



LitChat May 17 & 19, 2010

Topic of the Week: Swinging Against Society

Open Chat

MONDAY, May 17, 2010

LitChat Welcome to a new week of literary discussion in #litchat. This week we're discussing SWINGING AGAINST SOCIETY. Let's begin. -12:59 PM May 17th, 2010

LitChat While everyone's gathering for the discussion, feel free to introduce yourself. #litchat -1:00 PM May 17th, 2010

braincandybr Hello everyone - this is my first #litchat -1:01 PM May 17th, 2010

CEMckenzie1 Hi. Catherine McKenzie here. Author of SPIN & crazy leader of Author Effect movement: <http://bit.ly/cZU9s8> #litchat -1:01 PM May 17th, 2010

braincandybr The classic that comes to mind is To Kill A Mockingbird #litchat -1:02 PM May 17th, 2010

CEMckenzie1 @braincandybr welcome. #litchat -1:03 PM May 17th, 2010

LitChat The protagonist of DIAMOND RUBY, the debut novel of our Friday guest host, @Joe_Wallace, is a female pitcher from the 1920s. #litchat -1:03 PM May 17th, 2010

braincandybr Also a great little book that challenges our thoughts on race is The Well and The Mine by Gin Phillips put out by @HawthorneBooks #litchat -1:03 PM May 17th, 2010

LitChat Glad you could join us. RT @braincandybr: Hello everyone - this is my first #litchat -1:04 PM May 17th, 2010

JSLion RT @braincandybr: Hello everyone - this is my first #litchat Welcome to #Litchat! -1:05 PM May 17th, 2010

JSLion Novels that challenge the "norm" are different depending on the era. #litchat -1:07 PM May 17th, 2010

krisriggle <--- Author of Real Life & Liars with protag who had unconventional response to her cancer diagnosis. #litchat -1:08 PM May 17th, 2010

LitChat Who comes to mind when you think of characters who go against the grain of society? #litchat -1:08 PM May 17th, 2010

JSLion Huckelberry Fin was intended to make people sit up and realize what the south was really like - the good and especially the bad. #litchat -1:08 PM May 17th, 2010

braincandybr Atticus Fintch #litchat -1:09 PM May 17th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Yes, he is one of my favorite characters of fiction. RT @braincandybr: Atticus Fintch #litchat -1:10 PM May 17th, 2010

CEMckenzie1 Can be just way book is written - The Book Thief or writing from female POV when a male like Jessica Z. (Shawn Klomprens) #litchat -1:11 PM May 17th, 2010

wendykwebb In Teri Coyne's THE LAST BRIDGE, protag is an alcoholic and not very likable right away, but you root for her when you learn more. #litchat -1:11 PM May 17th, 2010

wendykwebb Also, the main char in THE GARGOYLE. #litchat -1:12 PM May 17th, 2010

LitChat @CEMckenzie1 Excellent example--author writing in opposite sex POV--this is also what @Joe_Wallace does and very well. #litchat -1:13 PM May 17th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Like her or not, Scarlett O'Hara went against everything expected of a southern belle, while maintaining her position as such. #litchat -1:14 PM May 17th, 2010

braincandybr The author can be an example of going against the norm - ie Hemingway (alcoholic, ment ill, gay etc) look at the stories he created #litchat -1:17 PM May 17th, 2010

ImSarahEnni Holden Caulfield in CATCHER IN THE RYE? #litchat -1:19 PM May 17th, 2010

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LitChat A classic (like MOCKINGBIRD). Has Caulfield stuck with you? RT @ImSarahEnni: Holden Caulfield in CATCHER IN THE RYE? #litchat -1:23 PM May 17th, 2010
stevenmcfree #litchat I love an unsympathetic narrator - e.g. Barbara in Notes on a Scandal -1:25 PM May 17th, 2010
TheNewAuthor Would a book or character or author need be politically incorrect to go against the grain of society? #litchat -1:25 PM May 17th, 2010
TheNewAuthor What I find interesting is that many of the classics have been mentioned today. Is this a coincidence? #litchat -1:27 PM May 17th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @TheNewAuthor Determining whether something were politically incorrect would depend on what the character was standing against. #litchat -1:27 PM May 17th, 2010
wendykwebb I'm also thinking of @danishnovelist 's TSAR'S DWARF. A sarcastic, angry dwarf is about as far from the norm as you can get. #litchat -1:27 PM May 17th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass So true. RT @wendykwebb: @danishnovelist s TSARS DWARF. A sarcastic, angry dwarf is about as far from the norm as you can get. #litchat -1:28 PM May 17th, 2010
ImSarahEnni Don't personally connect with Holden because he is a rebel of a different generation, but I think then he was against grain #litchat -1:29 PM May 17th, 2010
braincandybr @TheNewAuthor I think that's subjective - I mean one person's hero is another's villain - so in short, yes and no #litchat -1:29 PM May 17th, 2010
kashicat So it may not be plot that involves going "against society," as unusual/unexpected/unsympathetic protag. #litchat -1:29 PM May 17th, 2010
kriheli if most top lit-mags take months & months to reply to submissions, how long do u wait before taking things into your own hands? #litchat -1:29 PM May 17th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @LitChat characters who go against the grain? Betty Blue, heartbreaking, haunting and exhilarating #litchat -1:30 PM May 17th, 2010
LitChat @kriheli Let's hold off on your question about lit mag suggestions until after our topical chat is over at 5 pmET. Thanks. #litchat -1:32 PM May 17th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @TheNewAuthor that depends on the society they're going against #litchat -1:32 PM May 17th, 2010
AuthorWilliam Hi all! Love the topic SWINGING AGAINST SOCIETY! Sorry I'm late to #litchat -1:33 PM May 17th, 2010
TheNewAuthor All your responses are interesting. What has been published currently that goes against the grain of society? #litchat -1:34 PM May 17th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @CarolyBurnsBass oops, sorry, I see you said exactly the same 5 minutes before me to @TheNewAuthor :) #litchat -1:34 PM May 17th, 2010
LitChat Why do unconventional characters make such good heroes? What draws us to them? #litchat -1:34 PM May 17th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @LitChat In light of Betty Blue would it be appropriate to ask whether things tend to end badly for characters who go against grain #litchat -1:35 PM May 17th, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @TheNewAuthor: Would a book or character or author need be politically incorrect to go against the grain of society? #litchat -1:35 PM May 17th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @LitChat am wondering if they fit trad "monster" mould - exciting, challenging, illuminating, but ultimately society can't handle #litchat -1:35 PM May 17th, 2010
braincandybr I would argue "Velvet" from The Hour I First Believed certainly goes against the grain #litchat -1:35 PM May 17th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @agnieszkasshoes @TheNewAuthor A great question, society is so dynamic that what goes against the grain of some may not others #litchat -1:36 PM May 17th, 2010

braincandybr @LitChat I think we can all relate to their vulnerable or alienated side in some ways, thus we feel for them #litchat -1:36 PM May 17th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Was wondering same. RT @agnieszkasshoes:... to ask whether things tend to end badly for characters who go against grain #litchat -1:36 PM May 17th, 2010

AuthorWilliam I feel like our society is so fragmented, I wonder what would go against the grain of the entire society? #litchat -1:36 PM May 17th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @LitChat Because they don't do what we expect them to do. They go their own way and you can like it or not. #litchat -1:37 PM May 17th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @TheNewAuthor I was reading yesterday about transgressive literature as genre (a propos my SKIN BOOK) #litchat -1:37 PM May 17th, 2010

IanB022 @LitChat: Why do unconventional characters make such good heroes? Because we identify more with them? #litchat -1:37 PM May 17th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @braincandybr: @LitChat I think we can all relate to their vulnerable or alienated side in some ways, thus we feel for them #litchat -1:38 PM May 17th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @TheNewAuthor closest in the mainstream I can think of is Banana Yoshimoto's N.P. with a very strong, sympathetic incest theme #litchat -1:38 PM May 17th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @TheNewAuthor and of course there's A M Homes' The End of Alice #litchat -1:39 PM May 17th, 2010

kriheli re: unconventional characters - there is little unconventional about heroism. the uniqueness of heroic spirit is always a draw. #litchat -1:39 PM May 17th, 2010

kashicat Unconventional chars may make good heroes partly becaues they're not same old same old. Trad'l chars can be boring after a while #litchat -1:40 PM May 17th, 2010

AuthorWilliam When convention starts to feel oppressive, the unconventional becomes a source of hope. #litchat -1:40 PM May 17th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Yes. RT @AuthorWilliam: When convention starts to feel oppressive, the unconventional becomes a source of hope. #litchat -1:41 PM May 17th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @agnieszkasshoes That could be an interesting and very dark genre. Will be fun to see how that unfolds but would fit here. #litchat -1:41 PM May 17th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @CarolyBurnsBass apparently one of the genre elements of transgressive lit is that things end well for the characters #litchat -1:41 PM May 17th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes RT @AuthorWilliam: When convention starts to feel oppressive, the unconventional becomes a source of hope. #litchat -1:42 PM May 17th, 2010

IanB022 @kashicat Yet making a character boring can also defy convention - think LeCarre's Smiley, outwardly a very dull character #litchat -1:43 PM May 17th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @TheNewAuthor it's v common in Japanese lit/film (Ai No Corrida, Audition, Tetsuo etc) #litchat -1:44 PM May 17th, 2010

kashicat @IanB022 Very interesting point, about Smiley. His boringness was background against which very interesting events occurred. #litchat -1:44 PM May 17th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @agnieszkasshoes: You are so way above me... had to look up definition of transgressive literature. #litchat -1:44 PM May 17th, 2010

wiremma need a definition of unconventional. Do you mean unwilling hero/heroine? a villain you can relate to? @LitChat #litchat -1:45 PM May 17th, 2010

LitChat #litchat RT @ARTSalamode: @LitChat We all believe in our heart of hearts that we are unusual too, and no one can completely understand us. -1:45 PM May 17th, 2010
kashicat @IanB022 Tho' didn't mean trad'l characters were all boring as chars.Meant even repetition of lively main chars cd itself be boring #litchat -1:46 PM May 17th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @CarolyBurnsBass I only found term because I was trying 2 work out what I'd written with http://www.smashwords.com/books/view/7136 #litchat -1:46 PM May 17th, 2010
wiremamma characters need to have layers... and within those layers are the bits of unconventionality... #litchat -1:46 PM May 17th, 2010
LitChat @wiremamma In today's chat we're specifically talking about characters who go against the grain, who stand up for beliefs, etc. #litchat -1:46 PM May 17th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @kashicat @IanB022 yes, there are layers in Smiley that are anything but boring #litchat -1:47 PM May 17th, 2010
wiremamma @LitChat cool. nice to see you! been awhile... #litchat -1:47 PM May 17th, 2010
IanB022 @kashicat Yes, I realise that. Smiley is a sort of catalyst that unlocks others - surprisingly complex #litchat -1:48 PM May 17th, 2010
wiremamma it's like creative writing class all over again @CarolyBurnsBass ;-) #litchat -1:48 PM May 17th, 2010
TheNewAuthor @LitChat We each are unusual and unique thats why there are so many great books and we can go against the grain. It starts with us. #litchat -1:49 PM May 17th, 2010
LitChat @agnieszkasshoes Yes, I can see Skin Book as transgressive lit. #litchat -1:49 PM May 17th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes Very surreal to discuss transgressive fic on #litchat & simultaneously hold a pun battle with @ExisleMoll May have to pull a Punberry -1:50 PM May 17th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass These are the best characters. RT @IanB022:... Smiley is a sort of catalyst that unlocks others - surprisingly complex #litchat -1:51 PM May 17th, 2010
kashicat There are also chars who go against grain & try not to stand up for any partic beliefs. (Thomas Covenant, for e.g.) #litchat -1:51 PM May 17th, 2010
JSLion @IanB022 George Smiley was a good character because he was true to life. Good spies r boring on the outside, very layered inside. #litchat -1:51 PM May 17th, 2010
kashicat @agnieszkasshoes I'm doing similar surreal stuff. Writing advertorial for jiu-jitsu fitness pgm in another window during #litchat -1:51 PM May 17th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @LitChat It felt a great relief to find the genre as I'd had people telling me it shouldn't/couldn't be uplifting #litchat -1:51 PM May 17th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass So true! I learn something new here all the time.RT @wiremamma: its like creative writing class all over again ;-) #litchat -1:52 PM May 17th, 2010
LitChat @kashicat One of these days we'll have a chat about anti-heroes like Thomas Covenant. #litchat -1:53 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll What's the question please? #litchat -1:53 PM May 17th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @kashicat that's wonderful!! I'll keep my guard up in case you get confused!! #litchat -1:54 PM May 17th, 2010
LitChat We're discussing characters who swing against society. RT @ExisleMoll: Whats the question please? #litchat -1:54 PM May 17th, 2010
JSLion RT @LitChat: @kashicat One of these days we'll have a chat about anti-heroes like Thomas Covenant. #litchat I'm In! -1:54 PM May 17th, 2010

lanB022 Yes please :) @LitChat: @kashicat One of these days we'll have a chat about anti-heroes like Thomas Covenant. #litchat -1:54 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll Writing transgressive characters, presumably also have to write about the society they transgress against? Showing the lines X'd #litchat -1:54 PM May 17th, 2010
kashicat RT @JSLion: RT @LitChat: @kashicat One of these days we'll have a chat about anti-heroes like Thomas Covenant. #litchat I'm In! [Yay!] -1:55 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll @LitChat Aha, that implies identity. The character measuring themselves up to & in opposition to soc #litchat -1:55 PM May 17th, 2010
ganymeder Hello all! When I think of characters that swing against society, I always think of Zaphod Beeblebrox. #litchat -1:56 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll I no longer deal in concept of heroes in fiction. There aren't any meaningful ones in modern society, lit should reflect that> #litchat -1:56 PM May 17th, 2010
ElizabethBastos @LitChat #litchat Huck Finn fits the bill. -1:56 PM May 17th, 2010
kashicat RT @ExisleMoll: ...implies identity. The character measuring themselves up to & in opposition to soc #litchat [Very good point.] -1:56 PM May 17th, 2010
lanB022 Going back to one of the very earliest novels, Moll Flanders was of course well out of polite society #litchat -1:56 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll A hero was first a literary concept sagas/myths etc. Approaching demi-god status. That's long gone now #litchat -1:57 PM May 17th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @ExisleMoll What do you consider a hero? #litchat -1:57 PM May 17th, 2010
kashicat @ganymeder Heehee! That's true, Zaphod was sort of the poster child for going against society. #litchat -1:58 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll @CarolyBurnsBass I don't consider anyone in real life or fiction to be a hero. In fiction it's main character or protagonist> #litchat -1:58 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll @CarolyBurnsBass even then the idea of a character study shows the novel's bourgeois 19th century roots. Concept of individual> #litchat -1:59 PM May 17th, 2010
wiremamma aren't we all the protagonist of our own lives? @carolynburnsbass @ExisleMoll #litchat -2:00 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll @CarolyBurnsBass > less easy to maintain in a fractured world of meaning, with moral codes no longer universal #litchat -2:00 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll @wiremamma Yes, at least I hope so. #litchat -2:00 PM May 17th, 2010
ganymeder @ExisleMoll But don't you think heroes should be something to strive for? Fiction doesn't nec need to be realistic in everything. #litchat -2:01 PM May 17th, 2010
wiremamma @ganymeder okay- you made me laugh out loud with this one. I'm more of an Arthur Dent, myself. ;-) still avoiding stavromullerbeta #litchat -2:01 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll If morality is no longer a universal code (we R asked to empathise with serial killer Dexter) then how can we judge transgressive? #litchat -2:01 PM May 17th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @ExisleMoll My idea of hero is more accessible to everyday life. Not so much an archetype. #litchat -2:01 PM May 17th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @ExisleMoll yes, a hero was exactly a demi-god, as in 1 divine ancestor. I remember arguing Jason in Sound&Fury =hero on that basis #litchat -2:02 PM May 17th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Excellent point. RT @ExisleMoll: If morality is no longer a universal code (we R asked to empathise with serial killer Dexter)... #litchat -2:02 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll @ganymeder No, it's difference between escapist literature & literature that wants to engage reality. Both legit, heroes only in 1 #litchat -2:02 PM May 17th, 2010

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JSLion @CarolyBurnsBass A hero is someone who makes a choice to benefit others in spite of being against immediate self interest #litchat -2:03 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll @CarolyBurnsBass A body bag back from Afghanistan automatically referred to as 'hero'. It's a social construct. A guitar hero etc #litchat -2:03 PM May 17th, 2010
wiremamma i dwell in romance, but my heroes/heroines often are damaged. my villains typically have a sensitive side... #litchat -2:03 PM May 17th, 2010
kashicat Modern meaning of "hero" is not same as original. Ideas mutate & evolve. So don't use word "hero." Novels still have main char's #litchat -2:03 PM May 17th, 2010
ganymeder @ExisleMoll Because the characters reflect the ideals of the society they live in. #litchat -2:03 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll @JSLion Even on a tiny scale of action? How can that be heroic? Altruistic yes, but heroic? #litchat -2:04 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll RT @kashicat: Modern meaning of "hero" not same as original. Ideas mutate & evolve. So dont use word "hero." Novels have main chars #litchat -2:04 PM May 17th, 2010
LaughAtlantis @ExisleMoll Unless you are writing a mythos! #litchat -2:04 PM May 17th, 2010
wiremamma @kashicat oh, i use the hero word. kind of in a bryan adams - knight in shining armor, from a long time ago kind of way. ;-) #litchat -2:04 PM May 17th, 2010
ganymeder @exislemoll Superman was an American hero because he reflected his society's ideals. #litchat -2:05 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll @ganymeder but it's not a 1:1 correlation in escapist fiction #litchat -2:05 PM May 17th, 2010
LitChat We've rolled around the published hour of #litchat. Feel free to continue the convo, but remember, there's more on Wednesday. -2:05 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll @LaughAtlantis Yes true. Great user name by the way! #litchat -2:05 PM May 17th, 2010
wiremamma @LitChat that's why i'm here... to liven up the serious convo. ;-) #litchat -2:05 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll @ganymeder He was a cartoon character, in both senses of the term. A cardboard cutout. #litchat -2:05 PM May 17th, 2010
braincandybr @LitChat Thanks for the welcome and look forward to joining you all again #litchat -2:06 PM May 17th, 2010
kashicat @wiremamma I don't mind word hero particularly. but if WORD is a sticking pt for some people, use diff word so as not to sidetrack. #litchat -2:06 PM May 17th, 2010
LitChat Agree.RT @ExisleMoll: A body bag back from Afghanistan automatically referred to as hero. Its a social construct. A guitar hero etc #litchat -2:06 PM May 17th, 2010
ExisleMoll Hero must retain some connection to its original status of approaching the godlike. Rising above the mundane & humdrum #litchat -2:06 PM May 17th, 2010
kashicat @wiremamma I consider some of my main chars heroes too. :-)But hero is s/o who isn't just doing their job, but going above & beyond #litchat -2:06 PM May 17th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes OK, bathtime. Thank you all for a wonderful #litchat & for pun wars & artistic inspiration -2:06 PM May 17th, 2010
ganymeder @ExisleMoll True, but in your earlier statement it sounded like you were completely against the notion of heroic characters...? #litchat -2:07 PM May 17th, 2010
wiremamma @kashicat excellent point. #litchat -2:07 PM May 17th, 2010
wiremamma nice to see you everyone! until Wednesday... #litchat -2:07 PM May 17th, 2010

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LitChat @braincandybr Will look forward to seeing you again in #litchat. Check out our blog at <http://bit.ly/6rvjzD>. -2:08 PM May 17th, 2010

ExisleMoll @ganymeder I am. But I write stuff that seeks 2engage with the world. I wouldn't rule it out of escapist lit. Some1 suggested mythos #litchat -2:08 PM May 17th, 2010

LitChat Great to see you here again! RT @wiremamma: nice to see you everyone! until Wednesday... #litchat -2:08 PM May 17th, 2010

ExisleMoll @kashicat Going above and beyond - transgressing no? #litchat -2:08 PM May 17th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @ExisleMoll This is precisely why it is so hard for today's society to identify a true hero or what a hero actually is. #litchat -2:10 PM May 17th, 2010

ExisleMoll @TheNewAuthor Agree. So let's not bother. Let's seek to be more modest about what is achievable. Altruism not heroism #litchat -2:11 PM May 17th, 2010

LitChat We'll continue discussing SWINGING AGAINST SOCIETY on Weds, and conclude on Fri w/ guest host @Joe_Wallace, author of DIAMOND RUBY. #litchat -2:12 PM May 17th, 2010

WEDNESDAY, May 19, 2010

LitChat Welcome to Wednesday #litchat. We're continuing our discussion of SWINGING AGAINST SOCIETY, inspired by @Joe_Wallace's DIAMOND RUBY. -1:00 PM May 19th, 2010

Shannon_Delany RT @LitChat: Let's talk about books with characters who swing against/strike-out/or score runs against society in 10 minutes. #litchat -1:00 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat We'll take a few minutes of introductions while we assemble in the #litchat salon. Who's joining us today? -1:01 PM May 19th, 2010

RedSofaLiterary RT @LitChat: We'll take a few minutes of introductions while we assemble in the #litchat salon. Who's joining us today? -1:02 PM May 19th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @LitChat I'm here and ready for what the hour brings. Hello to all at #litchat -1:02 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat If you're joining #litchat for first time, go to <http://bit.ly/d0BWh>, enter your Twitter login, then type litchat in box asking for hastag. -1:02 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat Glad you could join us. RT @JM_Kelley: Havent been able to sit in on a #litchat in a while. Taking a break to do just that today! #litchat -1:03 PM May 19th, 2010

rebeccablain #litchat I'm that fly on the way over -there-. *scootscoot* -1:03 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat We are chatting today from the second floor of the CenterCafe in #WashingtonDC Union Station. I'm the one drinking the Hefenweizen. #litchat -1:04 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder RT @LitChat: We are chatting today from the second floor of the CenterCafe in #WashingtonDC Union Station. I'm the one drinking the Hefenweizen. #litchat -1:05 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder RT @LitChat: If you're joining #litchat for first time, go to <http://bit.ly/d0BWh>, enter your Twitter login, then type litchat in box asking for hastag. -1:05 PM May 19th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @LitChat If I were at Union Station I think I would need something with a little more kick. #litchat -1:05 PM May 19th, 2010

JM_Kelley @LitChat present #litchat -1:06 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat Looks like Tweetchat is dropping some tweets again. If you pose a question that doesn't get into the feed, please RT it. #litchat -1:07 PM May 19th, 2010

JSLion @LitChat If i had known that I would have come down there! #litchat (in Chantilly, VA) -1:07 PM May 19th, 2010

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rebeccablain @litchat #litchat tweetchat is actually working better at picking up the tweets than twitter... I'm a little baffled by this. :) -1:08 PM May 19th, 2010

HollyShakespeare I am a first timer... looking forward to being a voyeur! Wait, that sounded creepy-sorry! Looking forward to sitting in. #LitChat #LitChat -1:09 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder Hello everyone! I'm here too. Wish I was in Washington though! #litchat -1:09 PM May 19th, 2010

IanB022 @LitChat Hello #litchat -1:09 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat We had a good discussion on Monday about books w/ characters who swing/strike-out/score runs against society. Let's continue. #litchat -1:10 PM May 19th, 2010

DaronFraley Popular books which has characters which score runs against society: Hunger Games and Catching Fire. Granted, different society... #litchat -1:10 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat @HollyShakespeare Please, don't let your first-timer status stop you from joining the convo. We love new voices. #litchat -1:11 PM May 19th, 2010

HollyShakespeare @DaronFraley I loved Hunger Games but my middle school students haven't yet gotten into it... #LitChat -1:11 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder Huckleberry Finn springs to mind. Hank from Connecticut Yankee... #litchat -1:11 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat @JSLion Oh, darn. I tweeted the location a bit earlier, then disappeared into the Holocaust museum for several hours. #litchat -1:11 PM May 19th, 2010

JM_Kelley and, naturally, now that I'm here, Twitter won't cooperate and let me see the #litchat -1:11 PM May 19th, 2010

Eurocentrique Wish I was in Washington too - hi from Brussels - joining in for the first time #litchat -1:12 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder Katherine from Taming of the Shrew... #litchat -1:12 PM May 19th, 2010

HollyShakespeare @LitChat Thank you for the warm welcome! #LitChat -1:13 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll A transgressor wouldn't even step into the batters box? #litchat -1:13 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat @HollyShakespeare Do you think HUNGER GAMES reaches toward adults more than middle/YA? #litchat -1:13 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll Characters can be transgressive, but so can novels in their style/form #litchat -1:14 PM May 19th, 2010

Eurocentrique Ms Scarlett O'Hara from gone With The Wind too much of a stretch as an example? #litchat -1:15 PM May 19th, 2010

HollyShakespeare @LitChat Perhaps, but the HUNGER GAMES main character/relationships definitely seem YA. #LitChat -1:15 PM May 19th, 2010

JSLion @ganymeder Yes, She is definitely a different voice in Shakespeare, and in the 1600s for that matter.... #litchat -1:15 PM May 19th, 2010

JSLion RT @Eurocentrique: Wish I was in Washington too - hi from Brussels - joining in for the first time #litchat Welcome ! -1:16 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @Eurocentrique I don't think so. Scarlett was a woman who did what she felt she needed or wanted and society be damned. #litchat -1:17 PM May 19th, 2010

techtigger hello everyone! stopping by a little late today, but i'm here :) #litchat -1:17 PM May 19th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @Eurocentrique Yes, Scarlett. I mentioned during Monday's chat how she went against the SouthernBelle expectation. Do you agree? #litchat -1:17 PM May 19th, 2010

Topic of the Week:

LitChat @ganymeder Huck was mentioned Monday, but we never got a good discussion going on him. I think he's a perfect fit for this convo. #litchat -1:18 PM May 19th, 2010
TheNewAuthor I had a thought, if your main character(s) smokes considering today's society...is that going against society? #litchat -1:18 PM May 19th, 2010
DaronFraley Books which has.... Characters which score runs... #rewordedtweet = #editingfail #litchat -1:20 PM May 19th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @ganymeder Scarlett acted w/ self-interest, but she still went against what was expected of her. She wasn't a martyr for good, tho. #litchat -1:21 PM May 19th, 2010
anthonylevings @TheNewAuthor Will be making huge contribution to state in duty/taxes and will in future be dependent on others when in poor health #litchat -1:21 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll we seem to be experiencing some problems? #litchat -1:22 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder What's intriguing abt him- he's always so conflicted.He wants do right by the Widow but his conscience goes agnst what he's taught #litchat -1:22 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder He doesn't necessarily want to be a rebel. He just wants to be left alone &do his thing.But he's compelled by his conscience. #litchat -1:23 PM May 19th, 2010
deberryandgrant Hello Litchat! #litchat -1:23 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @CarolyBurnsBass She did what she wanted for herself, but she went against what society expected of her. Not a martyr by any means #litchat -1:24 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll I think transgress has 2 different intensities of meaning. One is just to overstep the line, the other is to violate it. #litchat -1:24 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder the chat seems really, REALLY slow today. Maybe Twitter is reaching capacity? #litchat -1:25 PM May 19th, 2010
robynmcintyre Hey guys, sorry I'm late #litchat -1:25 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @ganymeder is not-conforming necessarily the same as transgressing? I think there's a spectrum of non-conformity #litchat -1:25 PM May 19th, 2010
deberryandgrant Do we enjoy characters who go against society because we (secretly) long to do so ourselves and get a bit of a vicarious charge? #litchat -1:25 PM May 19th, 2010
Eurocentrique @CarolyBurnsBass every expectation - yes agree definitely #litchat -1:25 PM May 19th, 2010
LitChat @DaronFraley I think we need to issue a spot of grammar grace for those participating in #twitterchats #editorfail #litchat -1:25 PM May 19th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Exactly.R@ganymeder:She did what she wanted for herself,but she went against what society expected of her.Not a martyr by any means #litchat -1:26 PM May 19th, 2010
DaronFraley @LitChat Thank you! I gratefully accept your grammar grace. :) #twitterchats #editorfail #litchat -1:26 PM May 19th, 2010
LitChat Hello, my friend! Glad you can join us. RT @deberryandgrant: Hello Litchat! #litchat -1:27 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @ExisleMoll Huck didn't conform by being so independant but he crossed (society's) line by helping a slave escape. Broke the law. #litchat -1:27 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @deberryandgrant I think so. I think that's also why we enjoy colorful villains. Someone who can be bad- but bad with panache. #litchat -1:28 PM May 19th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass What is diff? RT @ExisleMoll: I think transgress has 2 different ... One is just to overstep the line, the other is to violate it. #litchat -1:28 PM May 19th, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @robynmcintyre Hey guys, sorry I'm late #litchat [slips in the room right behind her] Hi! :-)-1:29 PM May 19th, 2010

Topic of the Week:

ExisleMoll @CarolyBurnsBass #litchat violate is much more violent and divergent than merely crossing the line. It tears the line up -1:29 PM May 19th, 2010

DaronFraleY @LitChat You do know that it was ME who did those grammar funnies, right? :) #litchat -1:30 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @ganymeder #litchat intersting example. If the law is an ass that demands to be broken... His action in the future not seen as illegal -1:30 PM May 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @deberryandgrant Might it depend on the part of society they're against? If its an oppressive part or something we feel is wrong... #litchat -1:30 PM May 19th, 2010

techtigger hmm.. how about Lucifer in Paradise Lost? #litchat -1:31 PM May 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @deberryandgrant...we may see hope in it. #litchat -1:31 PM May 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @deberryandgrant: Do we enjoy characters who go against society because we (secretly) long to do so ourselves and get a bit of a vicarious charge? #litchat -1:31 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll No, his actions (present day) were still illegal *at the time* but by today's standards a moral imperative. #litchat -1:32 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat @DaronFraleY Well, this time it was you. I've done my share of them in haste to get comments into the chat feed. #litchat -1:32 PM May 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @ExisleMoll Yup. Or seen as the right thing to do against an illegal/immoral law in the present. #litchat -1:32 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll Same could be said for HD Thoreau not paying his taxes as a protest against slavery #litchat -1:33 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat Hang in everyone, Twitter is in slow motion today. Tweets are loading, but not posting into Tweetchat for several minutes. #litchat -1:33 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @ganymeder A protest, but I'm not sure it's transgressive. Too passive? I don't know though #litchat -1:34 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @techtigger It depends. In Paradise Lost was God portrayed as a tyrant to be rebelled against? #litchat -1:35 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll RT @ganymeder: No, his actions (present day) were still illegal *at the time* but by today's standards a moral imperative. #litchat /agree -1:35 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll RT @AuthorWilliam: @ExisleMoll Yup. Or seen as the right thing to do against an illegal/immoral law in the present. #litchat /agree -1:35 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder Twitchat is really slow but just doing a search for #litchat is much, much quicker. -1:35 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll I'm not getting any Tweetchat updates at all now... #litchat -1:36 PM May 19th, 2010

DaronFraleY @LitChat I still hide my head in shame. And snicker. On another note, anyone else having trouble with tweetchat? #litchat -1:37 PM May 19th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @deberryandgrant I think there are many people who don't have guts to cross lines and they live vicariously thru those who do. #litchat -1:37 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll Is there a difference between an act that makes a personal token statement of rebellion &1 that looks to rip up the law 4 everyone? #litchat -1:37 PM May 19th, 2010

JSLion I think everyone is. Its SLOW today! #litchat -1:37 PM May 19th, 2010

robynmcintyre @LitChat By the time they post, it'll be over! #litchat -1:38 PM May 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @CarolyBurnsBass: @deberryandgrant I think there are many people who don't have guts to cross lines and they live vicariously thru those who do. #litchat -1:39 PM May 19th, 2010

robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam No worries - as slow as Twitter is posting today, you could come in tomorrow and still participate. #litchat -1:39 PM May 19th, 2010

Topic of the Week:

ganymeder @ExisleMoll I'd hardly call helping a slave escape a token statement. HDT might be but only bc he was bailed out the next day #litchat -1:39 PM May 19th, 2010

deberryandgrant @ganymeder Yes, the flair and panache makes them less bad somehow.And we enjoy them getting away with their misdeeds #litchat -1:39 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat @ganymeder Why do you think Huck helped Jim escape? #litchat -1:40 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @techtigger But Lucifer was part of God's greater plan...?How much free will did he actually have? #litchat -1:40 PM May 19th, 2010

deberryandgrant @AuthorWilliam Yes, I think they must somehow have intention, recognized or not, to make things "better" #litchat -1:40 PM May 19th, 2010

robynmcintyre @ExisleMoll Now there's an interesting idea. Scifi time changes what's legal, what isn't? Who's a hero, who's a troublemaker? #litchat -1:40 PM May 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @robynmcintyre No worries - as slow as Twitter is posting today, you could come in tomorrow and still participate. #litchat /Hilarious :) -1:41 PM May 19th, 2010

JSLion RT @LitChat: @ganymeder Why do you think Huck helped Jim escape? - because Huck felt compassion that overrode social mores #litchat -1:41 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll RT @ganymeder: No I was agreeing with you. Taxes is a personal protest, ripping up slavery laws is communal #litchat -1:41 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll HDT hadn't been bailed out- who knows? Mayb start bigger movment based on nonpayment of taxes. #litchat -1:41 PM May 19th, 2010

Saffy What is the topic this week? #litchat -1:42 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder Did fuel 'Civil Disobedience' tho- more than a token statement. Passive and nonviolent tho. #litchat -1:42 PM May 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @deberryandgrant Yes, as perceived by the reader..good way to put it! #litchat -1:42 PM May 19th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @ExisleMoll So one of your transgression defs is an act of violence, while the other is benign. Must both be intentional? #litchat -1:43 PM May 19th, 2010

editorialdept Deviance adds tension & interest to a story RT@deberryandgrant: enjoy characters who go against society [for the] vicarious charge? #litchat -1:43 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @ganymeder shows the illusion re moral "imperative".They all change w'perspectiv over time.How many 10 commandments still relevant? #litchat -1:44 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser Hello #litchat folks! I'm late but I made it! Will read back to learn the topic. :) #litchat -1:44 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser Hello #litchat folks! I'm late but I made it! Will read back to learn the topic. :) -1:45 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @CarolyBurnsBass #litchat can you transgress unknowingly? Probably, but only if your act arouses opposition from authorities -1:45 PM May 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @ExisleMoll @AuthorWilliam Much harder to establish this today. What I feel as oppressive you may not. #litchat <<agreed -1:45 PM May 19th, 2010

deberryandgrant Yes, tweetchat is very slow today! #litchat -1:45 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @LitChat He felt bad 4 him, but taught that helping Jim was stealing.But he *HAD* to help Jim."All right.I'll go to Hell." #litchat -1:45 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @ganymeder No. It was a book to reaffirm faith and belief #litchat -1:46 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll Most/All of them. Only the interpretation's changed. :) #litchat -1:46 PM May 19th, 2010

Topic of the Week:

JSLion @ganymeder exactly. Huck was willing to completely reject what he had been taught and saw Jim as a human being #litchat -1:46 PM May 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam This topic is fascinating. It's a big part of DARK PROVINCE: when an issue goes from being a moral issue to 1 of cultural tolerance #litchat -1:47 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll People have always thought slavery was wrong too, yet rationalize only wrong for certain types of people (not them) #litchat -1:47 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @ganymeder It's really hard to follow our own conversation tonite. In respect to what sorry? #litchat -1:48 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll Most think Killing is wrong, but interpretations change over time or depending on culture. Killing's wrong except... #litchat -1:48 PM May 19th, 2010

deberryandgrant @CarolyBurnsBass Yes! It is exactly that conformity that keeps society running smoothly. So we enjoy those who dare to do what #litchat -1:49 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll People have always thought slavery was wrong too, yet rationalize only wrong for certain types of people(not them) #litchat -1:49 PM May 19th, 2010

deberryandgrant @CarolyBurnsBass the majority of us dare not do. #litchat -1:50 PM May 19th, 2010

deberryandgrant @LitChat I think it was a personal relationship, not that Huck was fighting against slavery so much as he was helping Jim #litchat -1:50 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll Did you catch up yet? Tweetchat is super slow but searching #litchat and refreshing is much quicker. -1:51 PM May 19th, 2010

JSLion @ganymeder I think if one thinks slavery is ok for one group, than logically they are approving slavery in general. ex:Rome #litchat -1:51 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @ganymeder #litchat 1-4 no longer relevant. 5 hanging on by fingertips; 6 & 8 still apply. 7 lapsed 10 now encouraged in aspiration culture -1:51 PM May 19th, 2010

JSLion @deberryandgrant I agree. Huck was Jim's friend, not an opponent of slavery, at least at the beginning of the novel. #litchat -1:52 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll Need 2ook them up now-LOL.But #1 depends on how you define God. #2 Honor they father & mother (guessing)? Still valid. #litchat -1:53 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll I regard myself as non-conformist in my life, but transgressive? Only through my literature, so not that brave or honourable #litchat -1:53 PM May 19th, 2010

deberryandgrant @AuthorWilliam Thanks. Isn't everything all about perception anyway?! LOL #litchat -1:53 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser @CarolyBurnsBass @deberryandgrant I think the majority of people want safety. Transgression means the opposite. #litchat -1:54 PM May 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @ExisleMoll @ganymeder Ah the 10 commandments have entered the discussion. Nice. :-)
#litchat -1:54 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll 5 is hon parents. 6&8 murder & theft. 10 is coveting. 1-4 to do with God, graven images etc #litchat -1:54 PM May 19th, 2010

robymcintyre How about "Estraven"? In Left Hand of Darkness, he went against his country to benefit his world. #litchat -1:54 PM May 19th, 2010

JSLion @ganymeder 1. No gods before me. 2. No graven images. 3. Sabbath Day 4. do not take name in vain. 5 honor father and mother. #litchat -1:55 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll what is the difference iyo between nonconformist and transgressive then? #litchat -1:56 PM May 19th, 2010

robymcintyre @JSLion I would agree with that. Lit is full of explorations of cherry-picking rights for segments of society. #litchat -1:56 PM May 19th, 2010

Topic of the Week:

JSLion @ExisleMoll You, a non conformist? I'm stunned... :) #litchat -1:56 PM May 19th, 2010
editorialdept We're passing a copy of Darkly Dreaming Dexter around the office right now - there's a good example of character bending norms! #litchat -1:56 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @ganymeder #litchat transgressive actively looks to tear down the law. Non-conformity is an individual protest -1:57 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @AuthorWilliam And I'm an athiest! Discussing the 10 Commandments. Methinks I may be nonconformist? Or is it transgressive? hehe #litchat -1:57 PM May 19th, 2010
JSLion @robynmcintyre yes. It reflects reality of our societies. #litchat -1:57 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @ExisleMoll I mostly agree but still say that you can interpret even 1-4 (its a stretch but still) in a way that's relevant today #litchat -1:58 PM May 19th, 2010
deberryandgrant @mariblaser Yes! "Self preservation is the 1st law of nature" for a reason.Which is why we remember, lionize, #litchat -1:58 PM May 19th, 2010
deberryandgrant @mariblaser mythologize those who are brave (or foolish) enough to transgress and take risk the rest of us cannot. #litchat -1:58 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll RT @JSLion: @ExisleMoll You, a non conformist? I'm stunned... :) #litchat Aw shucks... -1:59 PM May 19th, 2010
LitChat What are the most influential or enduring books with characters who swing against society? #litchat -1:59 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @ganymeder in the US far more than Europe perhaps. If anyone attends a place of worship in UK, they're Muslim or Hindu #litchat -1:59 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblaser @deberryandgrant What bothers me is that 'change' does not exclude 'self-preservation'. I don't understand the fear. #litchat -1:59 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @ExisleMoll Difference between AR activist being vegan,distributng pamphlets (nonconform)&actively damaging labortories(transgress)? #litchat -2:00 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblaser @ganymeder Good call! I'm using the regular search as you suggested, so I don't want to punch the screen anymore, heh. #litchat -2:02 PM May 19th, 2010
LitChat On Monday we mentioned: Atticus Finch, Holden Caulfield, Huck Finn. Others... #litchat -2:02 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder We're studying American founding fathers for History. Glorify Boston Teaparty. Today would probly be considered act of terrorism. #litchat -2:02 PM May 19th, 2010
robynmcintyre @LitChat Left Hand of Darkness hasn't been out of print since 1969. Farenheit 451. Romeo & Juliet. The Great Gatsby. #litchat -2:02 PM May 19th, 2010
techtigger sorry, got pulled away - I was thinking MC's did not have to be heroes - don't think lucifer saw himself as villain either tho #litchat -2:03 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll RT @ganymeder Totally. Vegan lifestyle choice as much as protest. 1 protestor changes nada. #litchat pamphlets= reform not revolution -2:03 PM May 19th, 2010
JSLion I had forgotten F. 451. Perfect example of someone going against society. #litchat -2:04 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @LitChat L'Etranger by Camus "Catcher In The Rye" for two #litchat -2:04 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @robynmcintyre I wouldn't classify Romeo &Juliet as rebels, except against their parents. #litchat -2:04 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @mariblaser I think people are naturally conservative. we still have nuclear families & that closes a lot of choices not 2 endanger #litchat -2:05 PM May 19th, 2010

Topic of the Week:

JSterlingS @techtigger "I am aware that no man in his own eyes is a villain" - James Baldwin #litchat -2:05 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @techtigger I don't think 99.9% of villains see themselves as villains. Everyone is the hero in their own life story. #litchat -2:05 PM May 19th, 2010
danyelsmith @LitChat Janie and Teacake, "Their Eyes Were Watching God." #litchat -2:06 PM May 19th, 2010
editorialdept Just noticed V for Vendetta on my desk. Comics are full of nonconformity. RT @LitChat:most enduring books...swing against society? #litchat -2:07 PM May 19th, 2010
HollyShakespear I was worried F. 451 had already been mentioned so I didn't give it. Best example of which I can think! #litchat -2:07 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblaser How odd. I think twitter 'ate' a tweet of mine... O_o #litchat -2:07 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @techtigger heroes... villains... we had whole long debate about relevance of these terms in Monday's #litchat #litchat -2:07 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @ganymeder Think Iago in Othello recognises his villainy is remorseless #litchat -2:07 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @danyelsmith Definitely. I'd forgotten about that book. But again, not looking to change society. Rather just living their lives. #litchat -2:08 PM May 19th, 2010
robynmccintyre Come to think of it, have we ever enjoyed lit abt someone who DOESN'T rebel in some way against some thing? #litchat -2:08 PM May 19th, 2010
deberryandgrant @mariblaser I think that people in general are afraid of what they don't know-thus "change" = "danger" so to protect, they preserve #litchat -2:08 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @ExisleMoll Yes, Iago is one reason I did not say 100% don't think they're villains. #litchat -2:09 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @robynmccintyre Jane Austen? #litchat -2:09 PM May 19th, 2010
danish_novelist @ganymeder Yes, villains are even more self-delusional than politicians and religious leaders. If that isn't redundant #litchat -2:10 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @robynmccintyre Yes. Moveable Feast by Hemmingway is an example. #litchat -2:10 PM May 19th, 2010
danyelsmith @ganymeder by living their lives to the fullest, and with "freedom," they were changing society. #litchat -2:10 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblaser Makes sense. RT @deberryandgrant: people are afraid of what they don't know-thus "change" = "danger" so to protect, they preserve #litchat -2:11 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @robynmccintyre But I think as a general rule, no, we like to watch people mess with the status quo #litchat -2:11 PM May 19th, 2010
robynmccintyre @ganymeder Indeed; gays looking to adopt are going against trad. society, but in their view, just trying to live their lives #litchat -2:11 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblaser @deberryandgrant But I'm indignant all the same, heh. :P #litchat -2:11 PM May 19th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Agree! @ganymeder I don't think 99.9% of villains see themselves as villains. Everyone is the hero in their own life story. #litchat -2:11 PM May 19th, 2010
DaronFraleay Don't many villains see good within themselves (like kindness, mercy) as being a weakness? #litchat -2:12 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @danyelsmith Yes, but my point was they weren't actively seeking to change society. #litchat -2:12 PM May 19th, 2010

Topic of the Week:

danish_novelist @robyncintyre Rebels with a social conscious makes the world go around. The rest are just teenagers with acne #litchat -2:12 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @mariblaser don't forget they also fear 'the other' so not nec preserve, but attack. Lies behind all prejudice #litchat -2:12 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser RT @danish_novelist: @ganymeder Yes, villains are even more self-delusional than politicians and religious leaders. If that isn't redundant #litchat -2:12 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll RT @danish_novelist: @robyncintyre Rebels with a social conscious makes the world go around. The rest are just teenagers with acne #litchat -2:13 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @DaronFraley I don't believe any characters with depth are going to be purely good or evil- always a mix. Even hero has flaws. #litchat -2:13 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser As long as it's not 'ours' status quo, right? heh @deberryandgrant @ganymeder we like to watch people mess with the status quo #litchat -2:13 PM May 19th, 2010

robyncintyre @DaronFraley From what I can see, many villains consider thmslvs gd family people & some awful stuff is done in the name of family. #litchat -2:13 PM May 19th, 2010

robyncintyre @danish_novelist Indeed - rebellion is definitely in the eyes of the beholder #litchat -2:14 PM May 19th, 2010

editorialdept villians always have courage of conviction that they're right RT @mariblaser@ganymeder villains are even more self-delusional... #litchat -2:14 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat We're going overtime a bit today to make up for the slow-go at the beginning. #litchat -2:14 PM May 19th, 2010

DaronFraley @ganymeder I agree with that. There is a mix. I was only pointing out that sometimes a villain fights their own good tendencies #litchat -2:15 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @robyncintyre Think villains usually seek 2justify themselves.Victim deserves it, done in the name of duty, necessary evil, etc. #litchat -2:15 PM May 19th, 2010

robyncintyre I don't think Rosa Parks was actively seeking to change society; her feet hurt. As lit smtmes shows, "heroes" can be conscripted. #litchat -2:16 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll rebellion is always defined against what you're rebelling against. Self-conscious. Transgression is not necessarily so #litchat -2:16 PM May 19th, 2010

DaronFraley @robyncintyre That is true. It does often come down to their own personal relationships that they prize or abhor, doesn't it? #litchat -2:16 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @DaronFraley Agree.Huck fought his conscience telling him 2do what we would consider right bc was taught it was wrong.Villain/hero? #litchat -2:17 PM May 19th, 2010

TheNewAuthor I think an interesting twist is when the reader agrees with the thoughts and convictions of of the villain. #litchat -2:17 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll Meursault killed the Arab on the beach 'because of the sun on his neck'. A whole novel follows on from that 1 desultory rationale #litchat -2:18 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder Why not? RT @ExisleMoll Transgression is not necessarily so. #litchat -2:18 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser RT @ganymeder villains usually seek 2justify themselves.Victim deserves it, done in the name of duty, necessary evil, etc. #litchat -2:18 PM May 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @TheNewAuthor: I think an interesting twist is when the reader agrees with the thoughts and convictions of of the villain. #litchat -2:18 PM May 19th, 2010

robyncintyre Lit is also full of "heroes" who kill the good in thmslvs to commit actions deemed necessary for the good of the whole. #litchat -2:18 PM May 19th, 2010

Topic of the Week:

DebraMarrs @LitChat @mariblaser @AuthorWilliam Birdbrain Debra here. Forgot to get on #litchat. Arghh! #litchat -2:19 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @ganymeder Transgression is closer to revolution than rebellion. It is more radical, potentially more extreme #litchat -2:19 PM May 19th, 2010
danish_novelist @MicheleBlueston People with power often becomes villains, espec. religious leaders because they think they've seen the light #litchat -2:20 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblaser @ExisleMoll Maybe 'the other' is also 'the unknown' as @deberryandgrant mentioned? Hence fear, and also prejudice. #litchat -2:20 PM May 19th, 2010
LitChat My laptop battery is about to die, must pick this up from my iPhone. That's what happens when going mobile. #litchat -2:20 PM May 19th, 2010
robynmcintyre @ExisleMoll Transgression - like teaching slaves to read in Antebellum South. #litchat -2:20 PM May 19th, 2010
deberryandgrant @mariblaser Enjoy your indignation! #litchat -2:20 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @robynmcintyre That gets into Utilitarianism about whether its okay to do something if it causes greater good/less bad. #litchat -2:20 PM May 19th, 2010
robynmcintyre Depending on 1's perspect. any one can be hero or villain (as has been pointed out). Was Capote writing abt this w/ In Cold Blood? #litchat -2:22 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblaser @TheNewAuthor Depends on what kind of villain we're talking about, no? Some are (or should be) impossible to relate to. #litchat -2:22 PM May 19th, 2010
DaronFraleY @ganymeder The answer depends on the point of view of every other Villain/Hero in the story. And they all think they're heroes. :) #litchat -2:22 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @ganymeder Historically yes, these days I don't believe anyone can adjudge that #litchat -2:22 PM May 19th, 2010
TheNewAuthor I believe this is why so many people love Jack Bauer (I know - TV). He does what is right no matter what or who gets killed. #litchat -2:22 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblaser Glad you're here! :D RT @DebraMarrs @LitChat @mariblaser @AuthorWilliam Birdbrain Debra here. Forgot to get on #litchat. Arghh! -2:23 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @robynmcintyre Without rehashing old ground, I don't believe either hero or villain to be useful concepts these days. #litchat -2:23 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @mariblaser You would have thought a serial killer like Dexter or Hannibal, but we are asked 2 see thru their eyes #litchat -2:24 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @TheNewAuthor Yes, but who says he's right? (I don't watch the show, sorry) #litchat -2:24 PM May 19th, 2010
kuzitiz i find it helps (compassion) RT @TheNewAuthor when reader agrees with the thoughts & convictions of the villain. #litchat -2:24 PM May 19th, 2010
robynmcintyre @TheNewAuthor I think that's because the honest amg us know we're also walking that line. #litchat -2:27 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @theonelta Emma? she was merely deluded, s busy matchmaking 4 others, she misses her own suitor. Then ends up marrying him per norm #litchat -2:27 PM May 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs @mariblaser Thx. I'm a chat follower now that it's almost over. Looks like interesting convo 2day #litchat -2:27 PM May 19th, 2010
TheNewAuthor @robynmcintyre I think a good example is Dracula from Bram Stoker. He was evil but loved...#litchat -2:27 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder And the heros do the things we'd like to see ourselves doing in similar circumstances if we had the strength, nerve, etc. #litchat -2:27 PM May 19th, 2010

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ExisleMoll @robyncintyre agree. but feel same about 'hero' #litchat -2:27 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblaser We did. I hate the concept behind Dexter-sympathize w/ killer RT @ExisleMoll Dexter/ Hannibal- we are asked 2 see thru their eyes #litchat -2:28 PM May 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @LitChat: What are the most influential or enduring books with characters who swing against society? #litchat -2:28 PM May 19th, 2010
theonelta @ExisleMoll haha! Emma is exactly why I said almost every character... she's definitely a bit of a rich bitch. #litchat -2:28 PM May 19th, 2010
arthurpdent42 @ganymeder Are you saying if I wasn't constrained by conscience/society, I'd murder five people? #litchat -2:28 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @mariblaser just shows no universally accepted/ objective morality any more #litchat -2:28 PM May 19th, 2010
robyncintyre @ganymeder Sometimes the "villains" do those things. #litchat -2:29 PM May 19th, 2010
TheNewAuthor @ExisleMoll That is different from doing what is right or wrong. You take responsibility for both actions or you don't. #litchat -2:29 PM May 19th, 2010
editorialdept Best part about writing is ability to poke&prod societal norms and push bounds w/o actually hurting anyone. Makes for good reading! #litchat -2:29 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @ExisleMoll Good/Evil (Bad) just a way of classifying those actions. Not abdicating responsibility. Work hard-good. Hurt others-bad.#litchat -2:29 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder RT @editorialdept: Best part about writing is ability to poke&prod societal norms and push bounds w/o actually hurting anyone. Makes for good reading! #litchat -2:29 PM May 19th, 2010
robyncintyre @ExisleMoll Agree about "hero" #litchat -2:30 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblaser @so_you_know ;) RT @theonelta almost every Austen character went against society. That's what made her novels so profound & timeless #litchat -2:30 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @ganymeder good and evil is not same as good and bad, or virtue and immorality. Esp when exteriorised in devils and angels #litchat -2:30 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @robyncintyre A kindred spirit - hallelujah! Could have done with you being around here on Monday!!! #litchat -2:31 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblaser @DebraMarrs Unfortunately I caught it in the middle, but love the topic. Great convo so far! :) #litchat -2:31 PM May 19th, 2010
robyncintyre @editorialdept Exactly. You can look into the mind of the "villain" w/o feeling like an accomplice. #litchat -2:31 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @arthurpdent42 No, but you could empathize w/villain who committed that act... See how he/she got to that point. #litchat -2:31 PM May 19th, 2010
DebraMarrs RT @editorialdept: Best part about writing is ability to poke/prod societal norms and push bounds w/o actually hurting anyone. #litchat -2:31 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblaser RT @ExisleMoll: @TheNewAuthor I don't accept notions of good and evil. We simply have 2 take responsibility 4 our own actions, not exteriorise them #litchat -2:31 PM May 19th, 2010
so_you_know @mariblaser is #litchat going on now? -2:31 PM May 19th, 2010
DaronFraleY @ganymeder Indeed. Otherwise, boring. #litchat -2:31 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblaser Only in the movie, right? RT @TheNewAuthor @robyncintyre I think a good example is Dracula from Bram Stoker. He was evil but loved #litchat -2:32 PM May 19th, 2010
robyncintyre Hero/villain reminds me of Monty Python & Lancelot taking arms off people then saying, "sorry, sorry." #litchat -2:32 PM May 19th, 2010

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ganymeder RT @robyncintyre: Hero/villain reminds me of Monty Python & Lancelot taking arms off people then saying, "sorry, sorry." #litchat -2:33 PM May 19th, 2010
JSterlingS Crap! What time did #litchat start today? -2:33 PM May 19th, 2010
TheNewAuthor We are seeing today the power of words. When they're watered down they carry little value which eventually shows in our society. #litchat -2:33 PM May 19th, 2010
robyncintyre @ExisleMoll And lit often debates definitions of angels & demons #litchat -2:33 PM May 19th, 2010
editorialdept on a related note, it takes a talented author to be able to humanize a villain enough so reader can ID w/ person generally abhorred #litchat -2:33 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblasier @ExisleMoll Hmm, I might reconsider watching it. Thanks for the input! :D #litchat -2:34 PM May 19th, 2010
TheNewAuthor @mariblasier I don't think so...#litchat -2:34 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @TheNewAuthor do you mean public utterances from politicians or the work of artists? #litchat -2:34 PM May 19th, 2010
deberryandgrant @ganymeder @robyncintyre --but "it's only a flesh wound!" #litchat -2:34 PM May 19th, 2010
robyncintyre @mariblasier Yes; Bram Stoker's vision of Dracula was very evil. Legosi made him sexy. #litchat -2:34 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblasier RT @editorialdept: Best part about writing is ability to poke&prod societal norms and push bounds w/o actually hurting anyone. Makes for good reading! #litchat -2:34 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @robyncintyre Just look inside ourselves for the answer... #litchat -2:34 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder Claudio in 'Much Ado' was an ass, but in his society he did what was expected of him. Don John admits he's a villain. #litchat -2:34 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblasier Yes, jump in! :) RT @so_you_know @mariblasier is #litchat going on now? -2:35 PM May 19th, 2010
deberryandgrant Must go...great discussion to be a part of on my slow re-entry litchat! Hope to see you Friday! #litchat -2:35 PM May 19th, 2010
robyncintyre @editorialdept Ala "Wicked" #litchat -2:35 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblasier RT @editorialdept: on a related note, it takes a talented author to be able to humanize a villain enough so reader can ID w/ person generally abhorred #litchat -2:35 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder @ExisleMoll @robyncintyre But demons are just angels that broke the rules. #litchat -2:35 PM May 19th, 2010
editorialdept Yes! Exactly. That's a fab modern example. RT @robyncintyre: @editorialdept Ala "Wicked" #litchat -2:36 PM May 19th, 2010
robyncintyre I know I am both hero and villain to my dog. #litchat -2:36 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @mariblasier sometimes I think that, other times I think writing is cowardly, hiding behind rel anonymity, not going on frontline #litchat -2:36 PM May 19th, 2010
mariblasier @TheNewAuthor @ExisleMoll 'Good' actions may lead to terrible consequences too. That's why the concept of villain is so fragile #litchat -2:36 PM May 19th, 2010
arthurpdent42 @ganymeder I'm afraid not - in my case, it was just indiscriminate murder - cold, and calculating covering tracks for money... #litchat -2:36 PM May 19th, 2010
ExisleMoll @ganymeder An archetype not a reality #litchat -2:36 PM May 19th, 2010
ganymeder Both Iago and Don John broke rules but for their own selfish reasons to hurt others. No other goal. Qualify as transgressive? #litchat -2:37 PM May 19th, 2010

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mariblaser @TheNewAuthor @ExisleMoll The villain might think he's doing good, as mentioned before here on #litchat -2:37 PM May 19th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @ExisleMoll Both...artists and politicians alike are guilty. #litchat -2:37 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser Ah well, points of view... :) RT @TheNewAuthor: @mariblaser I don't think so...#litchat -2:37 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @mariblaser agree 100%. History of hero from sagas & Classicla Greece is they are flawed too, hubris of approaching divines #litchat -2:37 PM May 19th, 2010

JSterlingS As writers we MUST love our villains, or no one else will hate them. #litchat -2:37 PM May 19th, 2010

so_you_know RT @mariblaser: 'Good' actions may lead to terrible consequences too. That's why the concept of villain is so fragile #litchat -2:38 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser And the actor...fantastic! RT @robynmcintyre: @mariblaser Yes; Bram Stoker's vision of Dracula was very evil. Legosi made him sexy. #litchat -2:38 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @TheNewAuthor I hear you brother. Why are there not more radical writers? #litchat -2:38 PM May 19th, 2010

robynmcintyre @ganymeder It's a circular argument - break rules, make rules, who gets to do what? And the winner is always right. #litchat -2:38 PM May 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @editorialdept ... takes talented author 2B able 2 humanize villain enuf so reader can ID w/person generally abhorred #litchat -2:38 PM May 19th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @ganymeder And I'm an athiest! Discussing the 10 Commandments. Methinks I may be nonconformist? Or is it transgressive? #litchat <<LOL! -2:38 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll Well, an example of what we're discussing. Literary characters that go against the grain. #litchat -2:38 PM May 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @JSterlingS Good one! RT: As writers we MUST love our villains, or no one else will hate them. #litchat -2:38 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser @ExisleMoll I'd rather think that a book can change a person's way of seeing the world. That would be going on frontline, no? #litchat -2:39 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @ganymeder I'd say iago was nihilistic. A doomsday cult of 1. Like 19th C Russians or AUM cult #litchat -2:39 PM May 19th, 2010

so_you_know @JSterlingS loving a villian that others will hate would vary from genre to genre no? #litchat -2:39 PM May 19th, 2010

robynmcintyre @JSterlingS re: loving our villains. Good point. #litchat -2:39 PM May 19th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @ExisleMoll Because there aren't many publishers who will take them on. At the end of the day many want to be published. #litchat -2:39 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @mariblaser Yes, agree. But does it ever happen these days? The market flattens out the serrated, dangerous edges #litchat -2:40 PM May 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs Most believable villains are balanced - have good side to love; evil side that reader abhors #litchat -2:40 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @TheNewAuthor Again, no argument from me brother #litchat -2:40 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll I don't see that. Iago has ambition, not a desire to destroy himself. #litchat -2:40 PM May 19th, 2010

robynmcintyre @ExisleMoll Agree on Iago. That guy didn't want ANYBODY to be happy. #litchat -2:40 PM May 19th, 2010

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editorialdept We certainly have to humanize them or there'll be no hook for the reader. @JSterlingS: As writers we MUST love our villains... #litchat -2:40 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser Only if you allow it to. ;) RT @ExisleMoll: @mariblaser The market flattens out the serrated, dangerous edges #litchat -2:41 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @ganymeder No, he has no real ambition at all. He knows he cannot replace a noble like Othello. he just wants to bring him down #litchat -2:41 PM May 19th, 2010

JSterlingS @so_you_know The characters that we as writers loathe to write are obvious because they are not as well written and it shows. #litchat -2:41 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @mariblaser well... #litchat -2:41 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat Great convo again today. Need to wrap it up for now, but hope you'll come back on Friday same time for more #Litchat -2:42 PM May 19th, 2010

TheNewAuthor The best villain to refer to for your story is the one lurking within yourself. #litchat -2:42 PM May 19th, 2010

editorialdept Must walk a fine line between squicking reader and providing a hook. RT@DebraMarrs: Most believable villains are balanced... #litchat -2:42 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser And people's viewpoint. RT @so_you_know @JSterlingS loving a villian that others will hate would vary from genre to genre no? #litchat -2:42 PM May 19th, 2010

littlefluffycat RT @JSterlingS: As writers we MUST love our villains, or no one else will hate them. #litchat // YES. -2:42 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @mariblaser let's see, I can write book about a vampire at High School, or a book about home-grown suicide bombers. Now let me see #litchat -2:42 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll He wants to bring him down but he wants to be his officer (Cassio's place).Othello was an outsider. #litchat -2:42 PM May 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @TheNewAuthor @ExisleMoll I like radical! Too bad there's a false muzzle in place bec. of publishing #litchat -2:42 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser Yeah, I know it's not that simple, but we need to hang on! RT @ExisleMoll: @mariblaser well... #litchat -2:43 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll I think you have more than 2 options for book topics. :) #litchat -2:43 PM May 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @mariblaser Agree RT: Only if you allow it to. ;) RT @ExisleMoll: @mariblaser The market flattens out the serrated, dangerous edges #litchat -2:43 PM May 19th, 2010

DaronFraley @TheNewAuthor Huh? But I don't want anybody to know about THAT villain. ;) #litchat -2:43 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @ganymeder Yes Othello was an outsider. But Iago sees Desdemona, knows he can never have her, so throws her into his search&destroy #litchat -2:43 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @ExisleMoll Yes, but not in order to destroy himself as well. He simply wants revenge along with promotion. #litchat -2:44 PM May 19th, 2010

theonelta @JSterlingS Idk. I think my villains are some of my best characters. It's more interesting expanding on flaws than on perfections #litchat -2:44 PM May 19th, 2010

DebraMarrs @LitChat Thx for starting such a gr8 convo today. Gotta run off too. Byeee all. Hope to see you on Fri. #litchat -2:44 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @DebraMarrs Oh I have lots, believe me. Teenage knife crime, suicide bombers, Post-Peace Northern Ireland, genetic engineering... #litchat -2:44 PM May 19th, 2010

editorialdept Thank goodness for indie publishers! RT @ExisleMoll: @mariblaser The market flattens out the serrated, dangerous edges #litchat -2:44 PM May 19th, 2010

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Doublelattemama Seems like a very philosophical discussion is/was going on over at #litchat ;-) -2:45 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @mariblaser What for the 4 horsemen of the Apocalypse? Something tells me they ain't gonna big on reading #litchat -2:45 PM May 19th, 2010

so_you_know @gkofiannan in re 'false muzzle' with publishing, wouldn't you say they reflect what people 'want'? #litchat always wondered that -2:45 PM May 19th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @DaronFraley I don't either, but he provides a great example. #litchat -2:45 PM May 19th, 2010

robynmcintyre @editorialdept you could say Rochester was the villain in Jane Eyre. Very human. #litchat -2:46 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @editorialdept In the UK they're not all that brave... If any indie pub says submissions via agent only, they ain't all that indie #litchat -2:46 PM May 19th, 2010

JSterlingS @theonelta We are more defined by our flaws than by anything else. (IMHO) #litchat -2:46 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @Doublelattemama Oh you know us PJ! #litchat -2:46 PM May 19th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @ExisleMoll Oh how I can't stand what has happened to vampires and the like! Bring back the times when they were feared. #litchat -2:47 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser Certainly more fun, heh @theonelta my villains are some of my best characters. It's more interesting expanding on flaws #litchat -2:47 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @Doublelattemama Hi PJ! Checking in late! :) #litchat -2:47 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll The market encourages some authors to tailor their work accordingly. the absolute opposite of transgressive #litchat -2:47 PM May 19th, 2010

robynmcintyre Great #litchat discussion! Lk forward to Friday 1pm PST, 3pm EST -2:47 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @TheNewAuthor and reeked of transgressive sex, not high school first love #litchat -2:47 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser You lost me here. Explain please? RT @ExisleMoll: @mariblaser What for the 4 horsemen of the Apocalypse? #litchat -2:48 PM May 19th, 2010

so_you_know @TheNewAuthor maybe we just grew up #litchat in re bringing back vampires that scare! lol now we have REAL vampires! -2:48 PM May 19th, 2010

editorialdept Artnik impressed me. This book's pretty incendiary. <http://bit.ly/aQu1Ru> RT @ExisleMoll In the UK theyre not all that brave... #litchat -2:48 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder @theonelta @mariblaser Writing villains is a nonharmful way to exorcise our own demons. #litchat -2:48 PM May 19th, 2010

so_you_know @JSterlingS true true #litchat -2:49 PM May 19th, 2010

Doublelattemama So true... Lol ;-) carry on, I must b off 2 the corner store RT @ExisleMoll: @Doublelattemama Oh you know us PJ! #litchat -2:49 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @mariblaser You said wait for the market to change? #litchat -2:49 PM May 19th, 2010

LitChat Take a few minutes to get to know @Joe_Wallace, author of DIAMOND RUBY, at <http://bit.ly/6rvjzD>. Then come back on Friday to #litchat. -2:49 PM May 19th, 2010

ganymeder Need to check out to go make dinner for Monsterbat (my son) now. Thanks for the wonderful discussions! Bye! #litchat -2:49 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @editorialdept Haven't read it. What's it about? #litchat -2:49 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblaser And healthy! :) RT @ganymeder @theonelta @mariblaser Writing villains is a nonharmful way to exorcise our own demons. #litchat -2:50 PM May 19th, 2010

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csmith2471 RT @LitChat: Take a few minutes to get to know @Joe_Wallace, author of DIAMOND RUBY, at <http://bit.ly/6rvjzD>. Then come back on Friday to #litchat. -2:50 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblasers RT @LitChat: Take a few minutes to get to know @Joe_Wallace, author of DIAMOND RUBY, at <http://bit.ly/6rvjzD>. Then come back on Friday to #litchat. -2:50 PM May 19th, 2010

editorialdept @ExisleMoll it's a satirical take on how the US is dealing w/ Guantanamo detainees #litchat -2:50 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @mariblasers writing a paladin or a saint might exorcise mine. Not happening any time soon #litchat -2:50 PM May 19th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @so_you_know Even the 'real' vampires don't compare to the original stories. #litchat -2:51 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblasers @ExisleMoll No no no, that would be silly, heh. I meant that we must write good stuff all the same. Some pass through. :) #litchat -2:51 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblasers LOL! RT @ExisleMoll @mariblasers writing a paladin or a saint might exorcise mine. Not happening any time soon #litchat -2:52 PM May 19th, 2010

LowesMightyPen @TheNewAuthor True. But that scares me. I've got some serious psychopathic villains. Let's just hope my imagination is vivid. Lol. #litchat -2:52 PM May 19th, 2010

danyelsmith @ganymeder I see your point. but we'll have to agree to disagree. #litchat -2:52 PM May 19th, 2010

Doublelattemama @ganymeder sadly I can't stay - need to run to the store - enjoy :) #litchat -2:53 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblasers Well, life's not meant to be fair, is it? ;P RT @ExisleMoll: @mariblasers Eye of the needle stuff... #litchat -2:55 PM May 19th, 2010

so_you_know @DaronFraley yep gotta go too! thanks for the quick #litchat & thank you @mariblasers for remindng me. -2:56 PM May 19th, 2010

robynmcintyre @deberryandgrant Determination in the face of overwhelming odds can be ridiculous. #litchat -2:56 PM May 19th, 2010

DaronFraley @so_you_know Until next time! #litchat -2:57 PM May 19th, 2010

theonelta @ganymeder @JSterlingS I completely agree #litchat -2:57 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblasers @so_you_know My pleasure! :D #litchat -2:57 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @mariblasers That's what motivates me to write. If it was fair, then I probably wouldn't be an artist #litchat -2:58 PM May 19th, 2010

Vryka @ganymeder only 99.9? I'd argue that no one sees themselves as a villain! #litchat -2:58 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @Vryka we've offered up iago from "Othello" #litchat -2:59 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblasers I write in spite of that, but agree that adds fun ;) RT @ExisleMoll: motivates me to write. If it was fair I wouldn't be an artist #litchat -3:00 PM May 19th, 2010

deberryandgrant @robynmcintyre Indeed it can be! #litchat -3:02 PM May 19th, 2010

ExisleMoll @mariblasers Do you think there is much transgressive writing that sees the light of day? #litchat -3:02 PM May 19th, 2010

mariblasers Sadly, no. I agree w/ the needle thing. RT @ExisleMoll Do you think there is much transgressive writing that sees the light of day? #litchat -3:04 PM May 19th, 2010

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