



LitChat June 7 & 9, 2010

Topic of the Week: Sizzling Summer Reads

Open Chat

MONDAY: June 7, 2010

LitChat Is it hot where you are yet? Are you ready to talk about SIZZLING SUMMER READS? Let's go! #litchat - 1:02 PM Jun 7th, 2010

braincandybr Good afternoon #litchat -1:03 PM Jun 7th, 2010

LitChat The easiest way to follow #litchat is at <http://bit.ly/d0BWh>. Enter Twitter login, then type litchat in box asking for hashtag to follow. -1:03 PM Jun 7th, 2010

LitChat Let's begin with some introductions. Who's with us so far? Are you a reader, a writer, both? What are you reading now? #litchat -1:04 PM Jun 7th, 2010

FrankDiCesare Good afternoon #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 7th, 2010

braincandybr Reader/book blogger checking in #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam It's hot out in SoCal today particularly out here in the I.E. RT @LitChat Is it hot where you are yet? #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 7th, 2010

mjmbecky Reader here & teacher on summer break! Woo hoo! Finally reading The Hunger Games & Catching Fire. #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 7th, 2010

katmagendie Oh, I can only stay a little bit today. Two big-arse deadlines looming. Hi everyone! I'm a reader/an author-writer/editor :) #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 7th, 2010

kashicat Hi there! Editor & Writer here, in Toronto, Ontario. I'll see if I can participate to some degree today. #litchat -1:06 PM Jun 7th, 2010

katmagendie I woke up to 52 degrees and it's been like an early spring or early fall day today! Hasn't been past 72 all day and dry #litchat -1:06 PM Jun 7th, 2010

FrankDiCesare Reader, writer, journalist, photographer. It's very hot in Lake Charles, LA! #litchat -1:06 PM Jun 7th, 2010

mjmbecky Also a book blogger. Spend my summers in Hawaii @ my mother's place, where it is 81 degrees & sunny right now. #litchat -1:07 PM Jun 7th, 2010

katmagendie While I'm thinking of it: Rose & Thorn (where I'm co-editor/publisher) is now open to prose/poetry for fall; go by and see/submit. #litchat -1:07 PM Jun 7th, 2010

Hayley_DM Hi there #litchat #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 7th, 2010

LitChat I love summer when teachers can join us! Welcome all of you #teachers. You are the gateway to reading for many kids. #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 7th, 2010

irisonbooks Student & bookblogger here. I'm from the Netherlands but thought I could try if I could participate a little. #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 7th, 2010

braincandybr Was a chilly morning here in CT after a weekend of Tornado watches and thunderstorms #litchat - 1:08 PM Jun 7th, 2010

katmagendie @FrankDiCesare Lake Charles! I lived in Baton Rouge many years :) #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 7th, 2010

BellaVidaLetty Hi I'm reading M. Atwood The Blind Assassin & Sex & South Beach Chicas by C. Pinero @LitChat What are you reading now? #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam Published indie author of "THE DARK PROVINCE" - currently reading The Murderer's Daughters by @RandySusanMeyer #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 7th, 2010

cindymariej @LitChat I'm a reader, a writer of non-fiction that borders on fiction sometimes #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 7th, 2010

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writerchickmc RT @LitChat: I love summer when teachers can join us! Welcome all of you #teachers. You are the gateway to reading for many kids. #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 7th, 2010

katmagendie @BellaVidaLetty I'm reading Alice Munro, collection of short stories #litchat -1:09 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @LitChat: I love summer when teachers can join us! Welcome all of you #teachers. You are the gateway to reading for many kids. #litchat -1:09 PM Jun 7th, 2010

cindymariej Currently reading "Assassination Vacation " by Sarah Vowell & "The Lost Books of The Odyssey" #litchat -1:09 PM Jun 7th, 2010

LitChat @irisonbooks Welcome! We have a very international group here. Many join us from Europe and Asia. #litchat -1:09 PM Jun 7th, 2010

FrankDiCesare @katmagendie Two great Louisiana cities, though I miss Boston. Geaux Celtics! #litchat. -1:09 PM Jun 7th, 2010

Hayley_DM Here from London #litchat -1:10 PM Jun 7th, 2010

irisonbooks I'm reading "Stone in a Landslide" by Maria Barbal. And I'm glad to hear that it's very international. @LitChat #litchat -1:10 PM Jun 7th, 2010

mjmbecky @LitChat Thanks. Glad to be able to join in over my summer break. Teaching a Pop. Fiction class in the fall, so good chat to join! #litchat -1:10 PM Jun 7th, 2010

ErikaRobuck @LitChat Hi there! I'm a writer, book blogger, and voracious reader. I'm also a mom, so I flit in and out of #litchat as much as I can. -1:10 PM Jun 7th, 2010

katmagendie @FrankDiCesare I live in the SMoky mountains now :) #litchat -1:10 PM Jun 7th, 2010

LaughAtlantis @LitChat It's sunny but cool in San Francisco for this reader/blogger. Joining on my work lunch break. #litchat -1:10 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @FrankDiCesare Geaux Celtics! #litchat. <<we'll agree to disagree on this point today ;-)#Lakers -1:11 PM Jun 7th, 2010

booksandmovies Just finished Impatient with Desire by Gabrielle Burton - great historical fiction about Tamsen Donner. #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 7th, 2010

katmagendie I love reading books frm authors w/small press(like me!) or who aren't "well known;" feel free to DM me! (I don't read some genres) #litchat -1:12 PM Jun 7th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass The heat has embraced us here in SoCal. To celebrate, I'm close to finishing SOLAR, by Ian McEwan. #litchat -1:12 PM Jun 7th, 2010

BellaVidaLetty Im a reader/writer from steamy humid south florida. its 92 now and going to storm later #litchat good reading weather ;) #litchat -1:12 PM Jun 7th, 2010

pirateannie #Litchat Hey ... writer here in Toronto ... just had first print publication ... currently querying my YA novel ... :) -1:13 PM Jun 7th, 2010

katmagendie @BellaVidaLetty I visited Mexico Beach for my brother's wedding couple weeks ago - it was hot! but not at the waters edge :) #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 7th, 2010

LitChat Not familiar with Tamsen Donner. RT @booksandmovies: Desire by Gabrielle Burton - great historical fiction about Tamsen Donner. #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 7th, 2010

ErikaRobuck I'm reading @EmilyMandel's THE SINGER'S GUN. #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 7th, 2010

kashicat I'm trying to read "More," by Austin Clarke, this spring's "One Book" for Toronto to read. Having a bit of a slog. #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @katmagendie Smoky Mountains, eh? Anywhere near Gatlinburg TN? Discovered that place during a cross country trip. Loved it. #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 7th, 2010

LitChat Congrats! If there's a link, please post it, or share print pub name. RT @pirateannie: just had first print publication ... #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 7th, 2010

FrankDiCesare Just started reading The Great Railway Bazaar by Paul Theroux. #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 7th, 2010
booksandmovies @LitChat Tamsen Donner was the wife of George Donner, of the infamous Donner Party. #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 7th, 2010
ErikaRobuck @CarolyBurnsBass How are you enjoying SOLAR? I'm normally an Ian M. nut, but I heard SOLAR is a break from his normal. #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 7th, 2010
katmagendie @AuthorWilliam Gatlinburg is just across the way from me - I live near the TN border- in Maggie valley. #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 7th, 2010
braincandybr @LitChat Some good summer reads - The Stormchasers from Jenna Blum and The Outer Banks House by Diann Ducharme #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 7th, 2010
mjmbecky @booksandmovies Have I seen a couple of books out in last couple of years based around the Donners? #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 7th, 2010
TheNewAuthor Hello to all my friends and first timers at #litchat. -1:15 PM Jun 7th, 2010
LitChat Ah... did she survive the trip? RT @booksandmovies: Tamsen Donner was the wife of George Donner, of the infamous Donner Party. #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 7th, 2010
LaughAtlantis Currently reading 'The Weight of Silence' by Heather Gudenkauf - two young girls disappear, one is mute. Extremely well written. #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 7th, 2010
irisonbooks @ErikaRobuck I enjoyed Solar, but then it was my first McEwan. It's very much a satire. #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 7th, 2010
katmagendie @TheNewAuthor hi Brian! I'm visiting a bit but can't stay long - dang! #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 7th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @katmagendie Very Cool #litchat Sounds like a great place for writing :) -1:17 PM Jun 7th, 2010
cindymariej Cuurrently on the #litchat - any readers and/or writers should join in! -1:17 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Hayley_DM I adore McEwan - one of my favourite authors #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 7th, 2010
booksandmovies @LitChat No, she did not survive, though her five daughters did. #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 7th, 2010
BellaVidaLetty I admire Atwood's writing ability The Blind Assassin has 3 separate plots. #litchat #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 7th, 2010
FrankDiCesare @pirateannie Congrats! Toronto is one of my favorite cities. I lived in Mississauga when I was a kid 1979-1981. #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Hayley_DM Reading Protection by Clare Allen #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 7th, 2010
LitChat If you refer to a book in chat, please follow it up with a 140-line review. Tell us if you enjoyed it or gave it flying lessons. #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 7th, 2010
TheNewAuthor @katmagendie I may be in your neck of the words in July. Taking the family to Gatlinburg for a vacation. #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 7th, 2010
booksandmovies @amysteele85 I read a lot of mysteries in the summer - one year went through entire Grafton series to "R" #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 7th, 2010
LitChat Sounding spooky. Children eating and all that. RT @booksandmovies: @LitChat No, she did not survive, though her five daughters did. #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 7th, 2010
booksandmovies @amysteele85 This summer it won't change much because of review commitments. #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 7th, 2010
bookingmama @amysteele85 So true. Sometimes I like lighter reads when I'm at the pool or beach though. #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 7th, 2010

mjmbecky Also reading "Between the Deep Blue Sea & Me" which is Amer. Indian Library Assoc. award winner for best YA book 2010. #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 7th, 2010

katmagendie @TheNewAuthor Brian! Let me know if y'all (or you'uns as they say here) want ot meet for coffee! if time permits #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 7th, 2010

katmagendie @TheNewAuthor meant YOUR time permits, not mine *smiling* #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 7th, 2010

booksandmovies @LitChat It's very well done - kind of de-sensationalizes the story, gets down to the root of this amazing woman and her spirit. #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 7th, 2010

lovelyleann I'm a reader, a librarian, and I'm almost done reading The Passage. I got an ARC of it a few weeks ago so I could review it. #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 7th, 2010

pirateannie @LitChat Hey thanks! Publisher is @LegendPress <http://www.legendpress.co.uk> Title is 10 Journeys ... my pen name is Anne Devereux #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 7th, 2010

mjmbecky "Between Deep Blue Sea and Me" is about a woman from HI living on mainland feeling pull to return home. Very good so far. #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 7th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @ErikaRobuck SOLAR is definitely a break from his normal, which I am actually preferring. It's witty and quite timely. #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 7th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @katmagendie I will absolutely do that. #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 7th, 2010

katmagendie @mjmbecky love books about 'returning home' or the want to return home #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 7th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Sounds close to home, no? RT @mjmbecky: "Between Deep Blue Sea and Me" #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 7th, 2010

pirateannie @LitChat Thanks! Publisher is @Legend_Press <http://www.legendpress.co.uk> Title is 10 Journeys ... my pen name is Anne Devereux #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 7th, 2010

katmagendie I have to run - glad I was able to stay a little while, though! Y'all have a wonderful evening. #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 7th, 2010

irisonbooks @mjmbecky "Between Deep Blue Sea and Me" sounds quite lovely. #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 7th, 2010

lovelyleann My review for The Passage, so far: Intriguing apocalyptic story, but the 2nd half jumps ahead a century and isn't as engrossing. #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @TheNewAuthor Quite jealous! We're looking forward to getting back to Gatlinburg. #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 7th, 2010

cindymariej Anyone who loves Greek mythology should read "The Lost Books of The Odyseeey" - total mind-blower #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 7th, 2010

BookingIt dropping in late to #litchat! -1:23 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @katmagendie You as well! #litchat Say hello to that gorgeous scenery for us! -1:23 PM Jun 7th, 2010

mjmbecky @katmagendie @CarolyBurnsBass @irisonbooks Very good YA book that feels more like adult fiction to me, very culturally based. #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 7th, 2010

LitChat What makes a SIZZLING SUMMER READ? Setting? Story? Sex? #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 7th, 2010

pirateannie Geesh ... I always have to miss this chat ... annoying. Have to catch my train guys ... have a good one! #litchat @litchat -1:25 PM Jun 7th, 2010

CEMcKenzie1 @LitChat page turner is what does it for me :) #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant @LitChat A little bit of all three? #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 7th, 2010

lovelyleann I also can't wait for Mockingjay to come out in Aug, the third book in The Hunger Games young adult series. Highly recommended! #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 7th, 2010

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LitChat @lovelyleann I keep thinking about I AM LEGEND when I read about THE PASSAGE. That title was all over BEA. #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 7th, 2010
cindymariej @LitChat Setting: Summer is the time for dreaming and traveling, or dreaming about traveling! #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 7th, 2010
booksandmovies @amysteele85 I spend my summer afternoons doing homeschool lesson planning for the upcoming year, so like to read lighter stuff. #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt Reader and writer. Published stories, working on novel. I'm reading The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Hayley_DM Summer reads to me are escapism #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 7th, 2010
KayleeT What makes a SIZZLING SUMMER READ? Setting? Story? Sex? #litchat (via @LitChat) comedy, setting, love -1:26 PM Jun 7th, 2010
nlowell @LitChat so many straightlines .. so little time :D #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Katie_Traut @LitChat I like summer reads to be light, fast, and entertaining. #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 7th, 2010
mjmbecky I love escaping in a summer read, so all three really, but love story-driven reads over setting or sex. Just my opinion though. #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Halbal_here First timer at #litchat! Reading @erikarobuck's RECEIVE ME FALLING and loving it. G8 new author to watch for. Have a feeling 'bout her ;) -1:27 PM Jun 7th, 2010
TheNewAuthor I think a good summer time read is one that pulls you away and takes you on a ride. #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 7th, 2010
lovelyleann @LitChat I thought about I Am Legend when reading The Passage! They aren't attempting to find a cure, though, they need Will Smith. #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 7th, 2010
booksandmovies @kashicat What are some of your favorite mystery series? #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 7th, 2010
kashicat @cindymariej I saw you or someone mention "The Lost Books of The Odyssey" earlier. Intriguing! Fiction/non? #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 7th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Agree. With some of @CEMcKenzie1's page-turnado added. RT @deberryandgrant: @LitChat A little bit of all three? #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 7th, 2010
latta @litchat a 140line review? Madame, are you extending #litchat hour? :/ -1:28 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Katie_Traut Agree! RT @Hayley_DM: Summer reads to me are escapism #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 7th, 2010
mjmbecky Sometimes like to read hardy, prize winners over the summer because I have less to distract me. Then love light reads for beach! #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 7th, 2010
ErikaRobuck @Halbal_here Thank you! #litchat! Have you ever considered going into book publicity? :) -1:29 PM Jun 7th, 2010
BellaVidaLetty @katmagendie visited Mexico Beach //mustve been so beautiful & hot too #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 7th, 2010
LitChat No limit on tweets; we're recording. RT @latta: @litchat a 140line review? Madame, are you extending #litchat hour? :/ #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 7th, 2010
deberryandgrant @Katie_Traut My ?? --What made us differentiate books by season in the first place? Marketing departments? #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Hayley_DM I often read heavy books - lying by the pool means I want to escape into a bubble of nice things! #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 7th, 2010
kashicat @booksandmovies I loved Brian Freeman's books, last yr. Gail Bowen. Mark Billingham. Brad Meltzer. #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 7th, 2010

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cindymariej @kashicat fiction--complete re-imagining, posing as found books. mind-bending! no need to have read The Odyssey recently #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 7th, 2010

LitChat Yes! RT @Halbal_here: Reading @erikarobucks RECEIVE ME FALLING & loving it. G8 new author to watch for. Have a feeling bout her ;) #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 7th, 2010

FrankDiCesare RT @LitChat: What makes a SIZZLING SUMMER READ? Memorable characters. #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 7th, 2010

mjmbecky Have to recommend "The Last War" by Ana Menendez. Not light read, but centers around woman who is war photographer... #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam I like this exploration of what type of reads readers enjoy during the summer vs. other times in the year. #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 7th, 2010

BellaVidaLetty great story/ plot & interesting characters @LitChat: What makes a SIZZLING SUMMER READ? #litchat #litchat -1:32 PM Jun 7th, 2010

LitChat @deberryandgrant Yes. It's all marketing. A good read is a good read in any season. #litchat -1:32 PM Jun 7th, 2010

mjmbecky ...whose husband is in Iraq as photojournalist. She waits in Istanbul. More of a drama, expat story than 'war' story, but good! #litchat -1:32 PM Jun 7th, 2010

BellaVidaLetty I have more time to read so I like to broaden my horizons by checking out different genres #litchat #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt I'm a sucker for a beach scene on the cover, although I know I shouldn't judge a book that way. Sometimes the insides disappoint. #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam I'm so busy that I enjoy reads that stay with me when I take breaks from it. Deep impact stories I don't have to go back to refresh #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 7th, 2010

mjmbecky @Hayley_DM Agree. Pool/Beach means easy, fast read. Lounging in the evening, maybe something gripping, hard-hitting? #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant @LitChat That was my thought.I don't read differently b/c of weather-just because I'm told I'm supposed to.Good bks for all seasons #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 7th, 2010

FrankDiCesare Theroux is the first in my journey to read the country's best travel writers. Any suggestions? #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @LitChat @deberryandgrant Yes. It's all marketing. A good read is a good read in any season. #litchat <<<agreed -1:35 PM Jun 7th, 2010

rebeccadiann I like to use the summer to read books that are high on my list, but I've not had time for...not so much escapism as catch-upism #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 7th, 2010

Halbal_here BTW, I am a reader and started my writing "career" a couple of years ago. Took a hiatus for a few months and now back at it. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 7th, 2010

LitChat Who's read THE HELP? The book's been out for months and Kathryn Stockett was signing books at BEA; line was 100s deep. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 7th, 2010

mjmbecky Also can't help but love a big, chunky book for the summer because have more time. Like Pillars of the Earth...for vacations. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 7th, 2010

Hayley_DM @mjmbecky Definately #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 7th, 2010

MGrantauthor Oops, late to #litchat, Summer Reads today? -1:36 PM Jun 7th, 2010

mjmbecky @rebeccadiann Amen on catching up! I have to do that over the summer too. #litchat But it can be so exciting too. -1:36 PM Jun 7th, 2010

cindymariej Also just finished re-reading Cortazar's "Blow Up and Other Stories" - more mindbenders, fascinating prose #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 7th, 2010

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AuthorWilliam RT @JulieBritt I'm a sucker for a beach scene on the cover, although I know I shouldn't judge a book that way. #litchat <<a valuable share! -1:37 PM Jun 7th, 2010
mjmbecky @LitChat Have THE HELP in my pile TBR because it has had such great buzz. Excited to read it. #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 7th, 2010
ErikaRobuck @LitChat I loved THE HELP. Civil rights anything very interesting to me. Heartbreaking yet uplifting book. Best kind. #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt I enjoyed The Help a lot more than I expected to. It's told in dialect, which was cumbersome at first, then I got used to it. #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 7th, 2010
RebekahMcClew I have a stack of books to catch up on, used to read at least 4 a week. summers i only read more because of less distraction #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 7th, 2010
deberryandgrant @LitChat We spoke about this briefly last month--I have not been able to read The Help, don't know that I will. #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Hayley_DM some by the pool/beach are easy to put down as with kids am unable to get too engrossed #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 7th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @JulieBritt Same here. The dialect helped maintain the voice of each POV, though. Did you have favorite character? #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Hayley_DM maybe a cpl that are on my Wish List for when I can give my undivided attention #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 7th, 2010
BookingIt @JulieBritt I think that was one of the reasons THE HELP worked so well as an audiobook, the dialect really added to the experience #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 7th, 2010
kashicat When I was university student, summer would be for reading all my textbks, since I never had time during actual school year. #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 7th, 2010
SourcebooksCasa @LitChat Read it in my book club and it was amazing-poignant, painful, beautiful. prob well worth the wait to meet KS!!! #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt Reading the author's note at the end of The Help explains why she wrote it and how she decided to write in the various voices. #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 7th, 2010
cindymariej @BookingIt Who wrote THE HELP? #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Jodyth Collins' Hunger Games trilogy wonderful dystopian adventure #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 7th, 2010
BookingIt @LitChat The Help was my top read of last year, the audio is amazing. #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 7th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Here is photo of Kathryn Stockett signing at #BEA. http://tweetphoto.com/26121972 #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 7th, 2010
mjmbecky @Jodyth Just finished reading The Hunger Games yesterday. Just starting Catching Fire. Very good so far. #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 7th, 2010
BookingIt @cindymariej Kathryn Stockett. #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 7th, 2010
thelittlereader peeking in on #litchat. *waves* -1:43 PM Jun 7th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass I found the characters in THE HELP rather polarized, though. Some were too good to be true, others too villianized. #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 7th, 2010
ErikaRobuck @JulieBritt I'm not usually a big fan of dialect, but she pulled it off. I don't know if the book would have grabbed me w/out it. #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 7th, 2010
LitChat Waving back. RT @thelittlereader: peeking in on #litchat. *waves* #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 7th, 2010
ErikaRobuck Ugh, sorry I have to duck out, again. Hockey practice. Not my own, obv. #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 7th, 2010
marcellaoconnor Hi #litchat ! What is the topic tonight? -1:44 PM Jun 7th, 2010

Azrael52 I haven't read it, but I heard the interview on NPR, and it blew me away. Sounds like a cool author and inspiring book. #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Jodyth @mjmbucky I read both books in 1 wknd Waiting for bk 3 is killing me #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 7th, 2010
LitChat SIZZLING SUMMER READS. What are you looking forward to? RT @marcellaoconnor: Hi #litchat ! What is the topic tonight? #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt @CarolyBurnsBass I enjoyed Skeeter's story because she was a writer, but Aibileen had the most compelling story. #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 7th, 2010
BookingIt @CarolyBurnsBass Hmmm, given the viewpoints, I thought the polarized characters made sense. #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Azrael52 I haven't read The Help, but I heard the interview on NPR, and it blew me away. Sounds like a cool author and inspiring book. #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 7th, 2010
LitChat Which book? RT @Azrael52: I haven't read it, but I heard the interview on NPR, and it blew me away. #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 7th, 2010
cindymariej @kashicat Libraries should. My parents are both librarians and they are the ones who suggested it! Really, so good #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 7th, 2010
mjmbecky @Jodyth So I hear (about waiting for Mockingjay), which is why I'm glad I waited to read 1st two! LOL. #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 7th, 2010
cindymariej Ducking out of #litchat for a bit to work on a Social Media Coaching proposal; hope to jump back in soon! -1:47 PM Jun 7th, 2010
thelittlereader taking summer classes and can't read as much, but looking forward to review books, Japanese Lit challenge and some readalongs. #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 7th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @ErikaRobuck Take care! #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Azrael52 Sorry, I meant The Help. Updated it, but you were just too darn quick. #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt @CarolyBurnsBass I agree. And considering the time frame (Medgar Evers' slaying, Birmingham) the risks were treated a bit lightly. #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 7th, 2010
tericoyne @LitChat I'm about to start a biography on photographer Dorothea Lange - research for my next book #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Halbal_here @LitChat My book club read it not too long ago. Loved it. What a huge success for Kathryn Stockett. Loved the new POV each chp. #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 7th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Nodding. POV is important in this book. RT @BookingIt: Hmmm, given the viewpoints, I thought the polarized characters made sense. #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt Dreamworks is making The Help movie. #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 7th, 2010
AuthorWilliam Changing POV each chapter sounds gutsy. I like it! ;-) #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 7th, 2010
NowatNPL RT @LitChat: Who's read THE HELP? The book's been out for months and Kathryn Stockett was signing books at BEA; line was 100s deep. #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 7th, 2010
LitChat @tericoyne Wow. Are you working on any fiction at the same time? #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 7th, 2010
BookingIt @JulieBritt I think the black women participating were fully aware of the risks, and did it anyway. Skeeter didn't understand. #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 7th, 2010
corb21 Hi #litchat! I'm a bit late to the game, but I'm loving Sumner Island for this summer's read in New England. -1:50 PM Jun 7th, 2010
corb21 Sumner Island is by Michael Cormier. I'm headed to meet him tonight @riverrunbkstore at 7pm #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 7th, 2010

BookingIt @AuthorWilliam Again, I really liked how the different POVs were handled in the audio version, with multiple narrators. #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 7th, 2010
corb21 Another great summer read is A Cutthroat Business by @bentegallagherperfect for the beach! #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 7th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @JulieBritt Excellent! And its a topic I like to read. #litchat Better put it on the list :-)-1:52 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Tough to pull off, but it makes sense here. She uses it to show the different perspectives of blacks, whites. #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 7th, 2010
AuthorWilliam Nice! RT @BookingIt I really liked how the different POVs were handled in the audio version, with multiple narrators. #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 7th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Agree about the black women perceiving the risks, yet Skeeter faced a different kind of risk. Each person had something at stake. #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 7th, 2010
ExisleMoll RT @MarcellaOConnor: Hi #litchat ! What is the topic tonight?/ think it's Summer Reads. Never understood concept myself -1:53 PM Jun 7th, 2010
LitChat @corb21 Great to see you here! #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Would have been less emotional with one POV or 3rd person. We became invested in the women's stories. #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt @CarolyBurnsBass Skeeter was privileged, but faced her own challeges because women's rights were scarce for black and white. #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 7th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @JulieBritt Sounds like it from what I'm hearing. #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt @CarolyBurnsBass Skeeter's tale also helped explain how the white folks' attitudes were perpetuated and how hard it was to change. #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 7th, 2010
deberryandgrant @JulieBritt Women's rights were scarce for white women. Human rights were scarce for black women. #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 7th, 2010
tericoyne @LitChat book two is done & w/agent, researching book 3 & trying to catch up on my reading! #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt FYI http://www.kathrynstockett.com #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 7th, 2010
deberryandgrant Have the same problem w/ The Help as I did/do w/Glory.The story of the blacks becomes real only because of the whites #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 7th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @deberryandgrant @JulieBritt Human rights were scarce to black men, women and children in those days. #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt @deberryandgrant Good point. Both made it hard to initiate change. I think that's why the book is so successful. So much at stake. #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 7th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @deberryandgrant Interesting, explain... #litchat -2:00 PM Jun 7th, 2010
deberryandgrant @CarolyBurnsBass @JulieBritt Non-existent is more accurate... #litchat -2:00 PM Jun 7th, 2010
BookingIt @CarolyBurnsBass Skeeter didn't know her risks when she started, but continued when it became clear. That took courage. #litchat -2:00 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt @deberryandgrant It certainly becomes a different story when told by a white person, but Civil Rights struggle is our story too. #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 7th, 2010
deberryandgrant @AuthorWilliam The story gets told and read/seen widely b/c of the storyteller... #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 7th, 2010
LitChat Convo remains hot in our SIZZLING SUMMER READS topic today. We're done with the regular hour, but please continue as you will. #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 7th, 2010
corb21 @LitChat thanks, I've been away for too long. #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt @deberryandgrant The hardest thing to grasp is that much of this happened in my lifetime and the problems weren't solved... #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 7th, 2010
deberryandgrant @JulieBritt The Civil Rights struggle is an American story, rooted in our history and it's legacy is part of all of us. #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 7th, 2010
DebraMarrs @LitChat Bummer. Worked right thru #litchat today. Popped up and saw @CarolyBurnsBass *waving* Hope to see u all later this wk #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt @deberryandgrant ... just relocated from domestic situation to workforce. There's a lot of material here, from both perspectives. #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 7th, 2010
deberryandgrant @JulieBritt I lived through it and sadly, many of the issues still linger... #litchat -2:05 PM Jun 7th, 2010
KrisLovesBooks RT @corb21: Another great summer read is A Cutthroat Business by @bentegallagherperfect for the beach! #litchat -2:05 PM Jun 7th, 2010
KrisLovesBooks RT @corb21: Hi #litchat! I'm a bit late to the game, but I'm loving Sumner Island for this summer's read in New England. -2:05 PM Jun 7th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @deberryandgrant: Do you think THE HELP would have been less successful if penned by a black writer? -more- #litchat -2:08 PM Jun 7th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @deberryandgrant (cont.) To me a good book is a good book, no matter the author's race. #litchat -2:09 PM Jun 7th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @deberryandgrant Ah, so your problem is less with the book's story and more with cultural prerequisites for its level of successful #litchat -2:09 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt @deberryandgrant @AuthorWilliam Alice Walker and Sherman Alexie might disagree, but I see your point. Still, the story gets told. #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 7th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @LitChat As always. thanks for keeping our chat full of life :-) #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 7th, 2010
deberryandgrant @CarolyBurnsBass Without question. It seems that white readers are more comfortable with stories re: race told by white tellers #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 7th, 2010
deberryandgrant @AuthorWilliam Exactly. #litchat -2:11 PM Jun 7th, 2010
LitChat Every voice here is valued. Thanks! RT @AuthorWilliam: @LitChat As always. thanks for keeping our chat full of life :-) #litchat -2:12 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt I think the discussion we're having indicates why The Help is successful. Civil Rights, like Vietnam, will always hit a nerve. #litchat -2:12 PM Jun 7th, 2010
Hayley_DM @CarolyBurnsBass I agree, race is never an issue when selecting a book to read for me #litchat -2:12 PM Jun 7th, 2010
deberryandgrant @JulieBritt But Alice Walker and Sherman Alexie have been sanctioned--and "literary" writers have a different kind of access #litchat -2:13 PM Jun 7th, 2010
AuthorWilliam Fascinating. It speaks both to the book (which I have not read) and the legacy its depicting that we are having this discussion #litchat -2:14 PM Jun 7th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @deberryandgrant Sad, but true on both sides of the argument. People tend to identify with their own perceptions of safety. -more- #litchat -2:14 PM Jun 7th, 2010
deberryandgrant @Hayley_DM But it is if bookstores segregate and market books differently. The Help is everywhere--in every bookstore and started #litchat -2:15 PM Jun 7th, 2010
JulieBritt @deberryandgrant I think it may be a marketing issue more than a comfort issue. Everyone was talking about this book.#litchat -2:15 PM Jun 7th, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @LitChat: Every voice here is valued. Thanks! RT @AuthorWilliam: @LitChat As always. thanks for keeping our chat full of life :-) #litchat -2:16 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant @Hayley_DM it's journey that way. While a book like Glorious, will be found in the Af-Am section. #litchat -2:16 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant @JulieBritt Exactly. Everyone was talking about the book and it's being read as much by whites as blacks--because it was positioned #litchat -2:16 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant @JulieBritt that way. But books about black people, by black people are marketed to black people--unless they're "literary" #litchat -2:17 PM Jun 7th, 2010

Hayley_DM @deberryandgrant I agree, but I would never select a book due to the race of the author, the topic grips me and that is enough 4 me #litchat -2:18 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant And I should probably step down from my soapbox. This particular issue is a lightning rod for me...and I can go on, and on... #litchat -2:19 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt It is strange that bookstores still segregate black authors (urban fiction?). Still, if a book is talked about, we'll find it. #litchat -2:19 PM Jun 7th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @deberryandgrant -more- It takes people like you and @JulieBritt and @AuthorWilliam and @BookingIt to continue the change we need. #litchat -2:19 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant @JulieBritt Urban fiction, historical fiction, sci fi, romance... We're all lumped together as 'Af-Am' Lit which is NOT a genre. #litchat -2:20 PM Jun 7th, 2010

LitChat @deberryandgrant You offer much truth and great respect to the industry. You know, we're with you on the change that is needed. #litchat -2:21 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @CarolyBurnsBass It takes people like @deberryandgrant & @JulieBritt & @AuthorWilliam & @BookingIt 2 continue the change we need #litchat -2:22 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt @deberryandgrant Literary, genre are marketed differently no matter who wrote them. Many bookstores separate romance, mysteries. #litchat -2:22 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant @LitChat Thanks! **Blushing** #litchat -2:23 PM Jun 7th, 2010

mmj5170 @deberryandgrant I agree w/you but also saw clerk ripped at bookstore for not having Af-Am section. #litchat -2:23 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant @JulieBritt Yes, and those are genres. But in too many stores "black books" are not shelved by genre, but by the race of author #litchat -2:24 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam As long as there is a definition of "blackness" in culture that is agreed upon by blks and whts there will be an Af-Am fiction sct #litchat -2:24 PM Jun 7th, 2010

Hayley_DM Places like this enable us to find a book based on genre and not race, segregation in bookshops is wrong "Af-Am" is not a genre! #litchat -2:24 PM Jun 7th, 2010

Hayley_DM @deberryandgrant Here here! #litchat -2:25 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt @deberryandgrant Book stores get a lot of things wrong. Avid readers like us read about books and ask for what we want ... #litchat -2:25 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant @mmj5170 Because ppl have gotten used to it. They need to get un-used to it. When I started writing, Af-Am category was non-existent #litchat -2:25 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @mmj5170 @deberryandgrant I agree w/you but also saw clerk ripped at bookstore for not having Af-Am section. #litchat <<<must be said -2:26 PM Jun 7th, 2010

househomeauthor @deberryandgrant #litchat Agree. Several book blogs by black bloggers turned me on to a world of fiction I don't see advertised/discussed. -2:26 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt @deberryandgrant ... I suppose avg readers browse, and stores think this segregation helps. #litchat -2:26 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant @househomeauthor Excellent! Twitter has been wonderful for this... #litchat -2:27 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt @deberryandgrant Still, it's largely up to the authors and publishers to make books known to the general public. #litchat -2:28 PM Jun 7th, 2010

househomeauthor #litchat I'd like to see ALL fiction in same section, regardless of author's race. -2:28 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant @JulieBritt Yes, avg readers browse & most want to be told what to read. Visible easily accessible=popular which must be good right? #litchat -2:28 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @househomeauthor @deberryandgrant Very cool, and yes many social media has played a part. #litchat -2:29 PM Jun 7th, 2010

Hayley_DM RT @househomeauthor: #litchat Id like to see ALL fiction in same section, regardless of authors race. I 2nd that! #litchat -2:29 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant @JulieBritt We do what we can, but it's an uphill battle. Believe me, I live in the trenches of this particular war. #litchat -2:29 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @Hayley_DM: RT @househomeauthor: #litchat Id like to see ALL fiction in same section, regardless of authors race. I 2nd that! #litchat -2:30 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Although I guess Darius Rucker is confusing the record store clerks these days. (Where does Hootie go now?) #litchat -2:30 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant @JulieBritt Sadly, publishers are part of the problem. Books get shipped to stores with "keys" that tell them where to shelve. #litchat -2:31 PM Jun 7th, 2010

Angeleque RT @deberryandgrant: RT @Hayley_DM: RT @househomeauthor: #litchat Id like to see ALL fiction in same section, regardless of authors race. I 2nd that! #litchat -2:31 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @JulieBritt Oh no, Please don't take me back to college! LOL :-D #litchat -2:31 PM Jun 7th, 2010

househomeauthor A black blogger reviewd my 1st book even tho it doesn't feature black characters. She felt themes were universal. I was grateful.#litchat -2:32 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam The passion displayed here will surely pay off in a positive way. #litchat -2:32 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @househomeauthor: A black blogger reviewd my 1st book even tho it doesn't feature black characters. She felt themes were universal. I was grateful.#litchat -2:33 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant @househomeauthor b/c most of our books are about universal human themes. #litchat -2:33 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam he's a bigtime country star now. Whoda thunk it? #litchat -2:33 PM Jun 7th, 2010

LitChat Am loving how this conversation has developed. Would that the thought leaders from #BEA10 were following. #litchat -2:33 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant The first book DG and I wrote had no black characters--no one said a word... and this was 20 years ago--before the "genre" #litchat -2:34 PM Jun 7th, 2010

househomeauthor @deberryandgrant Exactly! Works both ways. #litchat -2:34 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @JulieBritt Is that what he's doing now? Well he's from North or South Carolina I think. How about that! #litchat -2:34 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt When I was at UNC, a sociology prof noted that all the black students sat together in the huge lecture hall. Happens at work 2. #litchat -2:35 PM Jun 7th, 2010

Hayley_DM A book should always be "filed" under a genre and nothing else ever! Oh it makes me sooo mad! #litchat -2:35 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant We are still stunned today when we hear from a white reader that she was surprised how much she identified w/a (black) character #litchat -2:35 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt I guess some of this is human nature, and that doesn't change easily. But at least we can talk about it. #litchat -2:35 PM Jun 7th, 2010

househomeauthor @deberryandgrant The whole concept of "genre" keeps a lot of good fiction from getting the publicity it deserves. #litchat. -2:36 PM Jun 7th, 2010

deberryandgrant Now that I've gotten things(& myself) riled up,I must go.Have a meeting.Will catch up on tweets when I get back.See u Wednesday... #litchat -2:37 PM Jun 7th, 2010

househomeauthor @deberryandgrant Right. As though the experience of longing or love or loss is different according to your skin color. Ridiculous! #litchat -2:37 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam Publishers probably have conservative business models like movie studios -more- #litchat -2:37 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam They have to be shown over and over again something different works to behave differently. #litchat -2:37 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt @deberryandgrant I said that to @colsonwhitehead after reading Sag Harbor. (coming of age at the beach-universal) We'll get there. #litchat -2:38 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @JulieBritt Absolutely. #litchat -2:38 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt I will admit (or speculate) that my Southern heritage makes me more interested in racial issues. When it's in your face, it sticks. #litchat -2:39 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam Sorry about using a sports analogy, but... #litchat -2:40 PM Jun 7th, 2010

Hayley_DM Thanks for a great chat as always - good night #litchat -2:41 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam In 1988 There had never been a black quarterback to start in the superbowl. It was considered a white player's position. #litchat -2:41 PM Jun 7th, 2010

househomeauthor @Reads4Pleasure I agree. The blk blogs I follow cover a broader range, and it's opened up my reading world. #litchat -2:42 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt Music and sports helped integration. Many fans of Michael Jordan, Michael Jackson, etc., were colorblind. Readers should step up. #litchat -2:42 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam We're thinking alike. :) #litchat -2:43 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam In 1988 a black quarterback won the superbowl and shortly after there were black starting quarterbacks all over the league. #litchat. -2:43 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam The businessmen took notice and the model changed. So it will be in our field. Changed for the better. #litchat -2:44 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt This was fun, but this white girl needs to go home and work on my own novel. Send suggestions of contemporary black authors 2 try. #litchat -2:44 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @JulieBritt Yup! :) #litchat -2:45 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt 1 more thing. As writers, we're more likely to explore and read widely. I think the avg reader sticks to what they like. #litchat -2:47 PM Jun 7th, 2010

mmj5170 @AuthorWilliam Great insight. Thanks for your comments. #litchat -2:48 PM Jun 7th, 2010

AuthorWilliam Okay, gotta get my son so I don't get charged for picking him up late from pre-school! #litchat You are all awesome! -2:48 PM Jun 7th, 2010

JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam @dariusrucker is from Charleston, S.C. <http://www.dariusrucker.com/> #litchat -2:49 PM Jun 7th, 2010

WEDNESDAY, June 9, 2010

LitChat Crazy connections problems here this morning. Who wants a go with my ISP? But I'm here now!
Welcome to #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 9th, 2010

LitChat We touched on Monday. It's different for everyone, but mainly... page turners! RT @mdbenoit2: Whats a sizzling summer read? #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 9th, 2010

AuthorWilliam Hooray for #litchat! -1:16 PM Jun 9th, 2010

pirateannie @mdbenoit2 I'm good! I'm all about the sizzling. I like summer romance tales ... :D #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 9th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @AuthorWilliam Hi William! #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 9th, 2010

CEMckenzie1 RT @AuthorWilliam: Hooray for #litchat! -1:16 PM Jun 9th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Currently reading SOLAR by Ian McEwan. Anyone else reading or have read? #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 9th, 2010

AuthorWilliam enjoyed our discussion about what people like to read at certain times of year. It gave some reason behind the summer read concept #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 9th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @mdbenoit2 Hey there! How are you doing? Good to see you. :-) #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 9th, 2010

mdbenoit2 Just started Chris Moore's Bite Me. Hilarious. He breaks me up. #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 9th, 2010

CEMckenzie1 Can I put in plug for two great summer reads - Jessica Z. and Two Years, No Rain by S. Klomparens <http://bit.ly/cZU9s8> #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 9th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @CarolyBurnsBass Enjoying Solar? Haven't read it. #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 9th, 2010

LitChat @AuthorWilliam Sent you a DM on Monday... did you get it? #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 9th, 2010

AudryT Going on now: RT @LitChat: More SIZZLING SUMMER READS convo today in #litchat. Join us at 4pmET. - 1:18 PM Jun 9th, 2010

ganymeder Hi everyone at #litchat! Too hard 2type on phone so will lurk... :) -1:19 PM Jun 9th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @LitChat I did and I messaged back last night. Would love to connect! #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 9th, 2010

saskatoonauthor RT @CEMckenzie1: Can I put in plug for two great summer reads - Jessica Z. and Two Years, No Rain by S. Klomparens <http://bit.ly/cZU9s8> #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 9th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Enjoying SOLAR muchly. So different from his other work. It's hilarious. A satire. RT @mdbenoit2: Enjoying Solar? Havent read it. #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 9th, 2010

JSLion #litchat I bought "Tender Graces" and "The Embers" for my wife. She is planning to take them on our trip to Nebraska in a few days. -1:20 PM Jun 9th, 2010

ErikaRobuck @AuthorWilliam Music is seasonal for me, but I like all kinds of books, all the time. #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 9th, 2010

AudryT Recently read WENCH by @Dolen, which was fabulous. On my TBR pile is SEA by @HeidiRKling. #litchat - 1:21 PM Jun 9th, 2010

JSLion #litchat - I have just finished listening to the Quarter Share - a trader's tale series, and could not put it down. -1:21 PM Jun 9th, 2010

ErikaRobuck @CarolyBurnsBass #litchat got me interested in SOLAR. It's on the TBR list. -1:21 PM Jun 9th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @CarolyBurnsBass Will have to try it then. I love funny books, esp. in summer. #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 9th, 2010

KaylaCagan Hi All! Late to #litchat! I'm playing catch-up this summer and reading through 2009 still... Lit by Mary Karr - not light, but very good! -1:21 PM Jun 9th, 2010

ganymeder @mdbenoit2 Sizzling Summer read = book that you set on the bbq? (Sorry couldn't resist) #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 9th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @ErikaRobuck Me too. Some have said they prefer lighter stuff in times of the year when they are too busy to absorb deeper material #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 9th, 2010
Hayley_DM Evening all - how are we all? #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 9th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @LitChat Actually I'm looking in my sent folder and I don't see it... #twitterfail #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 9th, 2010
mdbenoit2 Funny :) RT @ganymeder: @mdbenoit2 Sizzling Summer read = book that you set on the bbq? (Sorry couldn't resist) #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 9th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @ganymeder [Comedy Drum Beat] :-D #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 9th, 2010
KaylaCagan I know my lowbrow is showing, but has anyone read Kitty Kelly's unauthorized Oprah bio yet? Think it would be a fun summer read! #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 9th, 2010
mdbenoit2 If you want a page turner (but not light) Davidson's The Gargoyle. One of the best love stories I read based on Dante's Inferno #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 9th, 2010
LitChat @AuthorWilliam It was a DM through Twitter, not email. I'll send it again. #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 9th, 2010
AudryT I still need to read CHANGELESS and TEMPEST RISING. I'm so behind on my TBR pile! #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 9th, 2010
KaylaCagan @mdbenoit2 How many love stories have you read based on Dante's Inferno? LOL #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 9th, 2010
mdbenoit2 @KaylaCagan Kitty Kelly and Oprah? A double negative from me, I'm afraid. #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 9th, 2010
ganymeder @AuthorWilliam maybe lighter books for when busy like anthos of fiction or poetry... #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 9th, 2010
KaylaCagan @mdbenoit2 I know I shouldn't, but it's like junk food. I want to read it. Or I want somebody else to read it & give me the gossip. #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 9th, 2010
mdbenoit2 @KaylaCagan Lol. I meant the story is based on Inferno. Missing a comma somewhere. #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 9th, 2010
ErikaRobuck I'm just nuts about @Sandra_Gulland's books. MISTRESS OF THE SUN is my new fav. but the Josephine Bonaparte series is fabulous. #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 9th, 2010
IanB022 Just finished Doors Open by @beathhigh - great crime romp #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 9th, 2010
AudryT @ganymeder It's so much easier to get through an antho bit by bit than a novel, where you can lose the thread over time. #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 9th, 2010
ganymeder *switches to lurk mode* Later! #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 9th, 2010
mdbenoit2 @KaylaCagan Okay, you read it, then tell me the gossip :D #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 9th, 2010
KaylaCagan @mdbenoit2 Too funny. You cracked me up! #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 9th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @LitChat I did get it, I tried again to reply just now but it said I couldn't DM back because you aren't following #twittermadness #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 9th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Saw this everywhere over recent travels--in stores & hands.RT@KaylaCagan: has anyone read Kitty Kelly's unauthorized Oprah bio yet? #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 9th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @ganymeder Ah, that's a neat thought. Hadn't considered that one. #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 9th, 2010
LitChat @AuthorWilliam Now that was a HUGE mistake! I thought I was following you all this time. My apologies. #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 9th, 2010
AudryT So what books is everyone hearing the most buzz about? #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 9th, 2010

KaylaCagan If you haven't read The Hunger Games & Catching Fire, read them by August 4 so you can buy book 3 in the series! FUN-SUM READS! #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 9th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Not yet finished with SOLAR, but have noticed McEwan's tendency to meander off topic with much telling backstory. All good, tho. #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 9th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @LitChat Actually I think you were. I've have seen twitter bump off followers randomly from time to time. #litchat. All is well :-) #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 9th, 2010
mdbenoit2 I've heard of The Seven Year Switch. Anyone read it? #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 9th, 2010
AudryT I can't believe I hit send on that. "Book is" or "books are" but "books is" -- oh, dear. #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 9th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @AudryT On Monday there was a lot of chat in here about THE HELP #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 9th, 2010
AudryT @AuthorWilliam Yes, I've heard a lot about THE HELP, too. Definitely need to check that out. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 9th, 2010
LitChat Yes! @ClaireCookBooks will be guest host July 9! RT @mdbenoit2: Ive heard of The Seven Year Switch. Anyone read it? #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 9th, 2010
mdbenoit2 @AuthorWilliam The Help is a fantastic book, and set in Mississippi -- ideal summer read and page turner to boot #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 9th, 2010
mdbenoit2 @LitChat Excellent! Looking foward to it. #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 9th, 2010
Hayley_DM The Help has gone on my "to read" pile #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 9th, 2010
LitChat Sadly, didn't have time to read DIAMOND RUBY before @Joe_Wallace was guest host, but now reading. It's WONDERFUL so far. #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 9th, 2010
mdbenoit2 Also Cathy Marie Buchanan's The Day the Falls Stood Still. Beg. 20th cent. novel about Niagara Falls. Lovely historical. #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 9th, 2010
ruthseeley RT @LitChat: Sadly, didn't have time to read DIAMOND RUBY before @Joe_Wallace was guest host, but now reading. It's WONDERFUL so far. #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 9th, 2010
horriblesanity @jfbookman 8 Cover Designs for Self-Publishers #books #publish #selfpublish #amwriting #amreading #litchat... http://fb.me/wuRQ32uv -1:41 PM Jun 9th, 2010
mdbenoit2 Did Twitter freeze? #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 9th, 2010
IanB022 @mdbenoit2 Twitter's doing all kinds of weird things at the moment #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 9th, 2010
LitChat Am wondering that myself. RT @mdbenoit2: Did Twitter freeze? #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 9th, 2010
Hayley_DM Twitter way too slow #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 9th, 2010
kashicat @LitChat Twitter is slow for me, but still functional here. #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 9th, 2010
RebekahMcClew #litchat I hadn't been able to sign into twitter for over 30 min, was supposedly over capacity -1:48 PM Jun 9th, 2010
mdbenoit2 @RebekahMcClew It's all the brainpower on #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 9th, 2010
LitChat Thanks for hanging with us. We'll toddle on. #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 9th, 2010
RebekahMcClew @mdbenoit2 true after all there are so many words of wisdom out there we have read :^) #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 9th, 2010
AuthorWilliam Must run, they are doing a father's day thing at my son's preschool. Seems a little early but kind nonetheless. Happy chatting all! #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 9th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Is anyone reading or has read the second and third books in Stieg Larsson's Millennium series (Lizbeth Salander)? #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 9th, 2010
mdbenoit2 @AuthorWilliam See you! #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 9th, 2010

<p>mdbenoit2 @CarolyBurnsBass Yes. Hated them. They are in need of serious, serious editing. #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>LitChat Just read in @GalleyCat about Barbara Kingsolver winning the Orange Prize for LACUNA: http://bit.ly/b04xFv #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>mdbenoit2 Yay! RT @LitChat: Just read in @GalleyCat about Barbara Kingsolver winning the Orange Prize for LACUNA: http://bit.ly/b04xFv #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>CarolyBurnsBass Did the stories hold up? RT @mdbenoit2: @CarolyBurnsBass Yes. Hated them. They are in need of serious, serious editing. #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>RebekahMcClew that's what I've heard, I think it's why I've put off reading them, I have the 3 books by Stieg Larsson sitting in a pile right now #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>exmoorjane @CarolyBurnsBass have read second but can't somehow bring myself to read third....loved first but yes, need editing. #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>mdbenoit2 @CarolyBurnsBass The second and third books should have been one. The second book doesn't really end. #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>LitChat Has anyone here read Barbara Kingsolver's Orange Prize-winning LACUNA? #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>mdbenoit2 @RebekahMcClew In second book, 50 pages on shopping trip to Ikea, naming all the furniture she buys... #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>CarolyBurnsBass @mdbenoit2 Was PLAYED WITH FIRE a cliffhanger? #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>MarDixon RT @LitChat: Has anyone here read Barbara Kingsolver's Orange Prize-winning LACUNA? #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>AudryT The 20 UNDER 40 writer's list is out from The New Yorker. A list of new-ish writers bound for great things. http://twurl.nl/xctxah #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>mdbenoit2 @CarolyBurnsBass Not so much a cliffhanger as a flat tire. :) #litchat -2:00 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>RebekahMcClew trying to read some of the older classics with a few new authors this year, reading I am Asher Lev right now #litchat I have read Lacuna -2:01 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>AngoloNero @AudryT Does anybody know any of the 20 UNDER 40? I don't (but I live in Italy, so maybe, that's why). Hello everybody :) #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>CarolyBurnsBass Eek. RT @mdbenoit2: @CarolyBurnsBass Not so much a cliffhanger as a flat tire. :) #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>mdbenoit2 @AngoloNero Hey, Alessandra, I see you. #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>exmoorjane Have Kingsolver on my by the bed to read pile but have to say the blurb hasn't enticed me so far. Any good? #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>RebekahMcClew I liked Barbra Kingsolver's book "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>CarolyBurnsBass Recognize only 2names: Nicole Krauss & Philipp Meyer.RT@AudryT: 20 UNDER 40 writers list from TheNewYorker.http://twurl.nl/xctxah #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>ClaireCookbooks Can't wait!! @LitChat Yes! @ClaireCookBooks will be guest host July 9! RT @mdbenoit2: Ive heard of The Seven Year Switch. #litchat -2:05 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>mdbenoit2 @RebekahMcClew My 2 faves are The Poisonwood Bible and The Prodigal Summer #litchat -2:05 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>
<p>mdbenoit2 @exmoorjane Try The Prodigal Summer. Very, very sensual. #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 9th, 2010</p>

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RebekahMcClew @mdbenoit2 I like both of those also sadly I wasn't thrilled with Lacuna #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 9th, 2010

wwwgalelaurecom RT @LitChat: It's been a bit of a challenge with Twitter today. Now that it's behaving, our published hour is over. Feel free to continue, tho. #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 9th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @RebekahMcClew Haven't read Lacuna yet. #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 9th, 2010

deegospel @LitChat ok #litchat -2:08 PM Jun 9th, 2010

LitChat Before everyone heads out: have you checked out Friday's guest host, NYT bestselling author @ASWinn? See <http://bit.ly/6rvjzD> #litchat -2:08 PM Jun 9th, 2010

RebekahMcClew think I'm going to take off and join #litchat tomorrow, twitters over capacity grinding my nerves :^) -2:09 PM Jun 9th, 2010

mdbenoit2 Well, gotta go, unfortunately. Thanks for all the good recommendations. Will definitely try Solar! #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 9th, 2010

LitChat If you're in LA this weekend, stop by the Mixed Roots Film & Literary Festival <http://bit.ly/cDhaj0> (@mxroots #mxroots) #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 9th, 2010

MarDixon RT @LitChat: Before everyone heads out: have you checked out Friday's guest host, NYT bestselling author @ASWinn? See <http://bit.ly/6rvjzD> #litchat -2:11 PM Jun 9th, 2010

Hayley_DM Twitter really slow this evening - going to go as I am missing most of the chat #litchat -2:13 PM Jun 9th, 2010