



LitChat July 16, 2010

Topic of the Week: Politics, Passion & Prose

Guest Host: Frank Delaney, author

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

Guest host: @Fdbytheword

Join the convo with bestselling author Frank Delaney (@FDbytheWord) starting now in #litchat -12:57 PM Jul 16th, 2010

Fdbytheword Here I am - greetings, LitChat! #LitChat -1:00 PM Jul 16th, 2010

Fdbytheword Thank you for inviting me. #LitChat -1:00 PM Jul 16th, 2010

PIBarrington RT @FDbytheword: Here I am - greetings, LitChat! #LitChat ~ Hi & Welcome! -1:00 PM Jul 16th, 2010

LitChat Today we have bestselling author Frank Delaney @FDbytheword with us. Please join me in welcoming Frank to LitChat. #litchat -1:01 PM Jul 16th, 2010

TwinkleChar YAY FRANK! #litchat -1:01 PM Jul 16th, 2010

Fdbytheword Who's going to ask the second question (the first is always too daunting to ask)? #LitChat -1:01 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FrankDiCesare Welcome to litchat, Mr. Delaney. #litchat -1:02 PM Jul 16th, 2010

Fdbytheword Thank you, Frank - from Frank! #LitChat -1:02 PM Jul 16th, 2010

ErikaRobuck Welcome @FDbytheword! #litchat -1:02 PM Jul 16th, 2010

Fdbytheword We'll be Frank with each other... #LitChat -1:03 PM Jul 16th, 2010

coreyblake @FDbytheword I think you just asked it. #litchat -1:03 PM Jul 16th, 2010

LitChat While everyone's gathering, here's a bit about @FDbytheword: Frank is author to a whole shelf of books; non-fiction and fiction. #litchat -1:03 PM Jul 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @dianemeiernyc: @fdbytheword (my v-own Frank Delaney)hosting #litchat "Politics, Passion & Prose" today at 4 Come tweet w/ him! #litchat -1:03 PM Jul 16th, 2010

Fdbytheword Hi, Erika. Where are you? #LitChat -1:03 PM Jul 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam Checking in! William, Indie Author. Ready for #litchat! -1:04 PM Jul 16th, 2010

LitChat Our topic this week was inspired by @FDbytheword's latest novel in his much-loved Ireland series, VENETIA KELLY'S TRAVELING SHOW. #litchat -1:04 PM Jul 16th, 2010

lacarrington1 @LitChat Let's hear a bit more about Venetia Kelly's Traveling Show #litchat -1:04 PM Jul 16th, 2010

Fdbytheword And I have just delivered the sequel - The Matchmaker of Kenmare. To be published next February. #LitChat -1:05 PM Jul 16th, 2010

SesshasWorld Wow - I'm actually on time for the start of #litchat for once ;) will wonders never cease! -1:05 PM Jul 16th, 2010

LitChat May we abbreviate VENETIA KELLY'S TRAVELING SHOW to VKTS for Twitter's love of brevity? #litchat -1:05 PM Jul 16th, 2010

Fdbytheword Venetia Kelly's Traveling Show is about a young, handsome man who falls in love with the actress for whom his father left home. #LitChat -1:06 PM Jul 16th, 2010

kenshane Reading VKTS now. Great stuff. #litchat -1:06 PM Jul 16th, 2010

LitChat Is this a sequel to VKTS? Or a separate installment in the Ireland series? #litchat -1:06 PM Jul 16th, 2010

4evermore howdy #litchat folks: I'm Everett, memoirist and spec fic writer. here at the start of the chat! -1:06 PM Jul 16th, 2010

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ExisleMoll Welcome @FDbytheword Looking forward to the hour with you #litchat -1:06 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CathrynLouis Hi! On the #litchat diet - skipping lunch 2 be here. Losing weight - getting full on food 4 thought... :) -1:06 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword But VKTS is also about coming of age - for a young man and a young nation: Ireland in 1932 is facing a major General Election. #LitChat -1:07 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @FDbytheword: Venetia Kelly's Traveling Show is about a young, handsome man who falls in love with the actress for whom his father left home. #LitChat -1:07 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 @SesshasWorld Welcome to #litchat! =D -1:07 PM Jul 16th, 2010
ErikaRobuck @FDbytheword I live outside of Annapolis MD, but my great grandparents came from Ireland. #litchat -1:07 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword It's politics as theater and theater as politics, and those of you who've read it will appreciate why it needs a sequel. #LitChat -1:08 PM Jul 16th, 2010
LitChat If you're following #litchat for the first time, go to www.litchat.com/room/litchat and login w/ Twitter and you're in the chat. -1:08 PM Jul 16th, 2010
ErikaRobuck RT @FDbytheword: But VKTS is also about coming of age - for a young man and a young nation: Ireland in 1932 is facing a major General Election. #LitChat -1:08 PM Jul 16th, 2010
shyonelung Greetings Mr. Delaney. huge fan of ReJoyce podcast. U mentioned in an early one: yellow is the color of memory. Curious about ref? #litchat -1:08 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword And it's also my homage to the raggedy, bockety traveling shows I saw as a boy in the villages of Ireland. #LitChat -1:09 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld @lacarrington1 I'm waiting for the world to come to an end . . . something AL:WAYS intervenes during #litchat -1:09 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Yellow is known to be a memory stimulus and in in a number of folk cultures is used to recall things. #LitChat -1:09 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword And VKTS is also a tender, idealistic love story, not that I'd ever intended to write such a thing: it just turned out that way. #LitChat -1:11 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington RT @FDbytheword: also my homage 2 the raggedy, bockety traveling shows I saw as a boy in the villages of Ireland. #LitChat Homage positive? -1:11 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Yes - positive, affectionate, homage. I loved them, and I learned about the theater from them, no matter how haphazard they were. #LitChat -1:13 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @FDbytheword: And I have just delivered the sequel - The Matchmaker of Kenmare. To be published next February. #LitChat -1:13 PM Jul 16th, 2010
ExisleMoll How much did real history of the election tie you down in your writing of the novel? #litchat -1:13 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Having read VKTS and loved young Ben, and seeing him reflect over that time in his life, I'd certainly welcome a sequel. #litchat -1:13 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Those shows were a kind of cross between vaudeville and legit. theater - and the mix was often unintentionally hilarious #LitChat -1:13 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre @FDbytheword Love that description "raggedy, bockety" #LitChat -1:13 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword It did the opposite of tying me down - it gave me all kinds of characterization and metaphor. It was, in fact, liberating. #LitChat -1:14 PM Jul 16th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @robynmcintyre: @FDbytheword Love that description "raggedy, bockety"<<what she said #litchat -1:14 PM Jul 16th, 2010

CathrynLouis @FDbytheword love stories that happen that way are usually the most interesting #litchat -1:15 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword You know - as I sit here, "chatting" to you all, I realize how much I miss being in that book. I'm lonely for it. #LitChat -1:15 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Does the sequel feature Ben as narrator? Will it include King Kelly and the cast of characters surrounding him? #litchat -1:15 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @FDbytheword: It did the opposite of tying me down - it gave me all kinds of characterization and metaphor. <<<powerful! #litchat -1:15 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword What's compelling about such love stories is how many novels, and so much great literature, have love stories as their core. #LitChat -1:16 PM Jul 16th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @FDbytheword: You know - as I sit here, "chatting" to you all, I realize how much I miss being in that book. I'm lonely for it. #LitChat -1:16 PM Jul 16th, 2010
Wiswell @corinnedemas I don't know of a specific hashtag, but #litchat has events relating to releases if you talk to the heads. -1:16 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @FDbytheword: You know - as I sit here, "chatting" to you all, I realize how much I miss being in that book. I'm lonely for it. #LitChat -1:17 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Ben is the narrator, but King Kelly won't feature; it's Ben a decade or so later - and in fact it's a World War Two novel. #LitChat -1:17 PM Jul 16th, 2010
Wiswell @FDbytheword What hasn't yet been done in the love story that you yearn to see? #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie RT @LitChat: If youre following #litchat for the first time, go to www.litchat.com/room/litchat and login w/ Twitter #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 16th, 2010
TwinkleChar @FDbytheword So familiar, to miss being in a book ... to be lonely for the characters, the stories (nearly verclempt now. thanx :) #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 YAY, it works! #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie RT @FDbytheword: Yellow is known to be a memory stimulus and in i a number of folk cultures is used to recall things.>>>facinating! #litchat -1:18 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword I want to see a love story in which the lovers develop new and benign supernatural powers. #LitChat -1:19 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington I find that continuing to write new stories alleviates some of that longing. You find another story to love. #litchat -1:20 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Old saying: "Yellow roses for remembrance." #LitChat -1:20 PM Jul 16th, 2010
TwinkleChar @FDbytheword Yellow is one of my least favorite colors. Perhaps that's why my memory is so bad. Huh. #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie @TwinkleChar RT @robynmcintyre: @FDbytheword Love that description "raggedy, bockety"<<what she said >>>>me, too (three) #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam *hums coldplay song* #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie @FDbytheword Old saying: "Yellow roses for remembrance." >>>True! I just never "thought" about it! #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FrankDiCesare RT @FDbytheword: Old saying: "Yellow roses for remembrance." >>>a symbol to keep in mind. #LitChat -1:21 PM Jul 16th, 2010
IreneZiegler @FDbytheword And rosemary for remembrance, yes? Ophelia in Hamlet? #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 16th, 2010
shyonelung @FDbytheword I'd not've read Ulysses again if it weren't for your podcast. I keep last sentence of The Dead over my writing desk. #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FDbytheword BTW: The sequel to VKTS is about a 25-year-old girl, a superb matchmaker, and what happens when she makes a match for herself. #LitChat -1:21 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington @FDbytheword I touch on that in my Future Imperfect series. #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie RT @PIBarrington: I find that continuing to write new stories alleviates some of that longing. You find another story to love.>>yes! #litchat -1:21 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 Yellow isn't one of my favorite colors either, but one must admit it is a cheery color =) #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 16th, 2010
LetterMaster neat! RT @FDbytheword: I want to see a love story in which the lovers develop new and benign supernatural powers. #LitChat -1:22 PM Jul 16th, 2010
IreneZiegler @FDbytheword So what DOES happen? #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre @FDbytheword Benign supernatural power - like just "knowing" what their lover wants for dinner or their birthday? #LitChat -1:22 PM Jul 16th, 2010
jbeemills @AuthorWilliam *hums coldplay song* Ha! Writing on yellow paper is also supposed to aid memory while studying. #litchat. #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington @lacarrington1 LOVE yellow. Its the color of ambition. #litchat -1:22 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Every book should be something to love - but that love doesn't happen to me until long after they're published! #LitChat -1:23 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 Love this! RT @FDbytheword: I want to see a love story in which the lovers develop new and benign supernatural powers. #litchat -1:23 PM Jul 16th, 2010
Wiswell @lacarrington1 Yellow is associated with that circle in the sky that gives us life. Not an altogether bad color. #litchat -1:23 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @FDbytheword What kind of superpowers? (I'm thinking soothing from pain--not necessarily healing death, would be a good one.) #litchat -1:23 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @FDbytheword @Litchat asked earlier if this sequel is part of the Ireland series. Could u describe how the books in series connect? #litchat -1:23 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Benign supernatural power should cover all that stuff - but should also improve the universe! #LitChat -1:23 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @FDbytheword: BTW: Sequel to VKTS is about a 25-year-old girl, a superb matchmakr, & wht happens whn she mks a match for herslf. #LitChat -1:23 PM Jul 16th, 2010
LetterMaster @FDbytheword what kind of superpowers? #LitChat -1:24 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie @FDbytheword For me the love is before publication; after, it's a melancholy letting go #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 16th, 2010
IreneZiegler Your description of the sequel puts me in mind of Bernard Malamud. #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 16th, 2010
ShaliniBoland Why haven't I read VKTS? 'Raggedy Bockety'! It's going on my reading list asap. #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 16th, 2010
JSLion @CarolyBurnsBass Superpowers - how about the ability to really feel each other's emotions. #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FrankDiCesare Do you use color symbolism often in your writing? Is it on purpose, or does it occur unconsciously? #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword The books in the series go up a decade at a time to reflect Ireland in the 20th century. #LitChat -1:24 PM Jul 16th, 2010
dianemeiernyc Hear the one about the feminist's husband? Tune in right now @fdbytheword on "Politics, Passion & Prose" on www.litchat.net. #litchat -1:24 PM Jul 16th, 2010

IreneZiegler @JSLion Been done. ET #litchat -1:25 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 @FDbytheword That's a sequel I'm going to have to read for sure #litchat -1:25 PM Jul 16th, 2010
Wiswell @FDbytheword I'm imagining a passive, incidental paranormal. French bread just so happens to pop into existence when they kiss. #litchat -1:25 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword I've recently discovered that I use color all the time. #LitChat -1:25 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie RT @FrankDiCesare: Do you use color symbolism often in your writing? Is it on purpose, or does it occur unconsciously? #litchat -1:25 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington @FDbytheword Also I think it should bring people/souls together deepen human relations & affect world/universe positively #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CathrynLouis @FDbytheword that's a truly romantic thought - about benign superpowers #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @FDbytheword Would you say that the sequel you are working on is more connected to the last than previous installments? #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 16th, 2010
bookmagnet Inspired by #litchat new on my kindle--Frank Delaney's VENETIA KELLY'S TRAVELING SHOW. -1:26 PM Jul 16th, 2010
JSLion @IreneZiegler Been done? What is the title? Perhaps I read it and forgot. (Happens a lot now, sigh...) #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 16th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @FDbytheword: Ive recently discovered that I use color all the time.//You follow the book's lead then. Nice. #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword But ET is not a human lover who suddenly develops supernatural powers - he's extra-terrestrial which is different. #LitChat -1:26 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie RT @dianemeiernyc: Hear the one abt the feminist's husband? Tune in right now @fdbytheword on "Politics, Passion & Prose" #litchat #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 16th, 2010
Wiswell @FDbytheword "Every book should be something to love" - How do you feel about polemics and polemic fiction? #litchat -1:26 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Yes - by virtue of the fact that it's a direct sequel. #LitChat -1:27 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie @ShaliniBoland Why haven't I read VKTS? 'Raggedy Bockety'! It's going on my reading list asap.>>>same here; have bookmarked website #litchat -1:27 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 Just as long as the superpower isn't reading each other's minds, I think the lovers are good =) #litchat -1:27 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword I simply LOVE polemic! What's greater than a great rant?!!! #LitChat -1:27 PM Jul 16th, 2010
ShaliniBoland @katmagendie Sounds right up my street. Love it when I find a new author! #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 16th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @FDbytheword: I simply LOVE polemic! Whats greater than a great rant?!!!<< Twain's A PEN WARMED IN HELL comes to mind #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Let's stay for a moment with the benign supernatural lovers: think of what they could do if they spread their good feelings around. #LitChat -1:28 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington @lacarrington1 Doesn't have to be direct mind reading~more emotional and enhancing the love for one another than all in existence. #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie @FDbytheword RT I'm imagining passive, incidental paranormal. French bread just happens to pop into existence when they kiss>>>>Oh! #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword And suppose the lovers had no jealousy genes? Or hate genes? Or aggression genes? #LitChat -1:28 PM Jul 16th, 2010

TwinkleChar @FDbytheword Okay, just fell in love with YOU with that line! #litchat -1:28 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 @FDbytheword It would be a much kinder, gentler world... #litchat -1:29 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie RT @FDbytheword Im imagining a passive, incidental paranormal. French bread just so happens to pop into existence when they kiss. #litchat -1:29 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FrankDiCesare I admit -- embarrassingly so -- that I am new to your writing. Which Irish writers have influenced your writing the most? #litchat -1:29 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword French bread? FRENCH BREAD? Why did you have to go and mention something so gorgeously distracting? Yaaaargh!!! #LitChat -1:30 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie @lacarrington1 Just as long as the superpower isn't reading each other's minds, I think the lovers are good =>>>gawd yes! :-D #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre @katmagendie They could really feed the world with love. #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 Someone mention French bread? Oh my... #litchat -1:30 PM Jul 16th, 2010
twilark RT @TwinkleChar: RT @FDbytheword: I simply LOVE polemic! Whats greater than a great rant?!<< Twain's A PEN WARMED IN HELL comes to mind #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 16th, 2010
ShaliniBoland too benign would be a bit boring though. Gotta have some spice! #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CathrynLouis @FDbytheword especially if the superpowers are a direct result of their love. very powerful #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @FDbytheword So would you take it beyond romance? Past that inloveness where you want the world to share that feeling of elation? #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword The Five Giants: James Joyce. William Butler Yeats, Samuel Beckett, Oscar Wilde, George Bernard Shaw. #LitChat -1:31 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie @ShaliniBoland Me, too! I've found a few new authors via twitter and #litchat! exciting! #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @FDbytheword Do the other books progress from the prev one in the same way or is this follow-up more intimately bonded to the last? #litchat -1:31 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 I see a lot of talented writers tweeting, so why aren't some of you joining us right now in #litchat? -1:31 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SBRepublic @FDbytheword #LitChat What do you make of the current trend to add elements of horror to classics, ie. Sense & Sensibility & Sea Monsters? -1:32 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie @robynmcintyre yes! #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FrankDiCesare @FDbytheword the Mt. Rushmore of Irish literature. #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword BTW - "The Five Giants" is just my collective nickname for them. But they are giants, and they are just splendid! #LitChat -1:32 PM Jul 16th, 2010
shyonelung Beckett is great. Though depressing as hell. Ha. #litchat. #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam I love the exploration of how the power between lovers could be spread to serve the universe. @FDbytheword #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie RT @lacarrington1: I see a lot of talented writers tweeting, so why arent some of you joining us right now in #litchat? #litchat -1:32 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington RT @katmagendie: @ShaliniBoland Me, too! I've found a few new authors via twitter and #litchat! exciting! #litchat Hope one is me... -1:32 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FDbytheword If horror works, and doesn't attempt to trash the original work - fine. #LitChat -1:33 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass ♥ @FDbytheword: The Five Giants: James Joyce. William Butler Yeats, Samuel Beckett, Oscar Wilde, George Bernard Shaw. #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington @SBRepublic I think its cheating induced by Hollywood. #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 16th, 2010
deberryandgrant @katmagendie We all have! Though I must admit, I found @FDbytheword after I met his wonderful wife @dianemeiernyc #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @shyonelung <gasp!> Waiting for Godot is a masterpiece, and can be just as humorous as it is heavy. :-) #litchat -1:33 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword William - yes; the sequel is v. direct. #LitChat -1:34 PM Jul 16th, 2010
ShaliniBoland @PIBarrington Am following! :) #litchat -1:34 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie @PIBarrington @ShaliniBoland I've found a few new authors via twitter & #litchat! exciting! Hope one is me... >>>>same here! :-D #litchat -1:34 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Ooh, I like the "Irish Mount Rushmore" idea. #LitChat -1:34 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @FDbytheword You are a classic romantic, aren't you? I could tell in the way you described Venetia quoting from Shakespeare. #litchat -1:35 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie @deberryandgrant I love the way things weave and wander/wonder *smiling* #litchat -1:35 PM Jul 16th, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @AuthorWilliam: I love the exploration of how the power between lovers could be spread to serve the universe. @FDbytheword #litchat -1:35 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @FDbytheword Thank you, The idea of a series that follows by decade is fascinating. It seemed as though there was something.. #litchat -1:36 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword "Classic romantic?" I guess so - guilty as charge! So: OK - a question from me: What's the best love story ever written? #LitChat -1:36 PM Jul 16th, 2010
deberryandgrant @katmagendie Indeed. All we have to do is pay attention! #litchat -1:36 PM Jul 16th, 2010
LitChat RT @FDbytheword: ... So: OK - a question from me: Whats the best love story ever written? #litchat -1:36 PM Jul 16th, 2010
shyonelung @AuthorWilliam sorry! you're right. my new novel begins with a Beckett quote "That's how it is on this bitch of an Earth." :-D #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @FDbytheword About this sequel that seemed more intimately tied to its predecessor. Speaks how special this new book is to you. #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 @FDbytheword To me..."Love Story" #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword But Beckett is very, very funny! #LitChat -1:37 PM Jul 16th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @FDbytheword: OK - a question from me: Whats the best love story ever written?<< Whoa. Just went on TILT! Brain spinning... #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie @FDbytheword What's the best love story ever wrttn?>>>Yet to find it! But I am such an anti-romantic :-D Maybe yours will be first? #litchat -1:37 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @FDbytheword: But Beckett is very, very funny!<<<<YES!!! #litchat -1:38 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie RT @FDbytheword: "Classic romantic?" So: OK - a question from me: Whats the best love story ever written? #litchat -1:38 PM Jul 16th, 2010
shyonelung @FDbytheword yes he is. I stand corrected. #litchat -1:38 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington @FDbytheword Ok, don't scream, purely as literature, the Bible. #litchat -1:38 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FDbytheword This new book, the sequel to VKTS, is about neutrality - can a man and a woman be merely very close friends? #LitChat -1:38 PM Jul 16th, 2010

robynmcintyre @FDbytheword I know the best one never written - the one betwn a writer and his/her wip! #LitChat -1:38 PM Jul 16th, 2010

katmagendie @deberryandgrant Yes! *smiling* #litchat -1:38 PM Jul 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @PIBarrington Innnnteresting. How so? #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 16th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Can't wait. RT @FDbytheword: ... sequel to VKTS, is about neutrality - can a man and a woman be merely very close friends? #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 16th, 2010

jbeemills There's a hashtag for this: #bestlovestory, but I haven't been able to get anyone to use it! #litchat -1:39 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FDbytheword Wip? #LitChat -1:39 PM Jul 16th, 2010

PIBarrington @FDbytheword Work In Progress= WIP #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @robynmcintyre: @FDbytheword I know the best one never written - the one betwn a writer and his/her wip! <<<Nice #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 16th, 2010

katmagendie @FDbytheword Work in Progress (wip) _I think-took me forever to figure that one out *laugh* #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FrankDiCesare Romeo & Juliet -- the quintessential love story. #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 16th, 2010

robynmcintyre @FDbytheword Best love story - pondering "Of Mice & Men", "Old Man & the Sea"... #LitChat -1:40 PM Jul 16th, 2010

lacarrington1 Another #bestlovestory Romeo and Juliet...though ending is tragic. #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 16th, 2010

shyonelung @PIBarrington that's not a love story, it's a battle of wills. :-D #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FDbytheword And it's based on the fact that Ireland was neutral in the Second World War. But doesn't/shouldn't evil shatter neutrality? #LitChat -1:40 PM Jul 16th, 2010

tericoyne Me Too! RT @deberryandgrant: I must admit, I found @FDbytheword after I met his wonderful wife @dianemeiernyc #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @FDbytheword Work in progress (Wip) #litchat -1:40 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FDbytheword Ah. Work - or works - in Progress! Thank you!! #LitChat -1:41 PM Jul 16th, 2010

CathrynLouis @FDbytheword yes they can - it happens a lot more than we think...or sometimes not :) #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 16th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass I am polygamist with my favorite love stories. I have many. BEL CANTO by Ann Patchett immediately came to mind. #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant Dr. Zhivago #bestlovestory #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @FrankDiCesare: Romeo & Juliet -- the quintessential love story. <<<I may have to agree here. #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 16th, 2010

katmagendie @FDbytheword *laughing* we all chipped in to tell you- now you know! :-D #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 16th, 2010

IreneZiegler Love you mentioned Of Mice and Men. It gooses the genre. Love it when that happens. #litchat -1:41 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FDbytheword What about Anna Karenina? Or Gone with the Wind? Or The Great Gatsby? #LitChat -1:42 PM Jul 16th, 2010

katmagendie @FDbytheword Maybe Tommy Hays "Truest Pleasure" (plugging my mountain local author guy here!) #litchat -1:42 PM Jul 16th, 2010

kashicat RT @CarolyBurnsBass: I am polygamist with my favorite love stories. #litchat [Love this!] -1:42 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld @AuthorWilliam more like the quintessential lust story - love takes a lot more work #litchat -1:42 PM Jul 16th, 2010
deberryandgrant Wuthering Heights #bestlovestory #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 16th, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @FDbytheword: What about Anna Karenina? Or Gone with the Wind? Or The Great Gatsby? #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Or the Tom Stoppard movie, Shakespeare in Love? Or Wuthering Heights? #LitChat -1:43 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington No, the concept of LOVE is not one of contention, else there would be no sense of 'romance'--the relationship changes as does m/f #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 16th, 2010
IreneZiegler Time Traveler's Wife impressed me for its originality. #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass More obsession than love, IMHO. RT @FDbytheword: What about Anna Karenina? Or Gone with the Wind? Or The Great Gatsby? #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FrankDiCesare Gatsby IS the great American novel. #litchat -1:43 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie @FDbytheword >> >>Good Lawd! I meant to write Robert Morgan! He wrote "The Truest Pleasure!" apologies to Mr. Morgan! #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 16th, 2010
tericoyne @FDbytheword I'm partial to Pride and Prejudice myself - for true love. #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @SesshasWorld Yes, and...Its a powerful display of how wildly love can drive youth. #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 16th, 2010
shyonelung Love in the Time of Cholera? #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Surely all love contains contention and contentiousness - that's part of the tension... #LitChat -1:44 PM Jul 16th, 2010
ShaliniBoland The Bronze Horseman by Paullina Simons #bestlovestory #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robnymcintyre How about Narcissus? LOL #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 16th, 2010
bookmagnet I second that @deberryandgrant Wuthering Heights #bestlovestory #litchat -1:44 PM Jul 16th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @FDbytheword: Surely all love contains contention and contentiousness - thats part of the tension...//whew. marriage safe. #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington Gone With the Wind is my personal fave-strong willed main characters in epic setting, classic love unrealized til too late. #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @TwinkleChar LOL #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Yes, Gatsby IS the great American novel. And unashamedly I think I want to write a great love story. #LitChat -1:45 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld @AuthorWilliam or the power of hormones #litchat to be interestingly real love needs to go beyond that superficial connection -1:45 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie @AuthorWilliam @SesshasWorld Yes, and...Its a powerful display of how wildly love can drive youth.>>>what happens to "old" love? #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 16th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @AuthorWilliam: @TwinkleChar LOL//me too-- with relief! Thanks. #litchat -1:45 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CathrynLouis RT @SesshasWorld: "@AuthorWilliam more like the quintessential lust story - love takes a lot more work #litchat" ...had to RT. Luv this! -1:46 PM Jul 16th, 2010

tericoyne RT @FDbytheword: Yes, Gatsby IS the great American novel. And unashamedly I think I want to write a great love story. #LitChat -1:46 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FDbytheword VKTS was my first crack at it - but I didn't know until readers told me that it might be seen as romantic!!! #LitChat -1:46 PM Jul 16th, 2010

lacarrington1 The Innocents Abroad by Mark Twain. It's a satirical take on the romance of Abélard and Héloïse. #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 16th, 2010

PIBarrington @bookmagnet GWTW is close concept to Wuthering Heights. Kathy & Heathcliffe moving between passions=anger & love. #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 16th, 2010

myotherhand RT @PIBarrington: Gone With the Wind is my personal fave-strong willed main characters in epic setting, classic love unrealized til too late. #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 16th, 2010

SesshasWorld @katmagendie that's my point lust/hormones v love #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 16th, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @FDbytheword: ...unashamedly I think I want to write a great love story.<<with a happy ending? #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 16th, 2010

Gint_Aras #litchat The best love story ever written is by Nabokov. -1:46 PM Jul 16th, 2010

ShaliniBoland @agnieszkasshoes Unbearable Lightness of Being - Yes. Adore that book and loved the film. #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam This may sound too contemporary and out of place but I was moved by the love story in Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon. #litchat -1:46 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FrankDiCesare What should be my first Frank Delaney read? I can't tell you how embarrassing this question is for me. But I must ask it. #litchat -1:47 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FDbytheword I'll tell you something now: I simply LOVE that I found the courage to create a pair of gorgeous loving young people. #LitChat -1:47 PM Jul 16th, 2010

myotherhand hello #litchat friends. what's on tonight? -1:47 PM Jul 16th, 2010

IreneZiegler In my universe:Boy gets girl,boy loses girl,boy realizes he blew it & pines,a broken man, for rest of his misrbl life so there #litchat -1:47 PM Jul 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam I say that because the love between the two main characters (not the Zyang Ziyi) gave them the strength to stay apart. #litchat -1:47 PM Jul 16th, 2010

CathrynLouis how can one choose the greatest of so many greats? #litchat. -1:47 PM Jul 16th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @FDbytheword Why don't more men write great love stories these days? #litchat -1:47 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FDbytheword And now I realize that I also did it in a GWTW type novel called Tipperary. #LitChat -1:47 PM Jul 16th, 2010

katmagendie @SesshasWorld that's my point lust/hormones v love >>>>reckless vs watchful! (watchful not right wrd, but you get idea) :) #litchat -1:47 PM Jul 16th, 2010

ealvarezgibson @FDbytheword VKTS is, of course, incredibly romantic. You MUST write a great love story! #LitChat -1:47 PM Jul 16th, 2010

robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam I liked that one, too! #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 16th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes late arriver here. In what context are we talking love here? #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 16th, 2010

SesshasWorld @AuthorWilliam I'd agree, a more mature considered long term connection, one willing to make sacrifices #litchat much more satisfying -1:48 PM Jul 16th, 2010

TwinkleChar RT @FDbytheword: I'll tell you something now: I simply LOVE that I found the courage to create a pair of gorgeous loving young people. #LitChat -1:48 PM Jul 16th, 2010

PIBarrington @SesshasWorld Also classic--passion in whatever its form--is directly connected to the physical body. No passion without feeling. #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 16th, 2010

katmagendie @IreneZiegler LAUGHING! #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @SesshasWorld I am hearing you...and at the same time I think that their hormones were incorporated because of youth.... #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 16th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes for me the most powerful love stories are where the love cuts across acceptability not just within the novel but in reader's mind #litchat -1:48 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword The list of novels:Ireland, Tipperary, Shannon, VKTS and, next year The Matchmaker of Kenmare. Oh, Gawd! They're all love stories! #LitChat -1:49 PM Jul 16th, 2010
TwinkleChar @FDbytheword What scared you about writing a love story? #litchat -1:49 PM Jul 16th, 2010
LitChat Love between two individuals: romantic love. RT @agnieszkasshoes: late arriver here. In what context are we talking love here? #litchat -1:49 PM Jul 16th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @ShaliniBoland yes! The film's amazing. Especially the intercut crowd scenes. Both heartbreaking #litchat -1:49 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld @AuthorWilliam true, probably why I tend to dismiss 'young love' stories as too substanceless #litchat -1:49 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword I didn't mean them to be, but I can now see that they were! #LitChat -1:49 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robymcintyre RT @FDbytheword: I'll tell you smthing now: I simply LOVE tht I found the courage to create a pair of gorgeous loving young people. #LitChat -1:49 PM Jul 16th, 2010
bookmagnet @PIBarrington I've read it & agree GWTW close concept to Wuthering Heights. Kathy & Heathcliffe moving between passions=anger,love. #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 16th, 2010
IreneZiegler RT @agnieszkasshoes:most powerful love stories R where the love cuts across acceptability not just w/in novel but in readers mind #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 16th, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @IreneZiegler:My universe:Boy gets girl,boy loses girl,boy realizes he blew it&pines, broken, 4 rest of his misrbl life so there #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass What I said about being a classic romantic. @FDbytheword: ... Oh, Gawd! Theyre all love stories! #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AudryT Wait, #litchat is all about romance today? I shouldn't be missing this. :D -1:50 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword What scared me about writing a love story? Trying to avoid cliché. Getting the female roles right. Making the love seem natural. #LitChat -1:50 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington Passion is rarely cerebral. How many platonic passions have you read about? It's what makes the story worthwhile. #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld I appreciate love that cuts across the couple's own failures & misconceptions to make a connection #litchat -1:50 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FrankDiCesare RT @FDbytheword: What scared me about writing a love story? Trying to avoid cliché. Getting the female roles right. Making the love seem natural. #LitChat -1:51 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld @AuthorWilliam not really, youth is blissfully oblivious of the burden of their mortality #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 16th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @LitChat thanks, cool! Romantic Love was part of my doctoral thesis - lots of stuff on Tristan & Isolde & Plato #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword I think now that writing about love must be based entirely on kindness. #LitChat -1:51 PM Jul 16th, 2010
IreneZiegler RT @FDbytheword: What scared me? Trying to avoid cliché. Getting the female roles right. Making the love seem natural. #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 16th, 2010

lacarrington1 I'm crafting a story of a couple who are outside the usual lead characters in the average novel. #litchat -1:51 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FrankDiCesare RT @FDbytheword: The list of novels:Ireland, Tipperary, Shannon, VKTS and, next year The Matchmaker of Kenmare. Oh, Gawd! They're all love stories! #LitChat -1:52 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld @FDbytheword I think more based on understanding . . . which isn't always kind, but is honest #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington @FDbytheword That sounds more universal than a romance between man/woman. #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 16th, 2010
Iustfulgraces RT @FDbytheword: What scared me about writing a love story? Trying to avoid cliché. Getting the female roles right. Making the love seem natural. #LitChat -1:52 PM Jul 16th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @FDbytheword: I think now that writing about love must be based entirely on kindness.//Worthiest statement ever Tweeted. HOOZA! #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @katmagendie CTHD gives a unique love story that is more mature. #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 16th, 2010
jbeemills RT @FDbytheword: What scared me? Trying to avoid cliché. Getting the female roles right. Making the love seem natural. #litchat -1:52 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword And I've never, in these Irish novels, written a graphic sex scene. #LitChat -1:53 PM Jul 16th, 2010
IreneZiegler I think most stories are love stories. #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 16th, 2010
quietriot_girl @FDbytheword I don't love is never entirely kindness! Some of the best literary lovers are fierce, cruel and violently passionate #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 16th, 2010
janineutell Enjoying @FDbytheword tweeting about love stories. #LitChat -1:53 PM Jul 16th, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @IreneZiegler: I think most stories are love stories.<-True. One way or another... #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CathrynLouis Love is such a necessity 4 us - whether we turn toward it or away from it #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Sometimes, understanding something requires great kindness - especially in NOT pointing out what you've understood! #LitChat -1:53 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 RT @janineutell: Enjoying @FDbytheword tweeting about love stories. #litchat -1:53 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @SesshasWorld Ah, lol, well there's where we may disagree. I think a lot of "young love stories" miss but they don't all have to #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre @FDbytheword Why not? Did you think they wld detract frm the story? #LitChat -1:54 PM Jul 16th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @lacarrington1 do tell. I loved doing that with SKIN BOOK to show that love is for anyone #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 16th, 2010
danish_novelist Most novels are love stories, even when they don't want to be. Love is everybody's favorite 4 letter word #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 16th, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @CathrynLouis: Love is such a necessity 4 us - whether we turn toward it or away from it #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 16th, 2010
laurelruesswurm RT @deberryandgrant: RT @IreneZiegler: I think most stories are love stories.<-True. One way or another... #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass The complex storylines that occur within the scope of the novel elevate your books beyond just another love story. #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 16th, 2010

TwinkleChar @quietriot_girl Stories cover all aspects. A foundation of kindness is another thing. #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FrankDiCesare My maternal grandmother was from Tipperary. I think I'll read that one first. #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 16th, 2010
ShaliniBoland RT @FDbytheword: Sometimes, understanding something requires great kindness - especially in NOT pointing out what youve understood! #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington @FDbytheword I refuse as well. If you must dwell on the sexually graphic descriptions then the real story just isn't there. #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre Narcissus - the ultimate love story ;-) #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @SesshasWorld Love your comments, even if don't see eye to eye on this one :-) #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 16th, 2010
jbeemills @FDbytheword Sex itself isn't all that romantic. It's more about prelude. #litchat -1:54 PM Jul 16th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes one reason it's dangerous really 2 write about love is that if love is good & for all that HAS to include people we find loathesome #litchat -1:55 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington @robynmcintyre OMG! BINGO!! #litchat -1:55 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @FDbytheword What do you think is the opposite of love? #litchat -1:55 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld @AuthorWilliam probably, but it's one reason I don't write YA ;) Most fall short on the emotional end of the spectrum for me #litchat -1:55 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Here's the point: So that we don't get sidetracked by love, always make your writing complex. Give the reader value - always! #LitChat -1:55 PM Jul 16th, 2010
myotherhand tired and with a huuuuge headache from today's incident. I should say good night. (untill next time #litchat) -1:55 PM Jul 16th, 2010
deberryandgrant RT @robynmcintyre: Narcissus - the ultimate love story ;-) #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre @FDbytheword Then, is understanding sometimes a secret to be kept? #LitChat -1:56 PM Jul 16th, 2010
shyonelung @FDbytheword Like you've mentioned in your ReJoyce Podcasts: it's okay to let your reader's figure things out for themselves. #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword The opposite of love has to be death, I suppose, and the ways in which we try to hasten it. #LitChat -1:56 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld @AuthorWilliam I fell the same - always good to engage in interesting discourse about writing #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 16th, 2010
IreneZiegler @CarolyBurnsBass Opposite of love? Inability to empathize. #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 16th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @FDbytheword: Here's the point: So that we don't get sidetracked by love, always make your writing complex. Give the reader value - always! #LitChat -1:56 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 Sometimes it's tough writing about "sensitive" men without making the character look ridiculous, but it can be done =) #litchat -1:56 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Understanding is a dish often best eaten alone. #LitChat -1:57 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington @FDbytheword Instead of hate? Or are hate and love the same thing? #litchat -1:57 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld @agnieszkasshoes of course, the loathesome, the overlooked, the misread all make the most poignant love stories #litchat -1:57 PM Jul 16th, 2010

katmagendie @FDbytheword Interesting to say opp of love is death and not hate! Because love/hate are both passionate & dead absence of all? #litchat -1:57 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @FDbytheword: Here's the point: Don't get sidetracked by love, always make yr writing complex. Give the reader value - always! #LitChat -1:57 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington @TwinkleChar Giving value by giving intense conflicts characters. #litchat -1:57 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 RT @FDbytheword: Here's the point: Don't get sidetracked by love, always make yr writing complex. Give the reader value - always! #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld the opposite of love - despair #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @FDbytheword: Understanding is a dish often best eaten alone. #LitChat -1:58 PM Jul 16th, 2010
shyonelung @FDbytheword would agree too that it's important to love all your characters - that is work on making them all complex/interesting? #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 16th, 2010
LitChat @FDbytheword What do you mean by "give the reader value"? #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FrankDiCesare RT @FDbytheword: Understanding is a dish often best eaten alone. >>>>Love it! #LitChat -1:58 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword And we must be careful by what we mean with the word "love" - often it simply means doing good. #LitChat -1:58 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington @katmagendie I agree. The absence of either emotion is the the opposite of both of them. #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 16th, 2010
laurelruesswurm Too true: RT @IreneZiegler: @CarolyBurnsBass Opposite of love? Inability to empathize. #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 16th, 2010
ShaliniBoland Longing, desire, love against a harsh backdrop, selfless love - all make me want to read on. S'times sex can ruin the tension. #litchat -1:58 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 Isn't that the truth! =) RT @FDbytheword: Understanding is a dish often best eaten alone #litchat -1:59 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre For me, the opposite of love is indifference. #litchat -1:59 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CathrynLouis RT @FDbytheword: "The opposite of love has to be death, I suppose, and the ways in which we try to hasten it. #LitChat" -1:59 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie RT @PIBarrington: @katmagendie I agree. The absence of either emotion is the the opposite of both of them. #litchat -1:59 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Giving the reader value requires the writing of a well-paced story with depth and pace, aimed at keeping the reader company. #LitChat -1:59 PM Jul 16th, 2010
katmagendie @robynmcintyre Certainly the death of love is indiffence! #litchat -1:59 PM Jul 16th, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass I think the opposite of love is indifference. Simply a lack of concern, care, respect or value. #litchat -1:59 PM Jul 16th, 2010
pursoot RT @SesshasWorld: the opposite of love - despair #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld @agnieszkasshoes I have to agree. I have a hard time making mine as dysfunctional as i might like ;) #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 16th, 2010
musecrossing RT @robynmcintyre: RT @FDbytheword: Understanding is a dish often best eaten alone. #LitChat [#FF] -2:00 PM Jul 16th, 2010
ShaliniBoland RT @robynmcintyre: For me, the opposite of love is indifference. #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 16th, 2010

IreneZiegler Leaving to eat French Bread.Thanks all, esp our esteemed guest.Best to you and your important work. #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 16th, 2010

PIBarrington I have to sign off now, thanks Frank & everyone! My first full Litchat and I loved it! #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 16th, 2010

PIBarrington RT @katmagendie: RT @PIBarrington: @katmagendie I agree. The absence of either emotion is the the opposite of both of them. #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 16th, 2010

shyonelung @pursoot sometimes love is despair. #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 16th, 2010

jbeemills RT @robyncintyre: For me, the opposite of love is indifference. #litchat -2:00 PM Jul 16th, 2010

katmagendie @FDbytheword Thank you for a facinating chat! I have bookmarked your site to take a further gander at your books! Have a lovely eve #litchat -2:01 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FDbytheword Indifference, yes - but indifference is usually shallow. #LitChat -2:01 PM Jul 16th, 2010

musecrossing @robyncintyre For me, the opposite of love is fear. #litchat -2:01 PM Jul 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @jbeemills: RT @robyncintyre: For me, the opposite of love is indifference. #litchat -2:01 PM Jul 16th, 2010

APressEditor RT @FDbytheword: What scared me about writing a love story? Trying to avoid cliché. Getting the female roles right. Making the love seem natural. #LitChat -2:01 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FDbytheword Well - my first LitChat has been a delicious experience. #LitChat -2:01 PM Jul 16th, 2010

katmagendie RT @FDbytheword: Well - my first LitChat has been a delicious experience. #LitChat -2:01 PM Jul 16th, 2010

LitChat Here we are at the end of the hour @FDbytheword promised us. He's welcome to hang around, but we must let him go if he can't stay. #litchat -2:01 PM Jul 16th, 2010

shyonelung @FDbytheword thanks for your great ReJoyce Podcast. I will follow you to the very end. :-D #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @FDbytheword Thank you for being here and being so gracious in answering our questions. #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 16th, 2010

LitChat Will you be going out for a baguette now? RT @FDbytheword: Well - my first LitChat has been a delicious experience. #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 16th, 2010

robyncintyre @FDbytheword But can't love be shallow in some circumstances? I think indifference can also hv degrees of intensity. #LitChat -2:02 PM Jul 16th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @SesshasWorld it's SO hard getting rid of the last vestige of self-censorship, isn't it? Daisy is SO raw. Same @jihadpunk77 #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 16th, 2010

TwinkleChar @FDbytheword Thank you for your insights and remarkable enthusiasm. Honored to get this chance. Thank you, @litchat! #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 16th, 2010

Letitia30 RT @FDbytheword: Here's the point: So that we don't get sidetracked by love, always make your writing complex. Give the reader value - always! #LitChat -2:02 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FDbytheword Thank you VERY much, everyone - for your interest and your courtesy, and your good manners. I've loved your company. #LitChat -2:02 PM Jul 16th, 2010

CathrynLouis a wonderful #litchat. thanks 2 all! -2:02 PM Jul 16th, 2010

lacarrington1 It's been enjoyable having @FDbytheword here at #litchat today #litchat -2:02 PM Jul 16th, 2010

robyncintyre @FDbytheword You gave me a lot to think about. Thank you. #LitChat -2:03 PM Jul 16th, 2010

LitChat Shall we all give @FDbytheword a rousing round of applause? {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:03 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre @LitChat Excellent chat as always. Thanks for hosting. This week has been very interesting. #litchat -2:03 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Good luck to you all; I mustn't hog the attention - and I hope to be back here another day. #LitChat -2:03 PM Jul 16th, 2010
ShaliniBoland Thank you @FDbytheword and @LitChat. Enjoyed this hour of literary love xx #litchat -2:03 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:03 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FrankDiCesare Great litchat, Frank -- from Frank #litchat -2:03 PM Jul 16th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @LitChat: Shall we all give @FDbytheword a rousing round of applause? {{{APPLAUSE}}}<<times a billion LOVES! #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld @agnieszkasshoes I've managed once or twice, but it's wicked hard :(i surprise myself w/ my resistance #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 16th, 2010
jbeemills @FDbytheword {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword THANK YOU! Can you see me bowing deep and low? I am, I am! #LitChat -2:04 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington Thank you so much! #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre @musecrossing I see your point and I'll be thinking about it. #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 16th, 2010
LitChat If you haven't already, put VENETIA KELLY'S TRAVELING SHOW on your reading list, as well as the entire Ireland series. #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 16th, 2010
TwinkleChar RT @FDbytheword: THANK YOU! Can you see me bowing deep and low? I am, I am! <<do not accidentally bang head on keyboard #litchat -2:04 PM Jul 16th, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @LitChat: Shall we all give @FDbytheword a rousing round of applause? {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:05 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld @pursoot absolutely true . . . I love the imperfections in my char's more than their strengths ;) #litchat -2:05 PM Jul 16th, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @SesshasWorld I wrote a passage in "Company of Fellows" that was considered too beyond the pale & the reaction made me nervousd #litchat -2:05 PM Jul 16th, 2010
FDbytheword Footnote: My wife, Diane Meier, has written a delicious novel, The Season of Second Chances. (See? Everything's about love!) #LitChat -2:05 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld @agnieszkasshoes in my very first fic attempt i wrote a character that had people buying for my blood . . . a bit scary, that #litchat -2:06 PM Jul 16th, 2010
LitChat Many thanks to each of the #litchattics who kept @FDbytheword company while he held the #litchat mic. You are the foam on #litchat 's beer. -2:06 PM Jul 16th, 2010
PIBarrington RT @robynmcintyre: RT @LitChat: Shall we all give @FDbytheword a rousing round of applause? {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat ~~~Standing OVATION~~~ -2:06 PM Jul 16th, 2010
lacarrington1 Ahh, the 'imperfect' characters are so much fun to develop. #litchat -2:07 PM Jul 16th, 2010
AudryT @agnieszkasshoes What made it considered "beyond the pale?" #litchat -2:07 PM Jul 16th, 2010
SesshasWorld @lacarrington1 ture, I find that shared or mirror imperfections are often the root of love ;) #litchat -2:08 PM Jul 16th, 2010

robymcintyre Interestingly, I think indifference is also the opp. of hate, w/ love/hate (both strong emotions) being two sides of the same coin #litchat -2:08 PM Jul 16th, 2010

FrankDiCesare I will arise and go now -- and go back to writing. Thanks again, Frank. Very informative. #litchat -2:08 PM Jul 16th, 2010

LitChat @FDbytheword: We sent your lovely wife a tweet today about joining us as a guest in #litchat. Perhaps you could persuade her. -2:08 PM Jul 16th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @AudryT the lack of moral judgement placed on the characters in question. #litchat -2:08 PM Jul 16th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @AudryT people seem 2B OK with transgressive as long as it's ultimately seen to be wrong, which goes against what the genre's about #litchat -2:09 PM Jul 16th, 2010

AudryT @agnieszkasshoes The characters were not judged by the book as being immoral for their actions? I must read this book. #litchat -2:09 PM Jul 16th, 2010

LitChat Be sure to come back next week for topic, ENDINGS. Guest host is @CParkhurst1, author of THE NOBODIES ALBUM. #litchat -2:09 PM Jul 16th, 2010