LitChat date
Topic of the Week: Quick Change Authors
Guest Host: Lauren Baratz-Logsted

The transcripts below cover the #litchat conversation noted above. The order appears sequentially from opening post to the closing post within the #litchat moderated chat time.

Guest host: @LaurenBaratzL
LaurenBaratzL General Hospital is over and I'm ready to guesthost LitChat! #litchat -3:58 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LitChat It's time for another hour of #litchat. Today we have the prolific author @LaurenBaratzL with us. Please welcome Lauren! -3:59 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL The topic today is writing in more than one genre, but really, people can ask me anything. #litchat -3:59 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t @LaurenBaratzL Hi, Lauren! :) Welcome. #litchat -3:59 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Who all is here? Please introduce yourselves! And what would you like to know? #litchat -4:00 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LitChat During the next hour of #litchat, please hold all of your off-topic hashtags, URLs, comments until after moderated hour is over. -4:00 PM Jan 21st, 2011
jevonbolden Don't know how this is going 2 work but once again both #litchat & #followreader are talking abt things I'm interested in. Glad 4 TweetDeck. -4:01 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LitChat A word about @LaurenBaratzL: She is kind, generous, warm, friendly, and one of the most prolific authors publishing today. #litchat -4:01 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland Hi, Lauren. I'm Tony Noland, writer, blogger and poet. @LaurenBaratzL #litchat -4:01 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @jevonbolden Welcome! What do you write now? What would you most like to write? #litchat -4:02 PM Jan 21st, 2011
Georgia_McBride RT @LaurenBaratzL: Who all is here? Please introduce yourselves! And what would you like to know? #litchat -4:02 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t I'm Tanya - writer/blogger and beta-reader. #litchat -4:02 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana @LaurenBaratzL Hi Lauren ... waving at you from the other end of the state. #litchat -4:02 PM Jan 21st, 2011
jevonbolden RT @LitChat: Today in #litchat (4-5pmET) ask author @LaurenBaratzL anything about writing and publishing in multiple genres. -4:02 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @maggiedana @Hola, Magdalena! #litchat -4:02 PM Jan 21st, 2011
jevonbolden @LaurenBaratzL Hi! I actually edit nonfiction, read fiction on my own time, and just write on my blog. #litchat -4:03 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL General question for everybody: What do you write? What would you most like to write? #litchat -4:03 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland @LaurenBaratzL Q: Authors who publish in multiple genres - are they unusual because it's a rare talent or is it discouraged? #litchat -4:03 PM Jan 21st, 2011
ellenfbrown Hi Lauren. Ellen Brown here. Writer, blogger, reader, etc...Always open to advice from experienced authors. #litchat -4:03 PM Jan 21st, 2011
CarolyBurnsBass Heading now to #litchat where author diva @LaurenBaratzL is guest hosting. Does everyone see her crown? -4:03 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @jevonbolden Not that that's not enough! But do you have writing goals beyond that? #litchat -4:04 PM Jan 21st, 2011

Justine_Davies_ @LaurenBaratzL And waving to you from Australia! #litchat -4:04 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @TonyNoland There's so much focus on "branding" these days. Multi is not necessarily encouraged. #litchat -4:04 PM Jan 21st, 2011
candlemarkgleam Kate from Candlemark & Gleam checking in for #litchat - we publish speculative fiction and specialize in genre-busting weirdness! -4:05 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @Justine_Davies_ @ellenfbrown Hello, hello! #litchat -4:05 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana @LaurenBaratzL Branding! Ouch. I can feel the hot iron on my flesh (bear in mind I'm a horsewoman). #litchat -4:06 PM Jan 21st, 2011
DavidRozansky Checking in. David Rozansky, publsiher, Flying Pen Press http://flyingpenpress.com #litchat -4:06 PM Jan 21st, 2011
Brainmaker #litchat We discussed lots of alternative publishing on Kindle today. #kindlechat -4:06 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @TonyNoland I'm probably the wrong one to say but I think it's rare to write successfully in many voices. #litchat -4:06 PM Jan 21st, 2011
AS_King @LaurenBaratzL is the awesome. Love your crown. #litchat -4:06 PM Jan 21st, 2011
mindfulbeauty RT @lmstull: How about SEVEN #FridayReads?? Ck out the Horror Shorts and Vote! Voting open through the weekend! http://bit.ly/htgxs3 #litchat -4:07 PM Jan 21st, 2011
jevonbolden @LaurenBaratzL Hadn't really thought of any for myself. I've been told that I should. I really enjoy helping others write well. #litchat -4:07 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @maggiedana Do you ever want to write anything drastically different from what you do write? #litchat -4:07 PM Jan 21st, 2011
amkade I write fiction (been in lit mags) & just had a play produced. Plus, editor at personal finance pub, and do travel writing. #litchat -4:07 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t =) RT @AS_King: @LaurenBaratzL is the awesome. Love your crown. #litchat -4:07 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @AS_King HA! #litchat -4:07 PM Jan 21st, 2011
jevonbolden RT @LaurenBaratzL: @TonyNoland I'm probably the wrong 1 to say but I think it's rare to write successfully in many voices. #litchat /Agree -4:07 PM Jan 21st, 2011
Brainmaker @LaurenBaratzL Thanks for hosting! We just wrapped up #kindlechat. Interested in variety of modern publishing ideas. #litchat -4:08 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @jevonbolden I've done a lot of editing for others too and I agree. #litchat -4:08 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t @LaurenBaratzL I tend to write on the side of romance, but don't limit myself to that genre. Am writing a YA novel right now. #litchat -4:08 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana RT @maggiedana Do you ever want to write anything drastically different from what you do write? // Litfic a la M. Atwood? #litchat -4:08 PM Jan 21st, 2011
Justine_Davies_ @maggiedana @LaurenBaratzL Branding is great - it helps you to effectively establish a strong niche, then u can branch out ... #litchat -4:08 PM Jan 21st, 2011
agnieszkasshoes Hi, Dan here writery thing #litchat -4:08 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @sticky_t Is the YA romance or something else? #litchat -4:08 PM Jan 21st, 2011
agnieszkasshoes RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Heading now to #litchat where author diva @LaurenBaratzL is guest hosting. Does everyone see her crown? -4:09 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland @LaurenBaratzL I've gotten good responses for things grim & dark, but also for things wacky & funny. Hard to "brand" that. #litchat -4:09 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @maggiedana Oh, is that all? #litchat -4:09 PM Jan 21st, 2011

maggiedana RT @LaurenBaratzL: @maggiedana Oh, is that all? // Not much to ask, huh? #litchat -4:09 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @Justine_Davies_ Well, but sometimes branding can confine you to a box. OK if it's the box you want... #litchat -4:09 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @TonyNoland If it makes sense at all, the only brand is my name. #litchat -4:10 PM Jan 21st, 2011
Justine_Davies_ @LaurenBaratzL True - I guess I like my box :) #litchat -4:10 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana @LaurenBaratzL When switching from writing one genre to another, do you ever get momentarily confused? Wrong word/structure, etc? #litchat -4:11 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Life is short; getting published or staying published, uncertain. Might as well write what excites *you*. #litchat -4:11 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t @LaurenBaratzL Romance. :) Though if it gets much more intense/dark than it is, might consider switching to gen fiction. #litchat -4:11 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @Justine_Davies_ Nothing wrong with that! #litchat -4:11 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t Love that! RT @LaurenBaratzL: @TonyNoland If it makes sense at all, the only brand is my name. #litchat -4:11 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland RT @LaurenBaratzL: @TonyNoland If it makes sense at all, the only brand is my name. #litchat / My name is only one that would fit me, too. -4:12 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana @LaurenBaratzL Yes, life is short. Eat dessert first. #litchat -4:12 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @maggiedana Short answer: No. Usually there's such an obvious difference. #litchat -4:12 PM Jan 21st, 2011
krisriggle Could someone please clue me in on the topic? And hello. #litchat -4:12 PM Jan 21st, 2011
ellenfbrown Did your agent have any concerns about you writing in different genres? #litchat -4:12 PM Jan 21st, 2011
CarolyBurnsBass Have any of your editors/publishers requested you use a pen name for other genres? If so, why and how have you stood ground? #litchat -4:12 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Btw, folks serious about a career in writing should join Backspace. Wish it had existed when I was starting out. #litchat -4:13 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana @krisriggle Writing in multiple genres ... and hello! #litchat -4:13 PM Jan 21st, 2011
deberryandgrant RT @LaurenBaratzL: Life is short; getting published or staying published, uncertain.Might as well write what excites *you*. <-AMEN #litchat -4:13 PM Jan 21st, 2011
AS_King RT @LaurenBaratzL: Life is short; getting published or staying published, uncertain. Might as well write what excites *you*. #litchat -4:13 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LitChat @krisriggle We're visiting with @LaurenBaratzL on topic of writing in multiple genres and getting away with it. #litchat -4:13 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @krisriggle Writing in several genres. I'm hosting, answering questions. #litchat -4:13 PM Jan 21st, 2011
candlemarkgleam RT @LaurenBaratzL: Life is short; getting published or staying published, uncertain. Might as well write what excites *you*. #litchat -4:13 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @ellenfbrown My current agent is my 6th and she's the first to actually sell anything; sold 1st five myself. #litchat -4:14 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland I get into a mood when writing. Hard to switch from sci-fi noir to YA to litfic without at break to clear my head. #litchat -4:14 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @ellenfbrown Since she's sold - 18, I think? - for me - for every age group/various genres, she's not concerned. #litchat -4:14 PM Jan 21st, 2011

21stCscribe I find the material demands to be written in its way, that determines the genre #litchat -4:15 PM Jan 21st, 2011
krisriggle Oh, hi @LaurenBaratzL of course it's Friday and hosting day! I'm multi-tasking w/parenting so forgive my scattered mood #litchat -4:15 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t @TonyNoland I'm like that too. Once I get into a groove it's hard to make a switch like that. #litchat -4:15 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass Ther only time I was asked to change my name was my debut. They said name was unwieldy. I said no. #litchat -4:15 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland RT @LitChat: @krisriggle @LaurenBaratzL on topic of writing in multiple genres ---> and getting away with it<---. #litchat (emphasis mine) -4:15 PM Jan 21st, 2011
ellenfbrown She sounds great. I've heard of other authors having trouble with their agents trying to change course. #litchat -4:16 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @TonyNoland The thing is, so long as you know you need that space and you take it, you're cool. #litchat -4:16 PM Jan 21st, 2011
candlemarkgleam RT @TonyNoland: I get into a mood when writing. Hard to switch from sci-fi noir to YA to litfic without at break to clear my head. #litchat -4:16 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe just completed my 1st ever draft of a thriller/supernatural. Always write litfic before and in future, but this demanded 2Bwritten #litchat -4:16 PM Jan 21st, 2011
dallasgeffen @21stCscribe so basically they are talking about marketing again over at #litchat. -4:16 PM Jan 21st, 2011
krisriggle @LaurenBaratzL One person's "unwieldy" name is another's "memorable." Here's to memorable names! #litchat -4:17 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @ellenfbrown The thing authors need to remember: You do not work for your agent. #litchat -4:17 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana @LaurenBaratzL You're at a cocktail party and someone asks "What do you do?" How do you answer? #litchat -4:17 PM Jan 21st, 2011
DavidRozansky The biggest issue I have with writers changing genres is when tehy try to hit two (or more) genres with one novel. SInks fast. #litchat -4:17 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @dallasgeffen like it or not, it forms part of the authorial equation #litchat -4:17 PM Jan 21st, 2011
painted_words Does your process of character development change at all from genre to genre? #litchat -4:17 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @21stCscribe That is exactly so. 1st YA that I wrote, I thought I was writing another adult fic until 100pp in. #litchat -4:17 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @LaurenBaratzL ha! How did you feel at the point of epiphany? #litchat -4:18 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @maggiedana Answer at a cocktail party: "I'm a writer." #litchat -4:18 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t Ah, interesting thought. RT @painted_words: Does your process of character development change at all from genre to genre? #litchat -4:18 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland @LaurenBaratzL And what was the consequence of not adopting a pen name? Anything? #litchat -4:18 PM Jan 21st, 2011
dallasgeffen @21stCscribe doesn't offend me; I am marketing right now, so to speak, by debasing #litchat it's called positioning. -4:19 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @painted_words No, not really. Most books for me begin with concept/MC/title. The character is defined by the concept. #litchat -4:19 PM Jan 21st, 2011

CarolyBurnsBass You often write more than one book at a time. Do you have a process for tracking character, plot, setting and other details? #litchat -4:19 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland RT @DavidRozansky: The biggest issue - two (or more) genres with one novel. Sinks fast. #litchat / Agree. -4:19 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @dallasgeffen I woul;dn't know about that. I'm not down with the marketing jargon #litchat -4:19 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @21stCscribe It actually felt good! "Ooh, a new field to write in!" #litchat -4:20 PM Jan 21st, 2011
booktrunk #litchat regarding cross genre, China Mieville does a rather decent stab of multiple genre books. -4:20 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t This is what I want to know, too. RT @TonyNoland: @LaurenBaratzL And what was the consequence of not adopting a pen name? Anything? #litchat -4:20 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @booktrunk It was Mieville who provoked me to write my first ever genre book... #litchat -4:20 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @TonyNoland Consequence of not using more than one name: Some people get confused. I can't help that. #litchat -4:20 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie Oh, I'm late again - *scrolling to see what's up* #litchat -4:21 PM Jan 21st, 2011
marybethbass RT @AS_King: RT @LaurenBaratzL: Life is short; getting published or staying published, uncertain. Might as well write what excites *you*. #litchat -4:21 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @booktrunk I got v.annoyed with what other people claimed his books to be (not the author himself in fairness) #litchat -4:21 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass Crazyass note-taking. #litchat -4:21 PM Jan 21st, 2011
elandes Understatement. RT @booktrunk: #litchat regarding cross genre, China Mieville does a rather decent stab of multiple genre books. -4:21 PM Jan 21st, 2011
__Deb RT @AS_King: RT @LaurenBaratzL: Life is short; getting published or staying published, uncertain. Might as well write what excites *you*. #litchat -4:21 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @sticky_t @TonyNoland Or did you mean consequence with that publisher? #litchat -4:21 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @LaurenBaratzL wow, I'm not sure I would have been so celebratory about it #litchat -4:21 PM Jan 21st, 2011
amkade @LaurenBaratzL This might seem like an outlandish question, but why are you against a pen name, esp if it were variant on your own? #litchat -4:21 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @21stCscribe Hey, YA is hot. Did I know some would look down their noses? Sure. Did I care? No. #litchat -4:22 PM Jan 21st, 2011
amkade @LaurenBaratzL Do you think that name recognition from one genre helps the other, or confuses it more? #litchat -4:22 PM Jan 21st, 2011
dallasgeffen @21stCscribe From The Peoples Republic of Information: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Positioning_(marketing) #litchat -4:22 PM Jan 21st, 2011
BarbFerrer RT @LaurenBaratzL: Btw, folks serious about a career in writing should join Backspace. Wish it had existed when I was starting out. #litchat -4:23 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @amkade I'm not against pen names at all. It just was not my choice to use one at that time. #litchat -4:23 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland @LaurenBaratzL with that publisher, actually. A new author without a track record, taking a stand... how did that go? #litchat -4:23 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @LaurenBaratzL no I meant celebrating that part way through writing the book was something completely different #litchat -4:23 PM Jan 21st, 2011

LaurenBaratzL @amkade It helps and confuses. How's that for a helpful answer? ;) #litchat -4:23 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @dallasgeffen I'm more guerilla me. The militant wing of art for art's sake #litchat -4:24 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t @TonyNoland @LaurenBaratzL I meant with readership, but that's a good point, too. #litchat -4:24 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @TonyNoland It was fine. They loved the concept of my book and made it their first HC. Preciously they'd only done trade. #litchat -4:24 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland The novel I'm working on now was supposed to be a YA. ~20K into it, I realized it was an adult adventure, not YA at all. #litchat -4:24 PM Jan 21st, 2011
BarbFerrer @LaurenBaratzL I write YA & contemp adult. I love both, but want to push my craft to the next level. #litchat -4:24 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana @LaurenBaratzL Are there grownup books about characters you loved to read as a kid. E.G., Nancy Drew for boomers? #litchat -4:24 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LitChat Here is link to online writers community Backspace @bksp_org of which @LaurenBaratzL speaks of www.bksp.org. Click the forums link. #litchat -4:25 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @21stCscribe I always have a plan, however loose, but I'm always willing for the book to surprise me. #litchat -4:25 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @BarbFerrer What would that next level be? #litchat -4:25 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t @TonyNoland That might be what's happening with my YA, lol. #litchat -4:25 PM Jan 21st, 2011
BarbFerrer @LaurenBaratzL But I'm pushing my boundaries with my next projects, adding paranormal elements for the first time. Never thought it #litchat -4:25 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL For @BarbFerrer but also everybody, if you could have another writer's career, who would it be? #litchat -4:26 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie RT @LitChat: Here is link to online writers community Backspace @bksp_org www.bksp.org. Click the forums link. @LaurenBaratzL #litchat -4:26 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland RT @LitChat: Here is link to online writers community Backspace @bksp_org - www.bksp.org. Click the forums link. #litchat -4:26 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @LaurenBaratzL I like to be surprised too, but a 180 degree revolution? I'm not rot robust enough I fear #litchat -4:27 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @maggiedana I was a Trixie Belden girl. #litchat -4:27 PM Jan 21st, 2011
BarbFerrer @LaurenBaratzL Next level? It's difficult to articulate, but I want the actual writing to get richer & have more layers #litchat -4:27 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland Another writer's career? P.G. Wodehouse, no question. @LaurenBaratzL #litchat -4:27 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @LaurenBaratzL Franz Kafka, though wihtout dying young of TB and not asking for all my work to be burned on my death #litchat -4:27 PM Jan 21st, 2011
DavidRozansky .@maggiedana What a brilliant idea. I think I will pursue some of those licenses. #litchat -4:27 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Random advice: Learn everything you can about craft of writing/business of publishing so when you break the rules 1/2 #litchat -4:27 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL you know what you're doing and it's deliberate. 2/2 #litchat -4:28 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana @LaurenBaratzL I'm thinking of Sisters8 for the YA set; novels for 20-somethings+ a decade or two from now. #litchat -4:28 PM Jan 21st, 2011

deepsouthmag Erin with www.deepsouthmag.com here. Coming in late! #litchat -4:28 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @21stCscribe But that didn't change the book at all, only what I thought I was writing. #litchat -4:29 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana @DavidRozansky @maggiedana Let me know how it works out so I can squeeze you for a commission! #litchat -4:29 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @deepsouthmag Late is good too! #litchat -4:29 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie @LaurenBaratzL yes & with business of publishing evolving, new 'rules,' etc, may be arising! #litchat -4:29 PM Jan 21st, 2011
candlemarkgleam @LaurenBaratzL Neil Gaiman. The man writes EVERYTHING EVER and is brilliant at everything from comics to kidlit to magical realism #litchat -4:29 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Random advice 2: Read read read and not just in your genre. You learn as much - often more! - from what you don't like. #litchat -4:30 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland @sticky_t When I realized I wanted to talk about trust, isolation and loneliness among adults... even with superheroes, not YA. #litchat -4:30 PM Jan 21st, 2011
BarbFerrer @LaurenBaratzL Someone like Diana Gabaldon who has broken the rules & succeeded or Nora, whose work ethic is phenomenal. #litchat -4:30 PM Jan 21st, 2011
amkade If I were to have another writer's career: Haruki Murakami. Creativity, both fantasy & not, some nonfic, and lots of jazz & running #litchat -4:30 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe gotta duck out for 10 mins while son sequesters laptop. Back soon #litchat -4:30 PM Jan 21st, 2011
AimeeLSalter Between "Aspiring" and "Author" Where Are You on the Learning Scale? Check here: http://ow.ly/3HD2r #amwriting #editing #writetip #litchat -4:30 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana RT @LaurenBaratzL: Read read read and not just in your genre. You learn as much - often more! - from what you don't like. #litchat -4:30 PM Jan 21st, 2011
JulieBritt I'm not going to make it today. Y'all have fun with the Superwoman discussion. Have a good weekend. #litchat -4:31 PM Jan 21st, 2011
MaureenMcGowan @LaurenBaratzL Right now, I want Suzanne Collins' career. :) #litchat -4:31 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Random advice #3: It's never too early to think about career planning. What do you want this year? In 5 yrs? In 10 yrs? 1/2 #litchat -4:32 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t RT @LaurenBaratzL: Read read read and not just in your genre. You learn as much - often more! - from what you dont like. #litchat -4:32 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL And what will it take for you to achieve those things? 2/2 #litchat -4:32 PM Jan 21st, 2011
deepsouthmag Admire/wish I could be Rebecca Wells, although all those ya yas from her hometown aren't too happy with her for writing about them. #litchat -4:32 PM Jan 21st, 2011
BarbFerrer @LaurenBaratzL Oh, wait: Michael Chabon. He's respected as both commercial & literary, plus crosses genres. #litchat -4:32 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @MaureenMcGowan HA! #litchat -4:32 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie @LaurenBaratzL a thick skin, lots of patience, and lots of vodka and chocolate :-D #litchat -4:32 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Random advice #4: Wherever you are in your career - struggling to get in, dissatisfied once you're in - don't eat the bitter pill. #litchat -4:33 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @BarbFerrer I know, right? You wonder how he gets all that. #litchat -4:33 PM Jan 21st, 2011

GLHancock @LaurenBaratzL Advice 2 is one of my faves -- learn to write well by reading bad! #litchat -4:34 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @deepsouthmag You know, for enough money, I could handle being hated by my hometown. #litchat -4:34 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie @LaurenBaratzL RA no 4 is so true! #litchat -4:34 PM Jan 21st, 2011
BarbFerrer @LaurenBaratzL I dunno, but I'd probably pay good money to learn how. #litchat -4:34 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GoblinWriter RT @AimeeLSalter: Between "Aspiring" and "Author" Where Are You on the Learning Scale? Check here: http://ow.ly/3HD2r #amwriting #editing #writetip #litchat -4:34 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Random advice #5: You will be dead for a long time so write what you love now and then find ways to make it work. #litchat -4:35 PM Jan 21st, 2011
BarbFerrer @LaurenBaratzL I also admire the hell out of Matt Weiner, from sheer perseverance's sake. #litchat -4:36 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana @LaurenBaratzL I have to ask. When is next Sisters8 book out ... just so I can tell a certain enthusiastic 10-year-old and her pals #litchat -4:36 PM Jan 21st, 2011
CarolyBurnsBass RT @ljsellers I keep files for characters, plots, timelines, everything! It's important to keep track of a series. #litchat -4:36 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @maggiedana Sisters 8 Book 7 is out on May 2, Book 8 on Sept 12, Book 9 next year. #litchat -4:37 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock And on #3 - career planning, my latest pub can help Basics for Writers: Starting a Writing Career (in the Kindle Store) #litchat -4:37 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie @LaurenBaratzL RA 5, too. At my age, I'm all about shruggin my shoulders & doing what I want (within reason :-D) #litchat -4:37 PM Jan 21st, 2011
CarolyBurnsBass What writing/publishing rules have you intentionally broken and were results what you expected? #litchat -4:37 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana @LaurenBaratzL Thanks ... she's already pumped. #litchat -4:38 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass Well, writing not just for so many dif age groups but genres too is a broken rule. #litchat -4:38 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie @LaurenBaratzL Your kids books look great! - my husband's GD is a big reader. Going to check those out for her (she's near 8) #litchat -4:39 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass Selling my first two books and negotiating that contract w/o an agent was another broken rule. #litchat -4:39 PM Jan 21st, 2011
BDCWB The 5 Reasons Why Book Marketing Campaigns Fail http://cot.ag/gop91j #socialmedia #marketing #books #litchat -4:40 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass I also used to call editors on the phone. And of course I should never have tripped Michael Crichton at the Edgars #litchat -4:40 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock Short cut to my Basics for Writers book: http://amzn.to/f9ETSG It's the place to start, even if you're just thinking about writing. #litchat -4:40 PM Jan 21st, 2011
BarbFerrer @CarolyBurnsBass I deliberately wrote a MS in dual-1st POV that included adultery & cancer. Much loved, but remains unsold. #litchat -4:40 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe ok son impeding progress of literature over for now. Am back, what I miss? #litchat -4:40 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL I'm sure there have been consequences. Any time you choose one path you indirectly choose not to pursue others. #litchat -4:41 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana @katmagendie Lauren's Sisters8 have captivated the younger set. They're full of action and fun and page turnability. #litchat -4:41 PM Jan 21st, 2011

LaurenBaratzL @21stCscribe Oh, I promise, we said nothing fascinating while you were gone. #litchat -4:41 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Random advice #6: People will tell you all the time that you can't do certain things. It's up to you whether you listen or not. #litchat -4:42 PM Jan 21st, 2011
deepsouthmag Good point! RT @LaurenBaratzL: @deepsouthmag You know, for enough money, I could handle being hated by my hometown. #litchat #litchat -4:42 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @LaurenBaratzL find that hard to believe #litchat -4:42 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie @maggiedana I'm always looking for good books for her from her 'step-granny kat" :-) thank you! #litchat -4:42 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t RT @LaurenBaratzL: Im sure there have been consequences. Any time you choose one path you indirectly choose not to pursue others. #litchat -4:43 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @deepsouthmag Hell, I'm sure there are people from my hometown who hate me without me benefiting financially! #litchat -4:43 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Problems I see #1: Too many people worrying more about publishing than actual writing. #litchat -4:44 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Problems I see #2: Too many people chasing trends. #litchat -4:45 PM Jan 21st, 2011
deepsouthmag @LaurenBaratzL Ha, so true. There's no payout from those high school girls or ex-boyfriends. #litchat -4:45 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe RT @LaurenBaratzL: Problems I see #1: Too many people worrying more about publishing than actual writing. #litchat -4:46 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe RT @LaurenBaratzL: Problems I see #2: Too many people chasing trends. #litchat -4:46 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Basically, I'm just spouting stuff at this point in the hopes of helping/enlightening. #litchat -4:46 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie RT @LaurenBaratzL Too many people worrying more abt publshng thn actual writing>>or how much $$ they'll make b4 book's even written #litchat -4:46 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @LaurenBaratzL ppl see trend, but it takes at least 6 months to write a novel & trend has passed... #litchat -4:46 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Myth #1: "Once I sell my book to a publisher, all my problems will be solved." #litchat -4:47 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t True. RT @21stCscribe: @LaurenBaratzL ppl see trend, but it takes at least 6 months to write a novel & trend has passed... #litchat -4:47 PM Jan 21st, 2011
marybethbass RT @LaurenBaratzL: Problems I see #1: Too many people worrying more about publishing than actual writing. #litchat -4:47 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @LaurenBaratzL too many writers chase the market? it's a form of self-censorship. What happened to literature as an art form? #litchat -4:47 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie RT @21stCscribe: @LaurenBaratzL >>or book's written quickly but market is saturated by "new trend" #litchat -4:47 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @21stCscribe Never mind time to write, also time to sell and then add 12-18 months before puiblication. #litchat -4:47 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock What is the point of expending energy, time, $$$ to write a book if you aren't going to focus on having it published? Except hobby. #litchat -4:48 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @katmagendie yes because lead in time to publication is so great #litchat -4:48 PM Jan 21st, 2011
CarolyBurnsBass What was the biggest mistake you've made with your writing career? (Of course, if there's been no mistakes, was it luck?) #litchat -4:48 PM Jan 21st, 2011

21stCscribe @LaurenBaratzL sorry, crossed post making same point #litchat -4:48 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL The truth is, once you sell a book you still have problems. They are just new/differemt problems. #litchat -4:48 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie I'm in #litchat - only ten more minutes to go - come join us - get your feet wet in the @litchat waters! -4:48 PM Jan 21st, 2011
BarbFerrer RT @LaurenBaratzL: The truth is, once you sell a book you still have problems. They are just new/differemt problems. #litchat -4:48 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland RT @LaurenBaratzL: Myth #1: "Once I sell my book to a publisher, all my problems will be solved." #litchat -4:49 PM Jan 21st, 2011
marylindsey RT @LaurenBaratzL >> Problems I see #1: Too many people worrying more about publishing than actual writing. #litchat -4:49 PM Jan 21st, 2011
CarolyBurnsBass Hey, you. Get into #litchat for @LaurenBaratzL. >>>>>>>> "Evening gang :o)" -@LexxClarke -4:49 PM Jan 21st, 2011
codejill RT @LaurenBaratzL: The truth is, once you sell a book you still have problems. They are just new/differemt problems. #litchat -4:49 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass I'm sure I make mistakes every day! But biggest? It's probably for someone else to say. #litchat -4:49 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock Successful authors have three careers: writing, publishing, marketing. All unique, separate jobs. Think about it before starting. #litchat -4:50 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe now other son has his 10 min laptop duty. Back soon #litchat -4:50 PM Jan 21st, 2011
BarbFerrer I write because I love it. Because I have to. Because I have stories to tell. Publishing is icing. Doesn't make me a hobbyist. #litchat -4:50 PM Jan 21st, 2011
christineestima RT @LaurenBaratzL: The truth is, once you sell a book you still have problems. They are just new/differemt problems. #litchat -4:50 PM Jan 21st, 2011
RogerJBluff #litchat I am always looking out for good books on creative writing. Any ideas? -4:50 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass Perhaps the biggest is that I've written so many different things. But if I hadn't, I couldn't srurvive $$$/emo. #litchat -4:50 PM Jan 21st, 2011
Wyld_Dandelyon RT @GLHancock: Successful authors have three careers: writing, publishing, marketing. All unique, separate jobs. Think about it before starting. #litchat -4:50 PM Jan 21st, 2011
BarbFerrer Don't get me wrong- I'm a career writer, but even if for some reason I couldn't sell another book, I couldn't stop telling stories. #litchat -4:50 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t RT @BarbFerrer: I write because I love it. Because I have to. Because I have stories to tell. Publishing is icing... #litchat -4:50 PM Jan 21st, 2011
CarolyBurnsBass RT @BarbFerrer: I write because I love it. Because I have to. Because I have stories to tell. Publishing is icing. Doesn't make me a hobbyist. #litchat -4:51 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @RogerJBluff The Art of Dramatic Writing, Lajos Egri. #litchat -4:51 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie Myth #1 - that's a for sure truth. The work has only just begun; a different kind of work and pressure. #litchat -4:51 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland I can't imagine trying to chase the market. By the time you get your teen wizard knockoff written, BAM! Sparkly vampires. #litchat -4:51 PM Jan 21st, 2011
deepsouthmag RT @BarbFerrer: I'm a career writer, but even if for some reason I couldn't sell another book, I couldn't stop telling stories. #litchat -4:51 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t RT @TonyNoland: I can't imagine trying to chase the market. By the time you get your teen wizard knockoff written, BAM! Sparkly vampires. #litchat -4:51 PM Jan 21st, 2011

katmagendie RT @LaurenBaratzL: The truth is, once you sell a book you still have problems. They are just new/differemt problems. #litchat -4:51 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LexxClarke @CarolyBurnsBass Oooh ok, I'll jump in, I have a question for @LaurenBaratzL :o) #litchat -4:51 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @BarbFerrer I don't think anyone could call me a hobbyist but...well, you know. #litchat -4:52 PM Jan 21st, 2011
banana_the_poet @GLHancock #litchat OH! All but missed it again! :(Major Frowny face -4:52 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock @BarbFerrer Storytelling implies an audience. How are your stories told if not read? Writing can be a hobby & it's fine. #litchat -4:52 PM Jan 21st, 2011
CarolyBurnsBass I think @LaurenBaratzL should write one. RT @RogerJBluff: #litchat I am always looking out for good books on creative writing. #litchat -4:52 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @sticky_t See? You're already behind! Write now it's dystopian, *baby*. #litchat -4:52 PM Jan 21st, 2011
BarbFerrer @LaurenBaratzL Lady, I can hardly think of any two people who work quite as hard as you do. #litchat -4:52 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie @BarbFerrer Yup; 1 of my pet peeves-when some1 wld say "Kathryn's hobby is writing." Oh dear; why? because I can do it in PJs? #litchat -4:53 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass HA! I'd actually love to do an anthology of publication stories. #litchat -4:53 PM Jan 21st, 2011
Ren_Thompson RT @TonyNoland: RT @LaurenBaratzL: Myth #1: "Once I sell my book to a publisher, all my problems will be solved." #litchat -4:53 PM Jan 21st, 2011
nicholemcgill RT @LaurenBaratzL: The truth is, once you sell a book you still have problems. They are just new/differemt problems. #litchat -4:53 PM Jan 21st, 2011
candlemarkgleam And now, dystopia RT @TonyNoland: can't imagine trying to chase market. By time you get teen wizard written, BAM! Sparkly vampires. #litchat -4:53 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie RT @TonyNoland: By the time you get your teen wizard knockoff written, BAM! Sparkly vampires.>>>>laughing! :-D #litchat -4:53 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @BarbFerrer *quick curtsey* #litchat -4:54 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Random advice #last: The only person who can ever really take you out of the game is you. #litchat -4:55 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana RT @TonyNoland: By the time you get your teen wizard knockoff written, BAM! Sparkly vampires // followed by wimpy werewolves. #litchat -4:55 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t Haha. RT @LaurenBaratzL: @sticky_t See? You're already behind! Write now it's dystopian, *baby*. #litchat -4:55 PM Jan 21st, 2011
banana_the_poet RT @LaurenBaratzL: @CarolyBurnsBass I also used to call editors on the phone. And of course I should never have tripped Michael Crichton at the Edgars #litchat -4:55 PM Jan 21st, 2011
CarolyBurnsBass What authors have inspired or influenced your writing in various genres? #litchat -4:55 PM Jan 21st, 2011
rebekahwsm poking my head into #litchat -4:55 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland Ha! RT @LaurenBaratzL: @sticky_t See? You're already behind! Write now it's dystopian, *baby*. #litchat -4:55 PM Jan 21st, 2011
banana_the_poet @LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass Thanks for that! :) Smiley face again now #litchat -4:55 PM Jan 21st, 2011

heidiayarbe @LaurenBaratzL I'm SOOOOO lucky because I write what I most want to write. YA Contemporary novels #litchat -4:55 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LexxClarke Evening litchatters :o) #litchat -4:56 PM Jan 21st, 2011
Ren_Thompson RT @LaurenBaratzL: Random advice #6: People will tell you all the time that you can't do certain things. It's up to you whether you listen or not. #litchat -4:56 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL All kinds of people can say no to you but you do *not* have to listen. Does that mean you have to be an arrogant idiot? No. #litchat -4:56 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @CarolyBurnsBass personally I don't want to write work that references or echoes previous writers #litchat -4:56 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass My aspiration is to be Joyce Carol Oates + comedy. #litchat -4:57 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock @rebekahwsm Hiya! Do you see anything wrong with writing as a hobby? I think it is just fine. You can be a successful player, too! #litchat -4:57 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass You know what I love? I love writers that *work*. #litchat -4:57 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie @maggiedana @TonyNoland maggiedana RT @TonyNoland:>>wimpy werewolves >>argh! Lon Chaney rollin in de grave #litchat -4:57 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland Must run, everyone. Thanks for the #litchat. Buy my books: http://bit.ly/efeID0 Visit my blog: http://www.tonynoland.com/ -4:58 PM Jan 21st, 2011
CarolyBurnsBass A worthy and aspiration. RT @LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass You know what I love? I love writers that *work*. #litchat -4:58 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LexxClarke Please Miss @LaurenBaratzL, I have a question! :o) #litchat -4:58 PM Jan 21st, 2011
rebekahwsm @GLHancock not all. i think any legal hobby is a good hobby. but if you want to be a pro at anything then you must take pro steps. #litchat -4:58 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @LexxClarke As Prince Charles says in one of my books, I'm all ears! #litchat -4:59 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @LaurenBaratzL off to the Tower with you! #litchat -5:00 PM Jan 21st, 2011
TonyNoland How bad is self-promotion when you give the wrong URL for your Amazon page? http://amzn.to/hWwRP9 #litchat -5:00 PM Jan 21st, 2011
deepsouthmag Gotta run, y'all, but read regular LitChat contributor @JulieBritt's short story on our website! http://bit.ly/gpMPSv #litchat -5:00 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana RT @LaurenBaratzL: @LexxClarke As Prince Charles says in one of my books, I'm all ears! // Ouch. #litchat -5:00 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock @rebekahwsm What you can't do is prickle at the word "hobby" and say you don't care about trad. publication. Mutually exclusive. #litchat -5:00 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL It's 5pm here, my friends, but I'll hang a bit for straggling questions. #litchat -5:00 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie @TonyNoland *laughing* :-D #litchat -5:01 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @TonyNoland It's only bad if everyone's left the room already. #litchat -5:01 PM Jan 21st, 2011
tenaciousN RT @candlemarkgleam: And now, dystopia RT @TonyNoland: can't imagine trying to chase market. By time you get teen wizard written, BAM! Sparkly vampires. #litchat -5:01 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LexxClarke @LaurenBaratzL Your YA series of books, the Sisters 8, what age range are they aimed at?was that the age you intended to write for? #litchat -5:01 PM Jan 21st, 2011

sticky_t Haha! #Epicfail? RT @TonyNoland: How bad is self-promotion when you give the wrong URL for your Amazon page? http://amzn.to/hWwRP9 #litchat -5:01 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @GLHancock No one said they didn't care about publication; said can't let desire for that overwhelm writing. #litchat -5:01 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @LexxClarke The Sisters 8 is not YA. It's for ages 6-10, roughly, and is exactly what we aimed for. #litchat -5:02 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie RT @deepsouthmag: @JulieBritts short story on our website! http://bit.ly/gpMPSv >>>pulled it up to read after LC! #litchat -5:03 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana @LexxClarke Think modern Enid Blyton for the pre-teen set. Lauren's books are fabulous. #litchat -5:03 PM Jan 21st, 2011
mmj5170 @LaurenBaratzL Knowing from previous LitChat, your work ethics; it was a pleasure to hear your thoughts today. Thank You. #litchat -5:03 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LitChat Thanks for sticking around @LaurenBaratzL. You stirred up some excellent convo today. #litchat -5:03 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @mmj5170 Hey, thank you so much! #litchat -5:04 PM Jan 21st, 2011
sticky_t Ditto that. :) Thanks, Lauren! RT @LitChat: Thanks for sticking around @LaurenBaratzL. You stirred up some excellent convo today. #litchat -5:04 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LexxClarke @LaurenBaratzL Thank you, thank you and thank you, my youngest niece is in for a treat :o) #litchat -5:04 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie I think it's the desire for publication without the desire for language & words & doing the work, not desire for pub in general. #litchat -5:04 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @LitChat Well, I don't know about that. I hope folks at least had some fun. #litchat -5:04 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock Apt for this time of year: IRS & Writers at http://amzn.to/ev5gnt but if you itemize, can't file until Valentine's Day! #litchat -5:05 PM Jan 21st, 2011
katmagendie @LaurenBaratzL Thank you for a great @litchat discussion! *clap clap clap clap clap* See y'all later . . . #litchat -5:05 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @LexxClarke I hope she likes it! In terms of YA, my most recent is Twin's Daughter, also good for adults. #litchat -5:05 PM Jan 21st, 2011
rebekahwsm @GLHancock i think all actions (and words) should go hand in hand with the ultimate goal. which includes respect for both sides #litchat -5:06 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock RT @LitChat: Thanks for sticking around @LaurenBaratzL. You stirred up some excellent convo today. #litchat -5:06 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @LaurenBaratzL thanks for sharing! #litchat -5:06 PM Jan 21st, 2011
ChandraYB @LaurenBaratzL Thanks for the inspirational tips and great advice - worth saving and taping over the desk! #litchat -5:06 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LexxClarke @LaurenBaratzL Awesome, suitable for other nieces then :o) #litchat -5:06 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock @rebekahwsm True, and you can write for fun and money -- or even both at the same time! #litchat -5:07 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @LexxClarke And you! ;) #litchat -5:07 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @katmagendie I find there's very little desire for language. people want escapism through fantasy? #litchat -5:07 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LexxClarke @LaurenBaratzL a definite bonus! #litchat -5:08 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Hey, y'all, thanks for a good time. If you think of further Qs later, feel free to DM. Happy Writing! #litchat -5:08 PM Jan 21st, 2011

LitChat Before everyone goes on to their Friday night fiesta, let's give @LaurenBaratzL a HUGE #litchat round of {{{APPLAUSE}}}. Thank you, Lauren! -5:08 PM Jan 21st, 2011
Wiswell Some clever uses of language are very well received in and aid escapism. @21stCscribe @katmagendie Difficult gamble, though. #litchat -5:09 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LexxClarke Seconded :o) RT @LitChat:lets give @LaurenBaratzL a HUGE #litchat round of {{{APPLAUSE}}}. Thank you, Lauren! #litchat -5:09 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock Claps @LaurenBaratzL #litchat -5:09 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @Wiswell name the names please #litchat -5:09 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LitChat Who wants to open the shout and crow session? Got good news to share with #litchat? Let's hear it now! -5:10 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe RT @LexxClarke: Seconded :o) RT @LitChat:lets give @LaurenBaratzL a HUGE #litchat round of {{{APPLAUSE}}}. Thank you, Lauren! #litchat -5:10 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock I'm taking a sabbatical from blogging, but to from my career. Just published first print book for client - poems and color images. #litchat -5:11 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe 10,000 views of my opening chapter sample for "A,B&E" on @BookBuzzr achieved this week http://bit.ly/clUNH1 #litchat -5:11 PM Jan 21st, 2011
rebekahwsm @GLHancock exactly (lol who are you debating this with?) #litchat -5:11 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @christineestima Belatedly, some problems post-pub: various forms of rejection, promoting book, selling next book #litchat -5:11 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock "Collected Poems" by Paul Smith is my beautiful baby. If I could show you pictures, I would! #litchat -5:11 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana @GLHancock Woot!!!! Congratulations. You must be psyched about this. #litchat -5:12 PM Jan 21st, 2011
AlwaysJenNV RT @LaurenBaratzL: Random advice #6: People will tell you all the time that you can't do certain things. It's up to you whether you listen or not. #litchat -5:12 PM Jan 21st, 2011
WordsmithJenn Congrats to all of you! I just finished my first ms EVER. I'm excited. But now I have to edit. #litchat -5:12 PM Jan 21st, 2011
Wiswell @21stCscribe Peter Beagle's purple passages get quoted often; the language is half the fun of Lewis Carroll. #litchat -5:13 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LitChat Thanks everyone for joining us today and all week. Next week in #litchat is I'D RATHER BE WRITING. Guest host on Friday is @KimStagliano. -5:13 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock @maggiedana TY! Yeah, almost beyond the shock of how difficult it was to accomplish! Friends, start with a B&W and best tools! #litchat -5:13 PM Jan 21st, 2011
candlemarkgleam @21stcscribe not all genre authors don't care about language. EREKOS (http://bit.ly/aiT9vj) is all about language, but is fantasy #litchat -5:14 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @Wiswell don't know Peter Beagle. off to investigate thanks #litchat -5:14 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL @WordsmithJenn First-time editing can be a bear, but a big "Yea, you!!!" for finishing the ms. #litchat -5:14 PM Jan 21st, 2011
WordsmithJenn @LaurenBaratzL thanks :0) #litchat -5:14 PM Jan 21st, 2011
candlemarkgleam Our #litchat crow for today: BROKEN by @whateversusan got a knockout review from @grgenius: http://bit.ly/euQtqW -5:15 PM Jan 21st, 2011
21stCscribe @CandlemarkGleam it's not just genre authors. So called literary fiction ones too... #litchat -5:15 PM Jan 21st, 2011

CarolyBurnsBass Congratulations! RT @GLHancock. Collected Poems" by Paul Smith is my beautiful baby. If I could show you pictures, I would! #litchat -5:15 PM Jan 21st, 2011
WordsmithJenn Yay! Congrats @whateversusan for the awesome review by @grgenius :) #litchat -5:16 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock With all the "extra" time, I'm refurbishing some of my web pages, esp to reflect new capabilities and services. I R a Publisher now #litchat -5:16 PM Jan 21st, 2011
maggiedana Minor crow. Sent revised m/s off to agent last night. She will submit within month. #litchat -5:16 PM Jan 21st, 2011
GLHancock RT @maggiedana: Minor crow. Sent revised m/s off to agent last night. She will submit within month. || Yaaaay! Good on you. Novel? #litchat -5:17 PM Jan 21st, 2011
CarolyBurnsBass Congratulations! A huge accomplishment. RT @WordsmithJenn I just finished my first ms EVER. I'm excited. But now I have to edit. #litchat -5:17 PM Jan 21st, 2011
LaurenBaratzL Yea to everyone for all their great crows! It's important to celebrate the positive. #litchat -5:18 PM Jan 21st, 2011