiaKeyes intelligence makes you elite & therefore suspect. #litchat/// I agree #litchat -2:02 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac @IanB022 Nothing in definition of "taboo" to say that it's something that's not discussed. Just proscribed behaviour. #litchat -2:02 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @maggiedana Oops. Sounds bad out of context! We were talking about how postmodernism has come full circle #litchat -2:02 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @ExisleMoll Dexter.Good example. I think concept of Dexter is flawed. If he is able to channel his impulses, he could control them. #litchat -2:02 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana LOVE that film. RT @TwinkleChar: Summer of 42. Certainly "taboo" but not generally received that way because of presentation. #litchat -2:02 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan Tyranny always blame art when something go sour, diverting from the true issue #litchat -2:03 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes Does talk of The Family, TriLateral Commission and Skull and Bones create fear of elitism, and therefore of intelligence? #litchat -2:03 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac RT @kellylynnthomas: @niltiac No, I don't think so. (re: exploring taboo v. breaking taboo) Talking about taboo topics can also be taboo, but not always #litchat -2:03 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @maggiedana & we are back before Duchamp - in a position where (like you say) a urinal is NOT art. It's a urinal #litchat -2:03 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
KellyRailton @JLichtenberg @ExisleMoll @LiaKeyes Wish I knew! Fear of what is not 'populist'? Re Why do people fear intelligence? #litchat -2:03 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JM_Kelley @crazyjane13 Would Lolita even be relevant anymore in such a sexually aggressive teen world? #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar Taught at Young Authors conf.. 8th grader read her fic. story out loud--totally about incest. Cry for help? #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat RT @IanB022: #litchat The very nature of taboo is it's not discussed, so yes [2 taboos maybe?Taboo of doing thing itself & taboo of talking? -2:04 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes @KellyRailton So it's the fear of the 'Otherness' of intelligence that creates suspicion of it? #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @niltiac Have let LOLITA slip by too long. Will put on my soon-to-be-read list. Thanks. #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac @ajbuntine I meant in literature. Eg. I think Jodi Picoult explores taboos but doesn't them. Her books are always multi-sided. #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

maggiedana @LiaKeyes Average person doesn't know about The Family or Yale's Skull and Bones. Elitism is fanned by right-wing media. #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @maggiedana @LiaKeyes also think some writers may feel that intelligent characters + a degree of difficulty to following a story #litchat -2:04 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll LiaKeyes #litchat Hedonism the enemy of intelligence. & pple R more (desultorily) hedonistic these days.What is nature of pleasure? #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @EilidhMacInnes Catch you later! #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @maggiedana LOL! imagine. #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan Tyranny always blames art when something go sour, diverting from the true issue #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg @LiaKeyes Maybe Intelligence is fearsome b/c it can be a weapon the dull-witted can't see coming? #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @TwinkleChar usually it is, or she has a great imagination #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC @TwinkleChar Yikes. Write what you know? Could be... #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes RT @ExisleMoll: LiaKeyes #litchat Hedonism the enemy of intelligence. & pple R more (desultorily) hedonistic these days. #litchat -2:05 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynnthomas @ExisleMoll Probably interesting to a psychologist, but I kind of doubt a trad. literary audience would get much. Would depend. #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @JLichtenberg yep product placement dependent to a degree on general feel of material. if repellent, who wants their product there? #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan Tyranny always blames art when something goes sour, diverting from the true issue #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
IanB022 RT @kashicat: #litchat 2 taboos maybe?Taboo of doing thing itself & taboo of talking?- Precisely -2:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
InvasiveNotes RT @HoodedMan: Tyranny always blame art when something go sour, diverting from the true issue #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LitChat Q2 fm LexxClarke: Given the current crop of 'reality tv' does this mean that noyeurism has gone from taboo to acceptable? #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC I would like to have champagne now at 2:06. Is that taboo? :-) #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll @LiaKeye #litchat There's always been 'otherness' can only be worse now if more divergence due to dumbing down #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG with the advent of the show Big Love, polygamy is still a taboo... also sleeping around #litchat -2:06 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynnthomas @MikellKober Like, if it's a bad play and just his twisted fantasy, not worth it. If a good play, very well could be worth it. #litchat -2:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana Hold out your glass. RT @TracyClark_TLC: I would like to have champagne now at 2:06. Is that taboo? :-) #litchat -2:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac @CarolyBurnsBass How old do you imagine Lolita to be in the book? #litchat -2:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynnthomas @MikellKober I think ultimately information has to be free, and censorship is not good for anyone. #litchat -2:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

Thandelike @litchat thanks for the chat, all! clearly huge and fertile topic. #litchat -2:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg @ExisleMoll #LitChat The nature of pleasure? In some cultures pleasure itself is taboo to speak of and to experience! -2:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kellylynthomas Okay, time for me to go walk my puppies, thanks for a really interesting #litchat, everyone! -2:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes @LiaKeyes The Greeks and Romans were hedonistic, but great flights of imagination occurred at the heights of their empires. #litchat -2:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes What an amazing #litchat took me via incest thru Fat Les to a world after Duchamp that's really before Duchamp. Marvellous!!Thanks @litchat -2:07 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat @LiaKeyes The shame is that such large % of population feels intelligence is "Other." #litchat Failure of schools/political climate. -2:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana @Thandelike Good to see you again. Must be a bit late where you are. #litchat -2:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar Not if you share. RT @TracyClark_TLC: I would like to have champagne now at 2:06. Is that taboo? :- ) #litchat -2:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat @IanB022 But that means you cd break taboo about *talking* but not break taboo itself, that you're talking *about* #litchat -2:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
KellyRailton @LiaKeyes I think so...of what is not understood by everyone... #litchat -2:08 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll Most cultures! Dionysian pleasures taboo @RT JLichtenberg #LitChat In some cultures pleasure itself is taboo to experience! #litchat -2:09 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac Confronting thing about first-person narration in Lolita is that it makes you naturally want to like and identify with protagonist. #litchat -2:09 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HeatherMcCorkle In this day and age nothing and everything is taboo. Anything is bound to offend someone. Nowadays that seems to be the focus. #litchat -2:09 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes @ExisleMoll Does the dumbing down and the 'otherness' of intelligence play into the hands of the elitism peeps r suspicious of? #litchat -2:09 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JSLion Fascinating Topic. Thanks #litchat. -2:09 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
danish_novelist @LiaKeyes I often wonder why the right wingers are suspicious of intellectuals. Then again, maybe it's not that strange? #litchat -2:09 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat RT @maggiedana: Elitism is fanned by right-wing media. #litchat [BINGO!!!] -2:09 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg @LiaKeyes #Litchat No, not fear of "Otherness" of Intelligence, but of the power of knowledge, and how fast knowledge is acquired -2:09 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @kashicat @LiaKeyes #litchat the bell curve shows fairly clearly that intelligent people are outnumbered. in a big way. -2:09 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike @maggiedana midnight Maggie. i am rarely at my desk this time. making #litchat today was great luck. take care! -2:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @kashicat I think they do that so they can stay complacent and not seek to extend their own knowledge #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll @LiaKeyes #litchat probably, but we need 2 think about raising everyone's intelligence #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LitChat Posed Q2 for those who like to linger past our 1-hour chat. If you need to scoot, you won't get a failing grade for not answering. #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

LiaKeyes For me, nothing is taboo in literature. In books we explore vicariously, see drawbacks and pull back from exploring in reality. #litchat -2:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
amgamble Intelligence also distances you from the crowd: untouchable. #litchat @LiaKeyes @sherisaid -2:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JSLion RT @HeatherMcCorkle: In this day and age nothing and everything is taboo. Anything is bound to offend someone. #litchat I Agree. -2:10 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LitChat Thanks everyone who chatted today from the UK, Turkey, Australia, and other parts of this wonderful global community. #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat @sherisaid Is that due to innate ability, do you think, or lack of good education? #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC Poking fun at death and dwarves seems like a taboo but when there's truth and humor in it, it works. Thinking of Going Bovine...#litchat -2:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll For me personally nothing is taboo. Will write/discuss anything. Of course not same as acting it out in real life #litchat #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac @CarolyBurnsBass No worries! Glad to inspire. I have project to read top 100 books of 20th century. Must resume: <a href="http://is.gd/7DZ6N">http://is.gd/7DZ6N</a> #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes @amgamble Only if the crowd is dim-witted. In Elizabethan times, wits were lauded. #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @danish_novelist I read somewhere that dems are the top & the bottom of the bell curve and reps are mostly the middle. C students #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
latta @lexclarke @litchat "noyeurism" = "nerd voyeurism." :) #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy Knowledge gets mistaken as intelligence and until recently was the preserve of the elite #litchat but knowledge is not intelligence -2:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
maggiedana @LitChat I just DM'd you a question for Friday. #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac RT @LiaKeyes: For me, nothing is taboo in literature. In books we explore vicariously, see drawbacks and pull back from exploring in reality. #litchat -2:11 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @ExisleMoll: @LiaKeyes #litchat probably, but we need 2 think about raising everyone's intelligence #litchat -2:12 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
IanB022 @kashicat: Surely you're breaking part of a taboo just by bringing it into the light? #litchat -2:12 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @sherisaid: @kashicat @LiaKeyes #litchat the bell curve shows fairly clearly that intelligent people are outnumbered. in a big way. -2:12 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JSLion @LiaKeyes I agree. Nothing should be taboo. Good writing will get sold or transmitted, regardless. #litchat -2:12 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes RT @Saffy: Knowledge gets mistaken as intelligence & until recently was preserve of the elite, but knowledge is not intelligence #litchat -2:12 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy That is why internet in low income households that is not restricted is so important #litchat -2:12 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
IanB022 @LitChat Got to go my battery's about to run out! #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @TracyClark_TLC Poking fun of death and dwarves? You really must read THE TSAR'S DWARF by @danish_novelist. #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @Sorica2001 think incest will always be taboo #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll embryo addicted in utero, suicide bomber, teenage stabbings, (illustrated)autopsies, Khmer Rouge -all things I've written #litchat #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

Topic of the Week:

TracyClark_TLC @JLichtenberg @LiaKeyes Right! And I never like to have a battle of wits with an unarmed opponent! #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll RT @LiaKeyes: Knowledge gets mistaken as intelligence & until recently was preserve of the elite, but knowledge is not intelligence #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
thekeithbruce For me personally nothing is taboo. Will write/discuss anything. Of course not same as acting it out in real life #litchat (via @ExisleMoll) -2:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac @CarolyBurnsBass I'd always imagined Lolita character to be about 16, maybe 14 at youngest. She's 12 at start of novel. #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JSLion @latta I resemble that remark... #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Allinky #litchat In writing, individuals represent society. Characters with taboos likely aren't "writing what you know," hard to add veracity. -2:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
danish_novelist @shersaid In ANY country, not just the US, the right is suspicious of thinkers & artists. The answer to that might be ... nuance? #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes @LiaKeyes We live in the Information Age, but we fear intelligence. What's that about? #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat I think difference re: intelligence is that it used to be regarded as something to aspire to. Now people proud of ignorance #litchat -2:13 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @kashicat: RT @maggiedana: Elitism is fanned by ... #litchat ==>Aha! That's why Taboos exist! To prevent "fanning by" -2:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG ok everyone I have a class, it was great chatting, perhaps we will play catch up later :-D #litchat -2:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac @CarolyBurnsBass I read Lolita and then followed up with Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi. Interesting. #litchat -2:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JSLion RT @Saffy: Knowledge gets mistaken as intelligence and until recently was the preserve of the elite #litchat but knowledge is not intelligence -2:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes LOL RT @TracyClark_TLC: @JLichtenberg @LiaKeyes Right! And I never like to have a battle of wits with an unarmed opponent! #litchat -2:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
latta @litchat incest, pederasty, homosexuality in wip. Naturally i'm writing abt catholic church. #litchat -2:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy @agnieszkasshoes :) hope it goes well - how was the conf? #litchat -2:14 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @kashicat: ... intelligence used to be regarded as something to aspire to. Now people proud of ignorance #litchat -2:15 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat RT @danish_novelist: @LiaKeyes Right-wingers can gain/keep power more easily if their followers are kept uninformed or uneducated. #litchat -2:15 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
shersaid @kashicat hard to say. Many people rise far above their innate intelligence & many geniuses have no focus, making high IQ useless #litchat -2:15 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC RT @LiaKeyes: nthng is taboo in literature. In books we explore vicariously, see drawbacks and pull back from exploring in reality. #litchat -2:15 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Sorica2001 @CDominiqueG not to mention detrimental to the gene pool #litchat -2:15 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JSLion @kashicat I don't agree. not proud of ignorance, skeptical of 'self important intelligence' that has no common sense. #litchat -2:15 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan Information isn't knowledge and knowledge isn't understanding and understanding isn't awareness, isn't wisdom #litchat -2:16 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

ExisleMoll right/left wing makes no odds. No politicians really want any public discourse on anything. #litchat #litchat -2:16 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @niltiac Yes! READING LOLITA IN TEHRAN would be an excellent follow-up. *Adding another book to my list.* #litchat -2:16 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll IQ tests only test how good you are at doing IQ tests... They are culturally biased as well #litchat #litchat -2:16 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Thandelike excellent #litchat tonight on the topic of taboo in literature. check it out thru Twitter search. -2:17 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LexxClarke I bid you all adieu for the evening while I ponder the mass-murdering incestuous psychopaths in my wip...;o) #litchat -2:17 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherasaid @kashicat I'm not sure intelligence testing can adequately determine real brainpower (or lack of). #litchat -2:17 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MadisonWoods2 @kashicat it seems some men are not attracted to intelligent women, therefore some women assume 'vapidness' to become attractive. #litchat -2:17 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @HoodedMan: Information isn't knowledge and knowledge isn't understanding and understanding isn't awareness, isn't wisdom #litchat -2:17 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TracyClark_TLC @CarolyBurnsBass I'll have to check it out. Thanks! #litchat -2:17 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat @JSLion I prob'ly encounter a diff right-wing crowd, then. Ones I know are contemptuous of evidence & thought. #litchat -2:17 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @niltiac All this talk about LOLITA reminds me that I did read GIGI by Colette way back in college. Culture is an issue there. #litchat -2:18 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
niltiac RT @Thandelike: excellent #litchat tonight on the topic of taboo in literature. check it out thru Twitter search. -2:18 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
danish_novelist @CarolyBurnsBass I hope I don't poke fun at dwarves??? But death, sure. Death needs satire and a kick in the groin #litchat -2:18 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JSLion @HoodedMan re: knowledge, information, wisdom. I agree, but Wisdom requires Information, knowledge, understanding and awareness #litchat -2:18 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat @MadisonWoods2 I believe that! A "counsellor" once told me never to let a man know how smart I was.I decided I'd rather stay single.#litchat -2:18 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
rosedeniz Missed #litchat and looks like it was a good one RT @Thandelike @TracyClark_TLC when writer faces her own taboos she does her strongest work -2:18 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy Intelligence, Knowledge, Wisdom <a href="http://bit.ly/9tEMOA">http://bit.ly/9tEMOA</a> #litchat -2:18 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
nitewanderer @JLichtenberg Anyone can have information now. The internet is a super-villian factory. It's what you *do* with it that matters. #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
TwinkleChar Back to cleaning, which should be a taboo! Thanks everyone. Rockin' good today. #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
Saffy RT @HoodedMan: Information isn't knowledge and knowledge isn't understanding and understanding isn't awareness, isn't wisdom #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherasaid @danish_novelist I think most people assume that intelligence = arrogance...and nobody likes feeling stupid. except me perhaps. #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MadisonWoods2 @JSLion i don't think wisdom requires info or knowledge, but the willingness to seek what is lacking to gain understanding. #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg #LitChat Intelligence is the ability to acquire Knowledge: Wisdom is the ability to choose which Knowledge to acquire? -2:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

LiaKeyes @MadisonWoods2 The irony is that the men worth having WANT an equal to talk to, and share with. #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
latta @litchat i was kidding abt the church. Sort of. My period is primarily late 16thc-early 17thc england @jslion #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @danish_novelist personally, I love the company of more intelligent/experienced people and will gladly shut up and learn. #litchat -2:19 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JSLion @kashicat I think it depends how evidence is presented. BUT - from @TeeMonster, you can't fix stupid. #litchat -2:20 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
MadisonWoods2 @LiaKeyes agreed. #litchat -2:20 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan @sandiosandi @DarlaV @BillNigh @thekeithbruce @Saffy @agnieszkasshoes @InvasiveNotes @jterzieff @JLichtenberg #writerwednesday & #litchat -2:20 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @amgamble well...I'm better able to think during a crisis, so if the building's on fire, I'm a good person to follow. #litchat -2:20 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg @nitewanderer ... It's what you *do* with it that matters. #litchat ==>Yes, I totally agree. Deeds speak loudly. -2:21 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
HoodedMan @JSLion but many people take one or two shortcuts... #litchat -2:21 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass RT @CarolyBurnsBass: @danish_novelist You don't poke fun at dwarves, but Sorine certainly does with her outspoken dislike of them. #litchat -2:21 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes RT @JLichtenberg: Intelligence is the ability to acquire Knowledge: Wisdom is the ability to choose which Knowledge to acquire? #litchat -2:21 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat @sherisaid I don't even think of "intelligence testing," really. I consider intelligence a learning attitude, more. Respect for it. #litchat -2:21 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG @ExisleMoll the first sounds pretty interesting #litchat in utero addiction -2:21 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
LiaKeyes The emerging hot trend in internet jobs: Information Curators. How taboo can THAT go? #litchat -2:22 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat @danish_novelist Alas, I think nuance just flies right over right-wingers' heads(I say this from knowledge, from v. right-wing fam) #litchat -2:22 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JSLion @MadisonWoods2 Need to think about that one. Wisdom requires enough knowledge to know you don't know. AND willingness to learn. #litchat -2:22 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
CDominiqueG ok im really gone now, everyone have a good one #litchat -2:23 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
sherisaid @kashicat coupled with the ability to reason. If you can't put two and two together, you're just regurgitating, not learning. #litchat -2:23 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JSLion @HoodedMan B ut the shortcuts never work well. I KNOW that. #litchat -2:23 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat RT @sherisaid: personally, I love the company of more intelligent/experienced people and will gladly shut up and learn. #litchat [YES!!] -2:24 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
ExisleMoll Tx it was piece of physical theatre I wrote yrs ago @CDominiqueG @ExisleMoll sounds pretty interesting #litchat in utero addiction #litchat -2:24 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
JLichtenberg @kashicat: @JSLion Contempt of anything may just be a form of defense against breaking a taboo. #litchat -2:24 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
danish_novelist @CarolyBurnsBass Sure, my main character in The Tsars Dwarf pokes fun at most things. Thanks for all the nice words about it #litchat -2:24 PM Feb 3rd, 2010
kashicat @HoodedMan I didn't agree with most of what you said, but I really enjoyed the discussion. :- ) #litchat -2:24 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

JLichtenberg @HoodedMan Thx for #writerwednesday and same back at you! Very stirring #Litchat today -2:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

kashicat @MadisonWoods2 I always thought, "Any man threatened by my brains isn't worth my time anyway." :- ) #litchat -2:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

JSLion @kashicat Even Jesus talked about not throwing pearls in front of swine, they would just be trampled. #litchat -2:25 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

LitChat Thanks everyone for making today's chat sizzle. Many new voices in the chat--welcome to all of you. #litchat -2:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010

LitChat Hope you'll return Friday for guest host @elissastein, author of FLOW, THE CULTURAL HISTORY OF MENSTRUATION. #litchat -2:26 PM Feb 3rd, 2010