



LitChat: Friday, August 10, 2012

Topic of the Week: Saying Goodbye

Guest Host: Laurie Frankel

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. Moderated by @LitChat's Carolyn Burns Bass.

Guest host: @Laurie_Frankel

LitChat Welcome to #litchat! Today we have novelist @Laurie_Frankel as guest host. Join us from 4-5pmET. -4:00 PM Aug 10th, 2012

LitChat While the scheduled hour of #litchat is underway from 4-5pmET, please don't use the hashtag unless you are contributing to the convo. -4:01 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel I'm SO glad to be here! Thank you for having me, and thanks to everyone for being here. #litchat -4:01 PM Aug 10th, 2012

LitChat The easiest way to follow #litchat is from <http://t.co/kv8KRFO>. Simply authorize the app and you're in the convo w/ @Laurie_Frankel. -4:02 PM Aug 10th, 2012

DuchessCadbury RT @LitChat: While the scheduled hour of #litchat is underway from 4-5pmET, please don't use the hashtag unless you are contributing to the convo. -4:02 PM Aug 10th, 2012

DuchessCadbury Hey everyone. Nice to see the usual suspects again. LOL. #litchat -4:02 PM Aug 10th, 2012

LitChat While everyone's gathering, why not introduce yourself to @Laurie_Frankel and let #litchat begin. -4:02 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel It's so nice to meet everyone, however electronically. In fact, that's what the book's about so it's perfect. #litchat -4:02 PM Aug 10th, 2012

LitChat Today's guest host, @Laurie_Frankel, is author of THE ATLAS OF LOVE and a new novel, GOODBYE FOR NOW. Please welcome Laurie to #litchat. -4:03 PM Aug 10th, 2012

LitChat @Laurie_Frankel Yes, #litchat is an excellent avenue to talk about GOODBYE FOR NOW. We are digitally connected. #litchat -4:04 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel Hi all! Very great to be here! Many thanks for being here too. #litchat -4:04 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger Marianne here. Not one to cry at movies, but I am wiping away tears after watching Titanic. #Litchat -4:04 PM Aug 10th, 2012

LitChat @Laurie_Frankel How about taking a few tweets to introduce yourself and give a summary of GOODBYE FOR NOW. #litchat -4:05 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel Oh @NineTiger it was epic, huh? #litchat -4:06 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel GOODBYE FOR NOW is about a software engineer who invents a way for people to email with their dead loved ones. #litchat -4:06 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel All about separation & death, the subject of your book :) #Litchat -4:07 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel And Tweet! And Facebook and video chat and other social media and online interactions. Just like this one! #litchat -4:07 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel I am all about this comparison @NineTiger #litchat -4:08 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel I was a teacher for years. Trust me when I tell you I have questions prepped. But I'd love to hear everyone else's too. Feel free! #litchat -4:09 PM Aug 10th, 2012

ssvik Hi all, Sweta here! So glad I could make it today. Excited to be here! @litchat #LitChat -4:09 PM Aug 10th, 2012

DuchessCadbury @Laurie_Frankel Interesting premise. Where did that idea come from? #litchat -4:09 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel So for starters, do you feel like you spend too much time on social networking sites or too little or just right? #litchat -4:09 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel Welcome Sweta! #litchat -4:10 PM Aug 10th, 2012

ssvik @NineTiger I am so with you. The background score too had some real effect on me! #LitChat -4:10 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel I spent as minimum an amount as possible. I prefer solitude. #Litchat -4:11 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel Well @DuchessCadbury when my grandmother died, I thought it just seemed like a great idea. She and I emailed a lot. #litchat -4:11 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @ssvik Especially the band playing as the worst begins! #Litchat -4:11 PM Aug 10th, 2012

ssvik @Laurie_Frankel Mostly, just right:-) It totally depends on my work schedule & the emotional investment in the current project. #LitChat -4:11 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NicholeBernier Hi Laurie, It's a fascinating premise for a book. How did it come to you? #litchat -4:11 PM Aug 10th, 2012

CarolyBurnsBass @laurie_frankel Speaking from personal acct, I'd say I have gone up and down with time spent in SM. Depends on workload or boredom. #litchat -4:12 PM Aug 10th, 2012

ssvik @NineTiger Sending you an e-tissue box right away:-) #LitChat -4:12 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel Part of the idea came from my frustration with spending too much time online. Too much time with friends virtual rather than real. #litchat -4:12 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @ssvik Thanks :) #Litchat -4:13 PM Aug 10th, 2012

LitChat @Laurie_Frankel Speaking now from #litchat acct, I could be more consistent with following up on interesting bookish tweets. #litchat -4:13 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel Have had experience of your grandmother after death? #Litchat -4:13 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NicholeBernier I think the appeal of social media, from a convenience perspective, is that it's there to duck in and out in brief, at leisure. #litchat -4:14 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel I also wonder how close are your online identities and your actual in-person identities? #litchat -4:14 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel But hard to keep up with. And addictive. #litchat -4:14 PM Aug 10th, 2012

ConstellationBo RT @LitChat: Welcome to #litchat! Today we have novelist @Laurie_Frankel as guest host. Join us from 4-5pmET. -4:15 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel I think the online me and the actual me are very different frankly. #litchat -4:16 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel I think friends & family can see better how different one is or is not online #Litchat -4:16 PM Aug 10th, 2012

ssvik @Laurie_Frankel Pretty similar, actually. Internet is unforgiving, so I'd rather be transparent vs. spend time covering my tracks. #LitChat -4:17 PM Aug 10th, 2012

richmagahiz RT @Laurie_Frankel: GOODBYE FOR NOW is about a software engineer who invents a way for people to email with their dead loved ones. #litchat -4:17 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel The book's question is: how can social networking sites help us mourn a loved one who has died? #litchat -4:17 PM Aug 10th, 2012

ssvik @NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel Great point! #LitChat -4:17 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Lots of people working on that right now. Facebook apps for after death and such. #litchat -4:18 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel Look at the web site Find a Grave. People want to connect with the dead. Often there are testimoniels #Litchat -4:18 PM Aug 10th, 2012
CarolyBurnsBass @laurie_frankel I try to be as real to my actual self w/o over sharing. I wd hate to hear someone say I was diffrent in real life. #litchat -4:18 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat How? RT @Laurie_Frankel: I think the online me and the actual me are very different frankly. #litchat -4:19 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel There are companies like this one that offer services remarkably similar to the one in the book http://t.co/qxYCEweP #litchat -4:19 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robynmcintyre @LitChat That's interesting. I think I'm the same everywhere. #litchat -4:20 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Also this one http://t.co/4c9aNFIn #litchat -4:20 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @Laurie_Frankel SNS helps vent into ether or makes us believe so--if one doesn't want to appear soft in front of known faces. #LitChat -4:20 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Would you use them? WILL you use them? #litchat -4:20 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @CarolyBurnsBass @laurie_frankel Touche!:-) #LitChat -4:20 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robynmcintyre @Laurie_Frankel So what happens after the world finds out about the engineer's invention for emailing the dead? #litchat -4:20 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ConstellationBo RT @LitChat: @Laurie_Frankel How about taking a few tweets to introduce yourself and give a summary of GOODBYE FOR NOW. #litchat -4:21 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ConstellationBo RT @Laurie_Frankel: GOODBYE FOR NOW is about a software engineer who invents a way for people to email with their dead loved ones. #litchat -4:21 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel The dead stay alive as long as we remember them. Have made entries on Find A Grave for the dead #Litchat -4:21 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Are you in touch with different people online than in person @ssvik? #litchat -4:22 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel But in remembering them, they and we change @NineTiger #litchat -4:22 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel Online brings more people across my path than I could possibly meet just walking around, so different and same #Litchat -4:23 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Anyone want to name books about MOURNING per se rather than just death? Or about living online? Or dying online? #litchat -4:24 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @Laurie_Frankel Most of the people I am in touch w/t in person are a part of my online world...and there are others. #LitChat -4:25 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat @Laurie_Frankel What has been the reaction of grief/loss groups/societies to GOODBYE FOR NOW (if any)? #litchat -4:25 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @Laurie_Frankel I read about gravestones with QR codes somewhere #Litchat -4:25 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel Absolutely. It sent me to Sicily because of my genealogy research on the dead #Litchat -4:25 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robynmcintyre @Laurie_Frankel A nephew killed in traffic last year still has an FB account where his widow tweets news about his family & hobbies #litchat -4:25 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel Interesting @ssvik to keep them separate mostly or live two lives sometimes #litchat -4:26 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat THE UNFINISHED WORK OF ELIZABETH D by @NicholeBernier features a character rediscovering and grieving a friend after she's passed. #litchat -4:26 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Wow @richmagahiz RT I read about gravestones with QR codes somewhere #litchat -4:26 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @robyncintyre Freaked me out when I received a msg suggesting to add a deceased FB friend to my Friends group #Litchat -4:27 PM Aug 10th, 2012
techtigger @richmagahiz wow, that is wild. Would never have thought of a QR code on a grave! permanent online monument to deceased? #litchat -4:27 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Lots of people are talking about what @robyncintyre says here. People maintain loved one's FB accts. #litchat -4:27 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @richmagahiz Yikes. Reminds me of that Max Headroom episode w/ dead people holograms. #litchat -4:28 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel There are elements of mourning in my own travel memoir, because we went to my grandmothers town in Sicily #Litchat -4:28 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel What if they could maintain themselves? Based on your life? #litchat -4:28 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @Laurie_Frankel @techtigger Here, among others http://t.co/GkIT9p4w #Litchat -4:28 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @Laurie_Frankel Technology will make it possible to know ancestors as never before. #litchat -4:28 PM Aug 10th, 2012
CarolyBurnsBass @robyncintyre @Laurie_Frankel Same situation with a friend of mine who passed last April. Facebook is still active. #litchat -4:29 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Have never seen Max Headroom but must. People keep mentioning that to me. #litchat -4:29 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @Laurie_Frankel I feel we all live so many roles in any case that I may as well keep one identity online & offline. SOO much easier #LitChat -4:29 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel Aren't there some companies now that preserve digital footprint? #Litchat -4:29 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @robyncintyre find a grave is a good example, especially when folks post pictures. #Litchat -4:29 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @NineTiger Even websites live on via the Wayback machine. #litchat -4:30 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Are FB accts of dead people helpful or just creepy? Even invasive and presumptive? #litchat -4:30 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel You can see the original MH movie, rather than the series #Litchat -4:30 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @robyncintyre @Laurie_Frankel In the future, everyone will become Mormon retroactively #Litchat -4:30 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Yeah @NineTiger. Lots of up and coming companies #litchat -4:30 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @robyncintyre yes. My first web page is there :) #Litchat -4:30 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @richmagahiz Due to quantum mechanics, everyone already IS Mormon. #litchat -4:30 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @richmagahiz hey, I could not have done my genealogy research without them #LitChat -4:31 PM Aug 10th, 2012

robbyncintyre @Laurie_Frankel Depends on who's maintaining them or not. #litchat -4:31 PM Aug 10th, 2012

LitChat RT @robbyncintyre: @Laurie_Frankel Technology will make it possible to know ancestors as never before. #litchat -4:31 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @robbyncintyre Wasn't Mormon the correct answer on South Park? #LitChat -4:31 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel Is it...offensive for these companies to try to make money off of mourning or death? Exploitative? #litchat -4:31 PM Aug 10th, 2012

richmagahiz @NineTiger @robbyncintyre Remind your kids not to put embarrassing stuff up on the net - it's there for eternity #LitChat -4:32 PM Aug 10th, 2012

robbyncintyre @NineTiger It's always the correct answer on SP, unless the answer is scientology. In Hitchhiker's it's 42. #litchat -4:32 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @LitChat I was able to connect with third cousins before going to Sicily. Tech made it possible #LitChat -4:32 PM Aug 10th, 2012

LitChat @Laurie_Frankel Funny, I thought of Max Headroom while reading GOODBYE FOR NOW. But RePose would be much more sophisticated now. #litchat -4:32 PM Aug 10th, 2012

robbyncintyre @richmagahiz I took care of that by not breeding #litchat -4:32 PM Aug 10th, 2012

ssvik @robbyncintyre @Laurie_Frankel My uncle's acct. is active even though no one maintains it. It's a weird feeling for sure. #LitChat -4:33 PM Aug 10th, 2012

robbyncintyre @LitChat Yeah, that's what I was thinking. Limits of technology while filming. #litchat -4:33 PM Aug 10th, 2012

techtigger @Laurie_Frankel I don't know if it's any different than buying an ostentatious burial plot and monument. #litchat -4:33 PM Aug 10th, 2012

richmagahiz @robbyncintyre Hey, I remember, me neither. I speak only in the larger picture. #LitChat -4:33 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @richmagahiz No kids to worry about either #LitChat -4:33 PM Aug 10th, 2012

ssvik @robbyncintyre I LOVE your word choice. Haha. #LitChat @richmagahiz -4:33 PM Aug 10th, 2012

LitChat We are visiting with novelist @Laurie_Frankel right now in #litchat. Join us! #litchat -4:33 PM Aug 10th, 2012

robbyncintyre @techtigger Some of the Victorian stones are GORGEOUS and some of the art deco. #litchat -4:34 PM Aug 10th, 2012

robbyncintyre @richmagahiz I'm beginning to wonder if there IS a larger picture. In any case, does the world need more wiseass Pilipinos? #litchat -4:35 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel What's the practical difference between a FB acct of a dead loved one and a FB acct of a live loved one you never see in person? #litchat -4:35 PM Aug 10th, 2012

techtigger @robbyncintyre *lol* ditto for me, no kids, no pets, just plants and rooms full of books :) #litchat -4:35 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @robbyncintyre I am very big into funerary sculpture. Green Lawn in Columbus! #LitChat -4:35 PM Aug 10th, 2012

richmagahiz @techtigger @Laurie_Frankel Getting shot into space or pressed into diamonds is show-offy too in a different way #LitChat -4:35 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel We call it genealogy #LitChat -4:35 PM Aug 10th, 2012

robyncintyre @NineTiger I'm partial to pioneer cemeteries, particularly immigrants like Norwegians and Swedes in Ft. Bragg and Mendocino, CA #litchat -4:36 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @robyncintyre Somebody's got to eat all the durian #Litchat -4:36 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Would you email or video chat with a dead loved one if you could? #litchat -4:36 PM Aug 10th, 2012
techtigger @robyncintyre definately. And someone made money from selling the monument so i don't think online ones are particularly offensive #litchat -4:36 PM Aug 10th, 2012
CarolyBurnsBass @Laurie_Frankel I can imagine holographs on future gravestones. When you walk up, they are triggered to pop up to greet. #litchat -4:36 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @robyncintyre I am for the big angels in Catholic cemeteries #Litchat -4:36 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @Laurie_Frankel Well, w/ a live account you MIGHT get an answer. With a dead person's account, if you get an answer, it's spooky. #litchat -4:36 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @Laurie_Frankel The live ones send more Farmville invitations #Litchat -4:37 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel 'd let hem rest in peace. Anyway, as a sensitive, they can talk to me whenever ;) #Litchat -4:37 PM Aug 10th, 2012
CarolyBurnsBass @Laurie_Frankel As gravestone holograph tech develops, they would have facial recognition software to personalize greetings. #litchat -4:37 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @richmagahiz Is it really that good? #litchat -4:37 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @CarolyBurnsBass They did that in the Firefly movie #Litchat -4:37 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @Laurie_Frankel Maybe once a year #Litchat -4:38 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @CarolyBurnsBass Also reminds me of an old Billy Cosby routine. "Don't I look like myself." #Litchat -4:38 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre RT @richmagahiz: @Laurie_Frankel The live ones send more Farmville invitations #Litchat -4:38 PM Aug 10th, 2012
CarolyBurnsBass Loved that movie. But I don't remember that. Must have sunk in. RT @NineTiger: @CarolyBurnsBass They did that in the Firefly movie #litchat -4:38 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel There's a TED talk about holograms of dead loved ones basically coming to live with you after death. #litchat -4:38 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @richmagahiz Ain't THAT the truth! #litchat -4:38 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @robyncintyre I think the idea is better than the reality #Litchat -4:38 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @richmagahiz holograms or durians? #litchat -4:39 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Or like when they brought Tupac back at Coachella. #litchat -4:39 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @Laurie_Frankel Screw that. Dead people haunt me enough as is, and I don't even SEE them. #litchat -4:39 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @Laurie_Frankel Must be awkward the day when you bring a special someone home... #Litchat -4:39 PM Aug 10th, 2012
techtigger @Laurie_Frankel hmm, not sure I could handle that. Don't you think having the hologram would impede the grieving/healing process? #litchat -4:39 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Aha @richmagahiz! That's what the book is about. RT I think the idea is better than the reality. #litchat -4:40 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @robyncintyre That's the solution! holographic durian #Litchat -4:40 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel Already have the ghosts in my house and a portal too. #Litchat -4:40 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @Laurie_Frankel My dead uncle IS on my mailing list. I unintentionally emailed him too, after he'd died. Email bounced=surreal. #LitChat -4:40 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel I do think that @techtigger RT Don't you think having the hologram would impede the grieving/healing process? #litchat -4:40 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel It is hard to move on in life if the dead keep hanging around. #Litchat -4:40 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel Say WHAT?? #LitChat -4:40 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robymcintyre RT @NineTiger: @Laurie_Frankel It is hard to move on in life if the dead keep hanging around. #Litchat -4:41 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat @Laurie_Frankel Voice kept GOODBYE FOR NOW from being macabre, but what did your fr/amily think about you writing such a novel? #litchat -4:41 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @Laurie_Frankel I notice that people expect things to make them happier than they actually end up being #Litchat -4:41 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Lesley_Kagen Hey, Laurie... #litchat -4:41 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel What would you say to a dead loved one if you could? #litchat -4:41 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robymcintyre RT @Laurie_Frankel: Aha @richmagahiz! That's what the book is about. RT I think the idea is better than the reality. #litchat -4:41 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NicholeBernier @LitChat True, and thanks for mentioning. But GFN takes the interactive grieving to a new level. #litchat -4:41 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Thanks @LitChat! My fam/friends are thrilled. But almost no one's read the book yet. #litchat -4:42 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robymcintyre @richmagahiz Yeah. "Honey, this is my mom and dad - they're dead." Worst first impression ever #litchat -4:42 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @ssvik Not uncommon for me to converse with the deceased. On rare occasion they pop up in my house. Being sensitive.... #Litchat -4:42 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Lesley_Kagen Aren't all ideas better than reality? Travel sure as hell is. #litchat -4:42 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Hey @Lesley_Kagen! Nice to see you! #litchat -4:42 PM Aug 10th, 2012
techtigger all this talk of holograms has me thinking of Superman and his father's projection in the fortress of solitude ;) #litchat -4:42 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robymcintyre @Laurie_Frankel Soon the studios will be licensing Marilyn Monroe and Cary Grant to work again. #litchat -4:42 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel Dream space is best for conversations with the dead. #Litchat -4:42 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel I think @Lesley_Kagen has some good travel stories! #litchat -4:43 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Lesley_Kagen I would say to my dead father...um...maybe that's too harsh. #litchat -4:43 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Yes @robymcintyre! In the works! And a Beatles reunion tour evidently. #litchat -4:43 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat @robymcintyre @richmagahiz The meeting a new boyfriend actually occurs in GOODBYE FOR NOW. #litchat -4:43 PM Aug 10th, 2012

robynmcintyre @Laurie_Frankel I'm afraid that with my late DH, I'd start an argument. #litchat -4:44 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @NineTiger Wow...I once went to a writing residency where the house was haunted. Freaked me out completely. #LitChat -4:44 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Lesley_Kagen Lesley Kagen's idea of good travel is watching The Travel Channel. #litchat -4:44 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Harsh is good! Harsh is so important. So are arguments. For sure. #litchat -4:44 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robynmcintyre @Lesley_Kagen Amen to that. And a lot of hotel travel really sucks. #litchat -4:44 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @ssvik Does take a little getting used too if it is a new experience for you :) #Litchat -4:45 PM Aug 10th, 2012
CarolyBurnsBass @ssvik Where was the writing residency? I've been to one in NC where other residents swear of ghostly happenings. #litchat -4:45 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @LitChat That's worth looking forward to. Ouch! #Litchat -4:45 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel I wonder how many people would use the opportunity to say hard things to the dead instead of loving/sappy things. Or in addition. #litchat -4:45 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robynmcintyre @Laurie_Frankel Not as long as Paul is alive, I'll bet. #litchat -4:45 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Lesley_Kagen I LOVE harsh but nobody else seems to these days. Has anger gone out of style to be replaced by...calm down...take a deep breath. #litchat -4:45 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Lesley_Kagen I like to hit the road and get into the mess of traveling, screaming and enjoying all the way #Litchat -4:45 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Not that hard isn't also loving, but it's different loving. Which is, I think, the point of fiction. #litchat -4:45 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @Laurie_Frankel @LitChat Okay to ask why is that? Intrigued if it's the concept of death and beyond. #LitChat -4:45 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel Oh, I certainly would have my say just to get closure #Litchat -4:46 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Lesley_Kagen I'd definately be harsh. Dead person tough love. #litchat -4:46 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @robynmcintyre You mean Paul is not dead? #Litchat -4:47 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robynmcintyre @Lesley_Kagen I'm definitely still pissed at my late DH. I'd tell him so, but I'm sure he already knows. #litchat -4:47 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @Lesley_Kagen You expect that people would learn from previous disappointment, but no #Litchat -4:47 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Lesley_Kagen I popped in late, sorry. Did we talk about the movie thingie yet? #litchat -4:47 PM Aug 10th, 2012
techtigger @Laurie_Frankel I wouldn't get a word in edge-wise! great grandma would lecture on how the only profession for a woman is a nurse.. #litchat -4:47 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @Laurie_Frankel Keeping it real w/t the unreal situation?-) I wud think many would keep a balance. Can't romanticize loss forever. #LitChat -4:47 PM Aug 10th, 2012
CarolyBurnsBass @Laurie_Frankel Seems to me that talking to a dead loved one isn't the issue, it's needing to hear back from the DD. #litchat -4:47 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robynmcintyre @NineTiger Back to the Walrus again. #litchat -4:48 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel In the book it's all faked -- a simulation. Would it matter? Dissuade you? Or would you say it anyway? #litchat -4:48 PM Aug 10th, 2012

techtigger @NineTiger @robyncintyre and here I thought he was just a disney animatronic used for the olympics opener ;) #litchat -4:48 PM Aug 10th, 2012

robyncintyre @techtigger ...or a teacher - I heard that one too as I was growing up. #litchat -4:48 PM Aug 10th, 2012

ssvik @CarolyBurnsBass Really? Was it creepy? This was in Martha's Vineyard. Most houses there are 200+ years old or own such history. #LitChat -4:48 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Lesley_Kagen @richmagahiz No uh uh..hope...you know..it's that whole it springs eternal. Next time... #litchat -4:48 PM Aug 10th, 2012

LitChat Yes, do spill. RT @Lesley_Kagen: I popped in late, sorry. Did we talk about the movie thingie yet? #litchat -4:48 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel Haven't talked about the movie yet. In the works. Very exciting! #litchat -4:49 PM Aug 10th, 2012

richmagahiz @techtigger @Laurie_Frankel Speaking with the dead means you can never get the last word in #Litchat -4:49 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel Sounds like a cheat #Litchat -4:49 PM Aug 10th, 2012

robyncintyre @techtigger LOL. Damn fine animatronics. #litchat -4:49 PM Aug 10th, 2012

ssvik @NineTiger Haha. I watch horror movies on mute. Am not sure if I will ever get used to ghosts and all, you know:-)) #LitChat -4:49 PM Aug 10th, 2012

techtigger @richmagahiz hahahahah! very true! #litchat -4:49 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel But you can turn it off. RT @richmagahiz Speaking with the dead means you can never get the last word in. #litchat -4:50 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @ssvik Favorite horror is the original The Haunting #Litchat -4:50 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Lesley_Kagen @robyncintyre It's been my experience that anger doesn't go away once somebody dies. Like Rich said... #litchat -4:50 PM Aug 10th, 2012

robyncintyre @ssvik While you have then on mute, make up your own dialog. Ghost can't rest because of indigestion from last meal... #litchat -4:50 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Lesley_Kagen @Laurie_Frankel Details of the movie stuff!! Please! #litchat -4:50 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @CarolyBurnsBass Good one :) #Litchat -4:50 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger @Lesley_Kagen It just gets funneled into something else #Litchat -4:51 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel Don't know very many movie details. They found a writer they love who's working on the screenplay. Almost done I think. #litchat -4:51 PM Aug 10th, 2012

ssvik @robyncintyre How about I sing some tawdry Pitbull songs? The ghost WOULD be scared:-) #LitChat -4:51 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel Best part about the movie is it's not my problem. Happening without and apart from me. YES!! #litchat -4:52 PM Aug 10th, 2012

LitChat @Laurie_Frankel Did film rights sell before the book sold? What is time frame? I think this is going to be an awesome movie. #litchat -4:52 PM Aug 10th, 2012

robyncintyre @Laurie_Frankel Don't be surprised if they bring in one or two script doctors and then change it again when the cast is being set. #litchat -4:52 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Lesley_Kagen @NineTiger Oh, God. Ugh. #litchat -4:52 PM Aug 10th, 2012

ssvik @Laurie_Frankel WOW! Congratulations!!! Fabulous! #LitChat -4:52 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel Anger dies/fades before love??? #litchat -4:52 PM Aug 10th, 2012

robyncintyre @ssvik Good plan; make the muted movie into a musical! #litchat -4:52 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Lesley_Kagen @Laurie_Frankel That is so not enough. Which studio? Who's producing, etc. #litchat -4:52 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @robyncintyre Bollywood! #Litchat -4:53 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Book sold first. Then movie. And thank you all -- yes, very exciting and I agree: would make a GREAT movie. Fingers crossed!! #litchat -4:53 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @NineTiger - NOW you're talking! #litchat -4:53 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat @Laurie_Frankel Who do you envision playing the leads in the film? #litchat -4:53 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel It's Lionsgate/Summit Entertainment/Temple Hill. LOVE them. #litchat -4:54 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @Laurie_Frankel Good place to be optioned. #litchat -4:54 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @robyncintyre Bollywood gets me dancing :) #Litchat -4:54 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel I started the story as a play before it became a novel, so it's very interesting to watch the process. #litchat -4:54 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @Laurie_Frankel Hope they knock it out of the park then #Litchat -4:55 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel Too bad Don Fontaine is on the other side. He'd have done a great VO #Litchat -4:55 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @robyncintyre A HORROR musical:-) We could totally co-produce it. :-) #LitChat -4:55 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Lesley_Kagen @Laurie_Frankel Oh, Laurie, Laurie, Laurie...why am I so damn excited about this?! #litchat -4:55 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel I've been fantasizing dead people to play the leads. You know...thematic. #litchat -4:55 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel The trailers should be awesome! Great stuff for visuals. #litchat -4:55 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @ssvik Rocky Horror! Wait! That's been done! #Litchat -4:56 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel I like Jimmy Stewart as Sam and Natalie Wood as Meredith. You know, resurrected. :) #litchat -4:56 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @NineTiger @ssvik Little House of Horrors! Wait... #litchat -4:56 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Because you are very very sweet @Lesley_Kagen #litchat -4:56 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel NW was in that movie about death just before she died. #Litchat -4:56 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat Love. RT @Laurie_Frankel: I like Jimmy Stewart as Sam and Natalie Wood as Meredith. You know, resurrected. :) #litchat -4:57 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @Laurie_Frankel River Phoenix as the engineer! #litchat -4:57 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @Laurie_Frankel Aw, not Grace Kelly with Jimmy? #Litchat -4:58 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel In Brainstorm, people's death experience was recorded on metal tape #Litchat -4:58 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Lesley_Kagen @Laurie_Frankel Aw...shucks. #litchat -4:58 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @NineTiger This would be "rappy" horror where the ghosts, like Pitbull, speak from the corner of their mouths.-) #LitChat -4:58 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robyncintyre @NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel That movie scared me - it was GOOD. #litchat -4:58 PM Aug 10th, 2012

Laurie_Frankel Grace Kelly is a little too suave and sophisticated for the part I think. #litchat -4:58 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robynmcintyre @Laurie_Frankel Winona Ryder. She's half dead. #litchat -4:59 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @Laurie_Frankel I am sooo intrigued. Thanks for sharing, Laurie! #LitChat -4:59 PM Aug 10th, 2012
techtigger @Laurie_Frankel bogart and bacall? :) #litchat -4:59 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @robynmcintyre Scared the BGs out of me too, especially the death scene. #Litchat -4:59 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel It's not about ghosts so it's not really scary but it is pretty sad. Hard. #litchat -4:59 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robynmcintyre @techtigger I think people would laugh seeing Bogie at a computer keyboard. #litchat -5:00 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @ssvik Ah, the unitelligible musical. You can still add your own lyrics ;) #Litchat -5:00 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Thanks @ssvik! I'm so glad!! #litchat -5:00 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Lesley_Kagen @Laurie_Frankel Loss. #litchat -5:00 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @robynmcintyre I must remember this...What? #Litchat -5:00 PM Aug 10th, 2012
CarolyBurnsBass @Laurie_Frankel I was imagining Gennifer Goodwin as Meredith, Jason Segel as Sam and Jude Law as Dash. #litchat -5:00 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robynmcintyre @Laurie_Frankel I've been fascinated since I heard the premise. It's been added to my reading pile. Thanks for thinking it up. #litchat -5:00 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel True @robynmcintyre. Old movie stars as computer geniuses is hard to imagine. #litchat -5:01 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat We're at the end of the hour with @Laurie_Frankel and wow, did that fly by. #litchat -5:01 PM Aug 10th, 2012
CeriHebert If you wrote to Dale Porter's hosts complaining - write to them again withdrawing the complaint #DoTheRightThing #Indies #Writechat #Litchat -5:01 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel @robynmcintyre Thanks Robyn!! #litchat -5:01 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @Laurie_Frankel Be careful Bogie might speak to you through your TV screen ;) #Litchat -5:01 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat Of course, @Laurie_Frankel is welcome to stick around as long as she wishes, but we need to let her go if she has to move on. #litchat -5:02 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel And thank you all for being here and for being so smart and interesting. This was super fun!! #litchat -5:02 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @NineTiger Haha, that's a good suggestion. The "unintelligible" one might urge audiences to slit their wrist...TRUE horror movie:-) #LitChat -5:02 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @Laurie_Frankel Nearly *any* movie stars as computer geniuses leads to a stretch #Litchat -5:02 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Lesley_Kagen @Laurie_Frankel Right back atcha, Laurie! Hugs. #litchat -5:03 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel I'm happy to hang out if folks want to keep chatting :) #litchat -5:03 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robynmcintyre RT @richmagahiz: @Laurie_Frankel Nearly *any* movie stars as computer geniuses leads to a stretch #Litchat -5:03 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @Laurie_Frankel Best of luck to you with everything, Laurie! What a fun session! #LitChat -5:03 PM Aug 10th, 2012

NineTiger Fun chat. A great relief after a very hard day yesterday. I needed the R&R of pleasant, literary company #LitChat -5:03 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat Before everyone heads into fabulous Friday, let's give a huge round of THANKS to @Laurie_Frankel for being with us. {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -5:03 PM Aug 10th, 2012
NineTiger @richmagahiz Word! #LitChat -5:03 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat RT @Laurie_Frankel: Im happy to hang out if folks want to keep chatting :) #litchat -5:04 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel Thanks everyone! This was great, and it's so nice to know you and chat lit with you. #litchat -5:04 PM Aug 10th, 2012
SarahMMcCoy RT @LitChat: RT @Laurie_Frankel: Im happy to hang out if folks want to keep chatting :) #litchat -5:04 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat @Laurie_Frankel I do have one more question: What did you learn about yourself while writing GOODBYE FOR NOW? #litchat -5:04 PM Aug 10th, 2012
techtigger @Laurie_Frankel *applause* thanks for a fun chat! #litchat -5:04 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @LitChat @Laurie_Frankel That was much less morbid than anyone expected. Thanks! #LitChat -5:05 PM Aug 10th, 2012
SarahMMcCoy @Laurie_Frankel Great #litchat, lady! I had an afternoon appt (I'm on MT) so I just returned to see the end, but it was goooooood! @LitChat -5:06 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel What I learned while writing: I am not emotionally prepared to lose my loved ones. Ever. #litchat -5:06 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robynmcintyre RT @Laurie_Frankel: What I learned while writing: I am not emotionally prepared to lose my loved ones. Ever. #litchat -5:06 PM Aug 10th, 2012
robynmcintyre @Laurie_Frankel I don't believe being prepared is possible, whether they die suddenly or after length illness, it's still a loss. #litchat -5:07 PM Aug 10th, 2012
Laurie_Frankel True of the book too @richmagahiz RT That was much less morbid than anyone expected. #litchat -5:07 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat Wow. That's big. RT @Laurie_Frankel: What I learned while writing: I am not emotionally prepared to lose my loved ones. Ever. #litchat -5:07 PM Aug 10th, 2012
richmagahiz @Laurie_Frankel Yes, it's a terrible system they've set up for us, but we're stuck with it. #LitChat -5:07 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat Absolutely. RT @Laurie_Frankel: True of the book too @richmagahiz RT That was much less morbid than anyone expected. #litchat -5:07 PM Aug 10th, 2012
LitChat Message from your sponsor: Guest host next Friday in #litchat is @LesleyKagan, author of four thrilling novels. #litchat -5:09 PM Aug 10th, 2012
ssvik @robynmcintyre @Laurie_Frankel Agreed. I would worry about those who say that they are prepared to lose a loved one. #LitChat -5:09 PM Aug 10th, 2012