



LitChat March 19, 2010

Topic of the Week: Generational Crimes & Curses

Guest Host: Kristin Bair O'Keeffe, author

Guest host: @kbairokeeffe

LitChat Are you THIRSTY for some good book talk? Join us in 15 minutes with @KBairOkeeffe, joining us in #litchat from 4-5pmET. -12:46 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe My left foot is sleeping (as it shld be at 3:54am #Shanghai time). The rest of me is awake & guesthosting #litchat in 6 min. #litchat -12:54 PM Mar 19th, 2010

ficwriter @kbairokeeffe It's so good to see you. I reread Thirsty and enjoyed it even more the second time. #litchat -12:56 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @ficwriter Thank u! That is great to hear. Good to see you, too. #litchat -12:58 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs A high 5 greeting to @LitChat @kbairokeeffe. I'm here to bother you and @ficwriter :-)) Looking forward to convo #litchat -12:58 PM Mar 19th, 2010

LitChat It's Friday guest author day in #litchat. We're have @KBairOkeeffe in the salon with us today all the way from Shanghai. Join us! -12:59 PM Mar 19th, 2010

omara_croft Hi all--Brian O'Mara-Croft, Lost in the Hive (humorous NF essays) <http://lostinthehive.blogspot.com> #litchat -12:59 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @DebraMarrs A high-5 greeting back atcha! So happy you're here. #litchat -12:59 PM Mar 19th, 2010

MarDixon @DebraMarrs Would love to join #litchat tonight, but have to get some things done before a meeting tomorrow. But a massive #ff to you :-)) x -1:00 PM Mar 19th, 2010

LitChat Please welcome @KBairOkeeffe to #litchat. She got up at 3:45 AM Shanghai time to be with us. Welcome, Kristin! -1:01 PM Mar 19th, 2010

ficwriter @kbairokeeffe Thanks for waking up so early. Or did you not go to bed? #litchat -1:01 PM Mar 19th, 2010

marisabirns @kbairokeeffe Hello and welcome. Hope you have a very large mug of coffee! #litchat -1:01 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @LitChat Thanks! Happy to be here. Always good to connect with the other side of the world...even at 4:00 a.m. :) #litchat -1:02 PM Mar 19th, 2010

dosankodebbie RT @LitChat: Please welcome @KBairOkeeffe to #litchat. She got up at 3:45 AM Shanghai time to be with us. Welcome, Kristin! -1:02 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs Welcome and {{{ applause }}} for @kbairokeeffe and THIRSTY, her novel #litchat -1:02 PM Mar 19th, 2010

LitChat You'll find the convo easier to follow by going to <http://bit.ly/d0BWh>, login w/Twitter info and enter hashtag #litchat. -1:03 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @ficwriter Slept for 3ish hours & sent my alarm. #litchat -1:03 PM Mar 19th, 2010

BrooksJYoung Joining #litchat -1:03 PM Mar 19th, 2010

ficwriter RT @DebraMarrs: Welcome and {{{ applause }}} for @kbairokeeffe and THIRSTY, her novel. #litchat -1:03 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @dosankodebbie I hoped to see you here. Thot our fair and wonder-bar @kbairokeeffe would bring you awake too #litchat -1:04 PM Mar 19th, 2010

LitChat @dosankodebbie Is in Hokkaido, Japan, another early-rising Litchattic. #litchat -1:04 PM Mar 19th, 2010

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kbairokeeffe @dosankodebbie You're up early, too! (Love the term "Litchattic" @LitChat) #litchat -1:05 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @MarDixon Rats on things that keep you from #litchat. Miss u too. Thx for massive #ff hugs xoxo - 1:05 PM Mar 19th, 2010
Eugenia_Kim @kbairokeeffe Sympathetic yawn! Dropping in for your chat, and any lit insight into Shanghai (will be there May 11) #litchat -1:05 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LexxClarke Phew, made it! Darn your DST! #litchat -1:05 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LitChat @kbairokeeffe Let's begin with a little bit about your novel THIRSTY and our weekly topic, GENERATIONAL CRIMES & CURSES. #litchat -1:06 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @Eugenia_Kim Oh, great! If u need any #Shanghai info, holler. #litchat -1:06 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @LexxClarke You think YOU hate DST. Try living it... what time is it again? LOL Glad to see you here. #litchat -1:07 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LitChat @kbairokeeffe Where did you find the characters in THIRSTY and the issues of generational family/spouse abuse? #litchat -1:07 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LexxClarke @DebraMarrs hehe good to see you too! #litchat -1:07 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @Eugenia_Kim Lucky you with planned trip to #Shanghai #litchat -1:07 PM Mar 19th, 2010
dosankodebbie @DebraMarrs Turned on my space heater 3 hrs ago so I wouldn't freeze at the computer for this chat (it's still freezing here) #litchat -1:08 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LitChat If you have a question for @KBairOkeeffe, author of THIRSTY, send it directly to her with the hashtag #litchat -1:09 PM Mar 19th, 2010
CDominiqueG goodevening everyone !!! #litchat -1:09 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @LitChat Wrote a poem in mid-80s about dying steel communities in Pittsburgh. (Stories often grow out of place for me.) #litchat -1:10 PM Mar 19th, 2010
Eugenia_Kim @kbairokeeffe Is your fictional town of THIRSTY derived from Ambridge? Did you read AMERICAN RUST? #litchat -1:10 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @dosankodebbie Thinking of you and sending virtual warmth. Latte? Sweaters? Blankets? Hugs? What's your pick? #litchat -1:10 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @LitChat Shortly after finishing poem, Klara (main char in THIRSTY) started to float around in my head. #litchat -1:10 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LexxClarke @kbairokeeffe is the poem the basis for the story then? #litchat -1:10 PM Mar 19th, 2010
AuthorWilliam Hello all! #litchat -1:11 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @Eugenia_Kim Thirsty (also name of town in THIRSTY) is based on Clairton where my grandparents lived. Another Pgh steel comm. #litchat -1:12 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @kbairokeeffe: Wrote a poem in mid-80s abt dying steel communities in Pittsburgh... Stories often grow out of place for me #litchat -1:12 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @AuthorWilliam Hey you. Good to see you again #litchat -1:12 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @Eugenia_Kim Yes, know Ambridge well & but never read American rust. #litchat -1:12 PM Mar 19th, 2010
tericoyne @kbairokeeffe Did you grow up in Pittsburgh? #litchat #litchat -1:12 PM Mar 19th, 2010
journalwriter7 #FF @kbairokeeffe : she has a hilarious blog and a book Thirsty and is currently on #litchat! -1:12 PM Mar 19th, 2010

gstickle RT @kbairokeeffe: @LitChat Shortly after finishing poem, Klara (main char in THIRSTY) started to float around in my head. #litchat -1:13 PM Mar 19th, 2010

ficwriter @kbairokeeffe Klara's mother says, "We all die many deaths." Is the statement a reflection of her life as an abused wife? #litchat -1:13 PM Mar 19th, 2010

dosankodebbie @DebraMarrs The warmth of #litchat will be enough. Thanks. :) (but hot cocoa is always welcome) -1:14 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @tericoyne Yep, Bethel Park. & spent loads of time in Clairton at my grandparents' house. Became enamored with steel. Go figure. :) #litchat -1:14 PM Mar 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam Thanks you too! Sorry I missed Wednesday. RT @DebraMarrs @AuthorWilliam Hey you. Good to see you again #litchat -1:14 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @kbairokeeffe When you write of a place, do you prefer to write from memory or drawn to revisit again physically? #litchat -1:14 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @ficwriter It is. It's a reflection of that same acceptance/resignation of spousal abuse that Klara eventually experiences. #litchat -1:15 PM Mar 19th, 2010

tericoyne @kbairokeeffe I grew up in Mt. Lebanon my father worked for the steelworkers union in the late 60s and 70s. #litchat -1:15 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @AuthorWilliam Shh... don't tell but I had to miss Wed. too #litchat -1:15 PM Mar 19th, 2010

gstickle RT @DebraMarrs: @kbairokeeffe When you write of a place, do you prefer to write from memory or drawn to revisit again physically? #litchat -1:15 PM Mar 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam Great ? RT @DebraMarrs @kbairokeeffe When u write of a place, do u prefer 2 write from memory or drawn to revisit again physically? #litchat -1:16 PM Mar 19th, 2010

Eugenia_Kim How deeply did the Croatian roots play into your chactrztns? ...into the abuse cycle? #litchat -1:16 PM Mar 19th, 2010

LitChat Great to see past guest hosts @EugeniaKim and @TeriCoyne with us today. Thanks for stopping in, ladies. #litchat -1:16 PM Mar 19th, 2010

LexxClarke @kbairokeeffe deaths of the soul perhaps? #litchat -1:16 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @DebraMarrs I process place slowly...so prefer a little of both...memory & revisits (refreshers). #litchat -1:17 PM Mar 19th, 2010

dosankodebbie Hmm Maybe I should reconsider Coal, which is what I grew up around. RT @kbairokeeffe: Became enamored with steel. Go figure. :) #litchat -1:17 PM Mar 19th, 2010

omara_croft I wish I could stay, but have to leave to "make more funny"...see you next time! #litchat -1:17 PM Mar 19th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass I loved the metaphor of the butterflies and the hope they brought, if only for a short time. Where did that come from? #litchat -1:18 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @DebraMarrs While writing THIRSTY, I snuck into a steel mill in Pgh & was tossed out cause they thought I was an environmental spy. #litchat -1:18 PM Mar 19th, 2010

gstickle RT @kbairokeeffe: @DebraMarrs I process place slowly...so prefer a little of both...memory & revisits (refreshers). #litchat -1:18 PM Mar 19th, 2010

LitChat Thanks for stopping in. RT @omara_croft: I wish I could stay, but have to leave to "make more funny"...see you next time! #litchat -1:19 PM Mar 19th, 2010

tericoyne @LitChat I have to come out to support a fellow author from the 'burgh #pittsburgh #litchat -1:19 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @Eugenia_Kim I come from strong Croatian blood. Grew up singing, eating, & dancing Croatian. It was a natural choice for Klara. #litchat -1:19 PM Mar 19th, 2010

dosankodebbie RT @kbairokeeffe: While writing THIRSTY, I snuck into a steel mill in Pgh & was tossed out cause they thought I was an enviro spy. #litchat -1:20 PM Mar 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @kbairokeeffe: @DebraMarrs While writing THIRSTY, I snuck into a steel mill in Pgh & was tossed out cause they thought I was an environmental spy. #litchat -1:21 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @Eugenia_Kim Was fascinated by how excruciatingly difficult mill life in 1800s was on women...family & mill life & immigrant exp. #litchat -1:21 PM Mar 19th, 2010

gstickle RT @kbairokeeffe: @ficwriter It is. It's a reflection of that same acceptance/resignation of spousal abuse that Klara eventually experiences. #litchat -1:21 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @kbairokeeffe What a gr8 anecdote on journey to THIRSTY, being tossed from steel mill! Book tour crowd pleasing story? :-)) #litchat -1:22 PM Mar 19th, 2010

ficwriter @kbairokeeffe I love the way Klara's inner-life is perfectly reflected in the landscape around her. #litchat -1:22 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @CarolyBurnsBass The butterflies grew out of that lovely, mushy, mysterious writerhead place. Some dreamy, early morning vision. #litchat -1:23 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @kbairokeeffe There must have been an inescapable heaviness to mill life in 1800s for women, family, immigrant exp. #litchat -1:23 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs YES! RT @ficwriter: @kbairokeeffe I love the way Klaras inner-life is perfectly reflected in the landscape around her. #litchat -1:24 PM Mar 19th, 2010

ficwriter @kbairokeeffe In the acknowledgments of Thirsty, you mention being in "writer head." Can you explain? #litchat -1:24 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @DebraMarrs Yes, they wanted my film, but I just clutched my camera, ran to my car & hightailed it out of there. #litchat -1:24 PM Mar 19th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass My favorite place. Writerhead. RT @kbairokeeffe: The butterflies grew out of that lovely, mushy, mysterious writerhead place. #litchat -1:24 PM Mar 19th, 2010

Eugenia_Kim @kbairokeeffe Yeah, ♀ had totally dif issues & exptns than ♂ for sure. Thx. What do you mean when you say "process place slowly"? #litchat -1:24 PM Mar 19th, 2010

gstickle RT @DebraMarrs: @kbairokeeffe There must have been an inescapable heaviness to mill life in 1800s for women, family, immigrant exp. #litchat -1:24 PM Mar 19th, 2010

gstickle RT @ficwriter: @kbairokeeffe In the acknowledgments of Thirsty, you mention being in "writer head." Can you explain? #litchat -1:25 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @kbairokeeffe I liked u before but now I LUV u for being an "enviro spy" risk taker. Luv gutsy writers #litchat -1:25 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @ficwriter Yes, very close relationship between geography of Pittsburgh (steep hills, valleys, etc) & Klara's internal journal. #litchat -1:25 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @kbairokeeffe Great story... camera, film, running the heckouta there. We writers suffer much to feed our stories :-)) #litchat -1:27 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @Eugenia_Kim I connect deeply 2 place: Pittsburgh, New Mexico, & now China. But it takes me a while 2 b able 2 write abt it. #litchat -1:27 PM Mar 19th, 2010

tericoyne @gstickle I know Mars! :-)) #litchat -1:28 PM Mar 19th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @kbairokeeffe What else in THIRSTY came from writerhead? The parrot and the Italian spice vendor? #litchat -1:29 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @ficwriter Writerhead=that dreamy place I sink into when writing...when everything's connecting...brain, heart, soul, page, words. #litchat -1:29 PM Mar 19th, 2010

Doublelattemama popping in to #litchat for my chat fix with the fab @kbairokeeffe -1:30 PM Mar 19th, 2010
Eugenia_Kim @kbairokeeffe Place is one element new writers sometimes neglect. And like you say, it's integral to character. #litchat -1:30 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @kbairokeeffe: @ficwriter Writerhead=that dreamy place ... when everythings connecting...brain, heart, soul, page, words. #litchat -1:30 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @Doublelattemama Good to see you could make it too #litchat -1:31 PM Mar 19th, 2010
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gstickle Love that place@ficwriter Writerhead=that dreamy place ... when everythings connecting...brain, heart, soul, page, words. #litchat -1:32 PM Mar 19th, 2010
Doublelattemama RT @kbairokeeffe Writerhead=that dreamy place I sink into when writing,when everything's connecting: brain, heart, soul, page, wrds #litchat -1:32 PM Mar 19th, 2010
ficwriter @kbairokeeffe I love that you use the word "writerhead" to signal hubby of your departure. #litchat -1:32 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe Yeah, the marriage of writer & action figure. A perfect blend. :) RT @DebraMarrs Luv gutsy writers #litchat -1:32 PM Mar 19th, 2010
Doublelattemama @DebraMarrs thanks! just for a few minutes until my girl wakes up ;-) #litchat -1:32 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @Eugenia_Kim So true (abt place). Such an integral part of who we humans r...really brings fiction 2 life when a writer gets that. #litchat -1:34 PM Mar 19th, 2010
gstickle RT @kbairokeeffe: Yeah, the marriage of writer & action figure. A perfect blend. :) RT @DebraMarrs Luv gutsy writers #litchat -1:34 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @Doublelattemama Welcome! (even for just a few minutes) :) #litchat -1:34 PM Mar 19th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass ♥RT@kbairokeeffe: Writerhead=dreamy place I sink into when writing...when everythings connecting...brain, heart, soul, page, words. #litchat -1:34 PM Mar 19th, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @kbairokeeffe: @ficwriter Writerhead=that dreamy place I sink into when writing...when everything's connecting...brain, heart, soul, page, words. #litchat -1:34 PM Mar 19th, 2010
dosankodebbie RT @kbairokeeffe: Writerhead=that dreamy place I sink into when writing:when everything connects...brain, heart, soul, page, words. #litchat -1:35 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @CarolyBurnsBass Writerhead = my favorite place too. #litchat -1:35 PM Mar 19th, 2010
AuthorWilliam I really dig "writerhead" #litchat -1:35 PM Mar 19th, 2010
Doublelattemama @kbairokeeffe thx for the welcome & i def. agree about the importance of place. hard in flash fic but so important #litchat -1:35 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe Shout out to Pgh-ers! RT @tericoyne I have to come out to support a fellow author from the 'burgh #pittsburgh #litchat #litchat -1:36 PM Mar 19th, 2010
Eugenia_Kim @kbairokeeffe What's also intrstng is how bckgrnd of place, Croatia, shapes characterztns and choices people make. #litchat -1:37 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @CarolyBurnsBass Yep, even BenJo grew out of writerhead (tho he was also based on a bent-over man I used 2 c in Pgh). #litchat -1:38 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @kbairokeeffe Husb. grew up in PittPA. Was shocked at how rugged landscape is around there. Did not expect rocky hillsides #litchat -1:38 PM Mar 19th, 2010
SujathaHampton Unfortunately I think I liv. My pitiful life in writerhead... #litchat -1:38 PM Mar 19th, 2010
ficwriter @kbairokeeffe You used symbols and irony effectively in Thirsty. Was this intentional? Or did it bloom naturally from the story? #litchat -1:39 PM Mar 19th, 2010
SujathaHampton @DebraMarrs this is true about Pitt like mars in some places #litchat -1:39 PM Mar 19th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @kbairokeeffe @tericoyne "yins" is the extent of my Pittsburgh knowledge :-P #litchat -1:39 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @kbairokeeffe @SujathaHampton During 1st visit to Pgh rocky landscape seemed incongruous to me w/my prev. image of steel towns #litchat -1:40 PM Mar 19th, 2010
gstickle RT @ficwriter: @kbairokeeffe You used symbols and irony effectively in Thirsty. Was this intentional? Or did it bloom naturally from the story? #litchat -1:40 PM Mar 19th, 2010
dosankodebbie @kbairokeeffe I haven't read Thirsty yet, but was wondering if you used much Croatian language in the novel, and for what effect? #litchat -1:40 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @Eugenia_Kim Those Croatians r (& were) tough. Served them well in so many ways (in mills, etc) but also worked against them. #litchat -1:41 PM Mar 19th, 2010
SujathaHampton @DebraMarrs me too though I hadn't and still haven't spent much Time in them. Landscape surprises r shocking #litchat -1:41 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @ficwriter Love verb "bloom" for writer-speak: "Or did it bloom naturally from the story?" #litchat -1:41 PM Mar 19th, 2010
tericoyne That's a good start! @AuthorWilliam @kbairokeeffe @tericoyne "yins" is the extent of my Pittsburgh knowledge :-P #litchat #pittsburgh -1:41 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @ficwriter Re: symbols & irony: bloomed naturally, then worked on more consciously during rewriting & editing. #litchat -1:42 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LexxClarke I'm feeling very non-US here lol #litchat -1:43 PM Mar 19th, 2010
ficwriter RT @kbairokeeffe: @ficwriter Re: symbols & irony: bloomed naturally, then worked on more consciously during rewriting & editing. #litchat -1:43 PM Mar 19th, 2010
SujathaHampton @kbairokeeffe I havnt read thirsty yet. What's the most wonderful thong about it? #litchat -1:43 PM Mar 19th, 2010
JLichtenberg #FollowFriday @michaelspence @ZenithRising @obilon @elyssaeast @anacrisrod @VisionForge @RenegadeScribe #scifichat #litchat -1:44 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @SujathaHampton: Landscape surprises r shocking << -- jarring when your reader mind imagines something dif. but a good shock #litchat -1:44 PM Mar 19th, 2010
SujathaHampton @LexxClarke I always feel non us and I was born here #litchat -1:44 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @dosankodebbie There is a bit of Croatian, esp in early chaps. Chose not 2 use dialect. Grappled w/ language issue at times. #litchat -1:44 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @kbairokeeffe: @ficwriter Re: symbols & irony: bloomed naturally, then worked on more consciously during rewriting & editing. #litchat -1:44 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LexxClarke @SujathaHampton Ah ok :S #litchat -1:44 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @LexxClarke LOL. #litchat -1:44 PM Mar 19th, 2010
SujathaHampton @DebraMarrs exactly so #litchat -1:45 PM Mar 19th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass I am so curious about your last name O'Keeffe, spelled just like the wonderful artist Georgia. Any relation? #litchat -1:45 PM Mar 19th, 2010
RasoirJ On titling a #blog - not quite how to do it: http://ow.ly/1oqe9 #litchat -1:45 PM Mar 19th, 2010
ficwriter @DebraMarrs Thanks, Debra. "Bloom" just sprouted. :) #litchat -1:45 PM Mar 19th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass ♥ RT @ficwriter: @DebraMarrs Thanks, Debra. "Bloom" just sprouted. :) #litchat -1:46 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @kbairokeeffe What are the prevailing reactions from Pgh readers to ur imagining of their "place"? #litchat -1:46 PM Mar 19th, 2010
gstickle Sorry, I have to go. Have to get daughter ready for prom. Great chat. #litchat -1:46 PM Mar 19th, 2010
SujathaHampton @gstickle hope she has a beautiful night #litchat -1:46 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe So true. RT @DebraMarrs Hub. grew up in PittPA. Was shocked at how rugged landscape is around there. #litchat -1:47 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @gstickle Thnx 4 joining! #litchat -1:47 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @AuthorWilliam I've learned 2 new words 2day: writerhead and litchattic thx to @kbairokeeffe and @LitChat #litchat -1:47 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @CarolyBurnsBass Ah, Bair is my "maiden" name. O'Keeffe is my hub's name. He's from Ireland. Grew up in Co. Westmeath. #litchat -1:48 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @gstickle Ohhh... how grand is your eve. going to be? Seems so early for prom, but enjoy her moment too! #litchat -1:48 PM Mar 19th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Oh, fun! RT @gstickle: Sorry, I have to go. Have to get daughter ready for prom. Great chat. #litchat -1:49 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @CarolyBurnsBass Isn't @ficwriter so clever with her blooming just sprouting? No wonder we love her #litchat -1:49 PM Mar 19th, 2010
Eugenia_Kim @kbairokeeffe Re toughness serving & not. Was it partly the source of abuse & did it perpetuate? (Sorry haven't yet read BUT WILL!) #litchat -1:49 PM Mar 19th, 2010
KFZuzulo RT @Eugenia_Kim: @kbairokeeffe Place is one element new writers sometimes neglect. And like you say, its integral to character. #litchat -1:50 PM Mar 19th, 2010
deegospel joining #litchat late. was writing. hi, all :) -1:50 PM Mar 19th, 2010
KFZuzulo Reading through, but too chaotic here to let me type in ...really enjoying your insights, @kbairokeeffe ! #litchat -1:51 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @DebraMarrs Pgh-ers connecting well to THIRSTY. Steel is a shared bloodline for Pittsburghers. #litchat -1:51 PM Mar 19th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Did you plan for the opening and the closing to have such symmetry in terms of Klara's choices? #litchat -1:51 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LexxClarke The best reason for being late for anything! RT @deegospel: joining #litchat late. was writing. hi, all :) #litchat -1:52 PM Mar 19th, 2010
SujathaHampton @deegospel better than me I'm driving.. Kidding #litchat -1:52 PM Mar 19th, 2010
deegospel @LexxClarke :) #litchat -1:52 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LexxClarke @kbairokeeffe I wonder if British steelworkers would connect with THIRSTY too #litchat -1:53 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @Eugenia_Kim Yes, toughness was part of source of abuse. Abuse is such a complicated animal. #litchat -1:53 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @KFZuzulo Thnx, Zuzulo! #litchat -1:53 PM Mar 19th, 2010

Eugenia_Kim @kbairokeeffe And so hard to make abuser sympathetic char as well. But they're human too. Somewhere in there. #litchat -1:54 PM Mar 19th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass She must be in writerhead while litchatting. RT@DebraMarrs:lsnt@ficwriter clever with her blooming just sprouting?No wonder we♥her #litchat -1:54 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @CarolyBurnsBass Love when this happens in literature: the opening and closing have symmetry in terms of char. choices #litchat -1:54 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @CarolyBurnsBass Not consciously...but somewhere in writerhead, I must have been figuring out the beginning & ending. #litchat -1:55 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @CarolyBurnsBass Your lithchatting wordsmithing threatens to beat @ficwriter's blooming/sprouting. Sorry Darrelyn :) #litchat -1:56 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @Eugenia_Kim Readers wld know better than me (biased), but I tried to unveil a bit abt Drago's path to being an abuser. #litchat -1:57 PM Mar 19th, 2010

ficwriter @kbairokeeffe How did you know when your novel was finished? #litchat -1:57 PM Mar 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @DebraMarrs Make it 3: "Yins" which is I understand is unique Pittsburgh version of y'all (Correct me if I'm wrong @tericoyne) #litchat -1:57 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @kbairokeeffe: @CarolyBurnsBass Not consciously...but somewhere in writerhead, I must've been figuring out <--luv when happens #litchat -1:57 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @LexxClarke I bet British steelworkers wld connect with THIRSTY. Will have to put marketing-head to that one. #litchat -1:58 PM Mar 19th, 2010

JLichtenberg RT @KFZuzulo: RT @Eugenia_Kim: @kbairokeeffe Place is one element new writers sometimes neglect. And like you say, its integral to character. #litchat -1:58 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @CarolyBurnsBass oops sorry for the lisp-th : lithchatting :) #litchat -1:58 PM Mar 19th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Without plot-spoiling, I'll say how wonderful it was to see a chara reform (you know who), creating a polar opposite for Klara. #litchat -1:58 PM Mar 19th, 2010

Eugenia_Kim @CarolyBurnsBass All this talk about @kbairokeeffe's writerhead deserves a picture: <http://twitpic.com/19llzd> #litchat -1:58 PM Mar 19th, 2010

Doublelattemama @kbairokeeffe how did u decide to take on such a difficult subject? did u experiment w/ shorter works 1st or dive in? #litchat -1:58 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe That's it! RT @AuthorWilliam @DebraMarrs Make it 3: "Yins" which is I understand is unique Pittsburgh version of y'all: @tericoyne #litchat -1:59 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @kbairokeeffe Adorable that you segment marketing-head and writerhead in reply to @LexxClarke #litchat -2:00 PM Mar 19th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Heek! RT @DebraMarrs: @CarolyBurnsBass oops sorry for the lisp-th : lithchatting :) #litchat -2:00 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @ficwriter Honestly, I just got this fullish feeling in my belly/middle/center/chakra/something. #litchat -2:00 PM Mar 19th, 2010

Eugenia_Kim @kbairokeeffe @AuthorWilliam @DebraMarrs @tericoyne Yins! And here I thought yins was talkin about Yin-Yang balance o Life! #litchat -2:00 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs Re: knowing novel done - RT @kbairokeeffe: @ficwriter I just got this fullish feeling in my belly/middle/center/chakra/something. #litchat -2:01 PM Mar 19th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Beautiful! Perfect! RT @Eugenia_Kim: All this talk about @kbairokeeffes writerhead deserves a picture: <http://twitpic.com/19llzd> #litchat -2:01 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @Eugenia_Kim I'm with you, Eugenia. I d k what the heck re: yins :-) I am one? LOL #litchat -2:02 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @Doublelattemama Nope, just dove right into the spousal abuse subject. That grew out of family exp so imp topic 4 me. #litchat -2:02 PM Mar 19th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Do they have horns? RT @DebraMarrs: @Eugenia_Kim Im with you, Eugenia. I d k what the heck re: yins :-) I am one? LOL #litchat -2:03 PM Mar 19th, 2010

LitChat Final question: I'm sure many of us are curious about your life in Shanghai. What took you there and are you writing about it now? #litchat -2:03 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @tericoyne & I r going 2 have 2 teach a #Pittsburghese workshop. We'll start with slippy, jumbo, yins. #litchat -2:04 PM Mar 19th, 2010

KFZuzulo RT @DebraMarrs Re:know novel done RT @kbairokeeffe @ficwriter I just got fullish feeling in my belly/middle/center/chakra/something #litchat -2:04 PM Mar 19th, 2010

Doublelattemama interesting thx RT @kbairokeeffe Nope, just dove right into the spousal abuse subject. That grew out of family exp so imp topic 4 me #litchat -2:04 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe Luv it! RT @CarolyBurnsBass Perfect! RT @Eugenia_Kim: Talk abt @kbairokeeffes writerhead deserves a pic: <http://twitpic.com> #litchat -2:05 PM Mar 19th, 2010

deegospel @SujathaHampton lol #litchat -2:05 PM Mar 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Beautiful! Perfect! RT @Eugenia_Kim: All this talk about @kbairokeeffes writerhead deserves a picture: <http://twitpic.com/19llzd> #litchat -2:05 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @CarolyBurnsBass Sssshhh... horns? on Yins? You'll have to take @kbairokeeffe and @tericoyne's #Pittsburghese wkshp #litchat -2:05 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @LitChat Been in Shanghai 4 years now. Hub's job brought us over. Adventurous writer me jumped at the chance. #litchat -2:06 PM Mar 19th, 2010

Eugenia_Kim @kbairokeeffe @LitChat Thanks much for the hour! Always so interesting to hear what inspires and influences writers. #litchat -2:06 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @LitChat I'm close to finishing novel #2 & a memoir (abt adventure of moving to China). #litchat -2:07 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @kbairokeeffe As we wind down, giving u {{applause}} U handled us w/ such grace w/only 3 hrs sleep. Thx so much for writerly convo #litchat -2:07 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @Eugenia_Kim Thnx for joining. Great questions. #litchat -2:07 PM Mar 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @Eugenia_Kim: @kbairokeeffe @LitChat Thx much for the hour! Always so interesting 2 hear what inspires & influences writers. #litchat -2:08 PM Mar 19th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @kbairokeeffe Bravo on the jump to Shanghai. My husby's job took me to Japan for three years and loved the experience. #litchat -2:08 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @DebraMarrs Loved it. Thnx so much 4 having me & to all 4 joining in. Hope I get up in future to join in others. #litchat -2:10 PM Mar 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @kbairokeeffe Thanks so much for taking part in #litchat today. Really enjoyed your contribution today. Congratulations on your book! -2:10 PM Mar 19th, 2010

ficwriter @kbairokeeffe Heartfelt thanks for answering so many questions. Loved Thirsty and look forward to reading your memoir. #litchat -2:10 PM Mar 19th, 2010

AsLayWriting Just ordered "Rabbit, Redux". For such a flawed anti-hero I can't wait to follow more of Rabbit Angstrom's life... #litchat -2:10 PM Mar 19th, 2010

LitChat The #litchat hour is the fastest hour of my day. Sorry it sped by so fast with @KBairOkeeffe today. -2:10 PM Mar 19th, 2010

kbairokeeffe @CarolyBurnsBass Bravo back to you. #litchat -2:11 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @kbairokeeffe We'd love it if you could set that alarm again for #litchat -2:11 PM Mar 19th, 2010
Doublelattemama @kbairokeeffe a friend of mine lived in shanghai for a few yrs & loved it. i was an expat in mexico for 6 yrs & (mostly) loved it #litchat -2:11 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LexxClarke @kbairokeeffe Thank you so much for giving us your time and to @LitChat for facilitating so masterfully..or shd tht be mistressly?! #litchat -2:11 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @ficwriter Thank you, thank you. #litchat -2:11 PM Mar 19th, 2010
AuthorWilliam Great chat today. See yins on Monday. ;-) #litchat -2:11 PM Mar 19th, 2010
dosankodebbie I second that and look forward to reading Thirsty. RT @ficwriter: @kbairokeeffe Heartfelt thanks. #litchat -2:12 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @DebraMarrs Will keep alarm tuned to 4am. :) #litchat -2:12 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe LOL! See yins soon. RT @AuthorWilliam Great chat today. See yins on Monday. ;-) #litchat -2:13 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs I'll be watching for you :) RT @kbairokeeffe: @DebraMarrs Will keep alarm tuned to 4am. :) #litchat -2:13 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @Doublelattemama Wow....6 years is a good stint. ("Mostly" is good adverb when u r an expat...anywhere, I think.) :) #litchat -2:14 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @AuthorWilliam Bye bye ya'll. See yins on Monday too. #litchat -2:14 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @LexxClarke Thanks back at you. You're probably almost American now. :) #litchat -2:15 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LexxClarke @kbairokeeffe I already have a mid-Atlantic accent lol #litchat -2:16 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LitChat Next week's topic is WHAT'S FUNNY IN MURDER? We'll be looking at humor as ballast in murder mysteries. Guest host is @WendyClinch. #litchat -2:17 PM Mar 19th, 2010
dosankodebbie RT @LitChat: Next week's topic is WHAT'S FUNNY IN MURDER? Humor as ballast in murder mysteries. Guest host is @WendyClinch. #litchat -2:18 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LitChat Thank you @KBairOkeeffe for rising before the roosters and sharing with us today. How about a round of {{{APPLAUSE}}} for Kristin? #litchat -2:18 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @LitChat: Next weeks topic is WHATS FUNNY IN MURDER? Humor as ballast in murder mysteries. Guest host is @WendyClinch. #litchat -2:19 PM Mar 19th, 2010
MarDixon RT @LitChat: Next week's topic is WHAT'S FUNNY IN MURDER? We'll be looking at humor as ballast in murder mysteries. Guest host is @WendyClinch. #litchat -2:20 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @LitChat Thnx for having me & thnx to you for this terrific forum. Great conversation. #litchat -2:20 PM Mar 19th, 2010
dosankodebbie A round of {{{APPLAUSE}}} for Kristin! #litchat -2:20 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @LitChat Thx for all you do to arrange excellent guest hosts incl. @kbairokeeffe {{Applause}} to both of you. TY! #litchat -2:21 PM Mar 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @MarDixon I see you sneaking a peek in on #litchat -2:21 PM Mar 19th, 2010
ficwriter DebraMarrs RT @LitChat: Next week in #litchat: WHATS FUNNY IN MURDER? Humor as ballast in murder mysteries. Guest host is @WendyClinch. -2:21 PM Mar 19th, 2010
kbairokeeffe @dosankodebbie Big smile. Deep bow. Hat off. #litchat -2:21 PM Mar 19th, 2010
LitChat Thanks also to everyone who came with great questions and enthusiasm for @KBairOkeeffe. You are the yeast in the LitChat loaf. #litchat -2:23 PM Mar 19th, 2010