



LitChat August 2 & 4, 2010

Topic of the Week: Men in Love

Open Chat

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.

MONDAY: August 2, 2010

LitChat This is Monday and a new week in #litchat. We're discussing MEN IN LOVE. Please join us for the next hour in #litchat. -1:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

Pamreader RT @LitChat: The new week in #litchat begins in 10 minutes. Join us in our discussion of MEN IN LOVE--men who write love stories. -1:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

LitChat Easy way to follow #litchat is at <http://bit.ly/MH5Qs>, login w/Twitter and you're ready to chat. -1:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

bigreader101 RT @RasoirJ: Overrated #novel of year: Wolf Hall <http://tinyurl.com/255ypvd> #litchat #writetips #fiction -1:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

PitchMyNovel RT @LitChat: This is Monday and a new week in #litchat. We're discussing MEN IN LOVE. Please join us for the next hour in #litchat. -1:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

LitChat Please introduce yourself while everyone is gathering, but please hold the personal pitches and blog links until after the chat. #litchat -1:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @LitChat: This is Monday and a new week in #litchat. We're discussing MEN IN LOVE. Please join us for the next hour in #litchat. -1:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

homeconfessions @LitChat this is my first time joining a litchat discussion so I hope I don't goof up protocol! #litchat -1:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

LitChat Familiarize yourself with our topic of the week here: <http://bit.ly/6rvjzD>. #litchat -1:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

FrankDiCesare Frank DiCesare -- Freelance journalist and fiction writer. #litchat -1:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

LitChat Welcome, Jess! RT @homeconfessions: @LitChat this is my first time joining a litchat discussion so I hope I dont goof up protocol! #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett Robert, newbie author. #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam William, published indie author of THE DARK PROVINCE. Locked and loaded for #litchat! -1:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

alisonwells RT @LitChat: This is Monday and a new week in #litchat. We're discussing MEN IN LOVE. Please join us for the next hour in #litchat. -1:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @ChrisPaternoste hi! I'll see you over at #litchat - that's tonight's topic -1:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GeneDoucette Hi Gene Doucette, author of upcoming IMMORTAL, a few humor books, and a blog I'm not pitching right now, I swear. #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

latta RT @LitChat: This is Monday and a new week in #litchat. We're discussing MEN IN LOVE. Please join us for the next hour in #litchat. -1:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

LitChat Who will be our Halloween Horror week guest host. RT @robertjbennett: Robert, newbie author. #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JulieBritt Hi, litchatters. I'm a journalist and fiction writer. #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CathrynLouis I was early this time for a change... #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

homeconfessions Men in love--what a great topic. #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock I'm Georganna, originator of "A Writer's Edge" blog and site to help beginning writers. I'm a 4-decade veteran of the word wars. #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
cindymariej @LitChat Hi, I'll be listening in. Storyteller and various other things. #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt RT @LitChat: This is Monday and a new week in #litchat. Were discussing MEN IN LOVE. Please join us for the next hour in #litchat. #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @LitChat hi, I'm here for Men in Love - I write literary love stories, with casts of overwhelmingly female characters #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JMoncktonSmith Hi all am I right that we are discussing men in love? #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
LitChat In terms of this week's chat, we are not discussing genre romance specifically. Think love stories that break thru genres. #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock Must admit I don't understand the topic today, tho I read the ref. Are we discussing a book, an author, men in love or writing? #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @LitChat: In terms of this week's chat, we are not discussing genre romance specifically. Think love stories that break thru genres. #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions Love by its very nature breaks boundaries, rules, genres, whatever. #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @homeconfessions: Love by its very nature breaks boundaries, rules, genres, whatever. #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bigreader101 bigreader101 spectator #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @AuthorWilliam obvious, yes? #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
pussreboots Webproducer, freelance writer, book blogger and soon to be MLIS student. Hello! #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam YES! RT @homeconfessions Love by its very nature breaks boundaries, rules, genres, whatever. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
LitChat From the LitChat blog: "This week in #litchat we'll discuss love stories written by men." -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @GLHancock men who write about love! (Like me!) #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock I think it's even more difficult for women to write about men in love. Must understand the psychology. As well as physiology. #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis Any favorite love stories written by men? #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
sticky_t Hi, everyone! Here for @LitChat today, just a little late. :) #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt @GLHancock I think we're discussing men who write about love, not necessarily in romance novels. #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @homeconfessions Absolutely. #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GeneDoucette @CathrynLouis You mean since Shakespeare? #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
fesgirlie Hey everyone ^^ this is my first #litchat #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @GLHancock You are so right about that! #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
LitChat Why does it seem as if women own the market on stories about love and romantic relationships? #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @homeconfessions yes, it does. On the other hand many books ABOUT love don't! #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett One of my favorite writers who does love so well is John le Carre, though you might not expect it. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @homeconfessions Can't put it in a box. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CathrynLouis @GeneDoucette ...or in addition to, instead of, what have you... #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
LitChat Welcome! Please jump right in. RT @fesgirlie: Hey everyone ^.^ this is my first #litchat #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JMoncktonSmith RT @GLHancock: I think its even more difficult for women to write about men in love. Must understand psychology and physiology. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt Ian McEwan comes to mind. His stories vary, but the ones I've read had a love story. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
pussreboots William Shakespear and Homer both come to mind immediately. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bookaliciouspam Three words: Gabriel Garcia Márquez #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions I think men write about love whether it's obvious or not. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @LitChat I think there's a confusion between the romance genre and a 'love story'. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
fesgirlie Definitely Nicholas sparks #litchat #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt @bookaliciouspam Good one. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @LitChat You really think so? I think I respectfully disagree (but I like to be sort of oppositional) in a friendly way! #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
sticky_t Yep, for me too. RT @pussreboots: William Shakespear and Homer both come to mind immediately. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
FrankDiCesare F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote about love with great profundity in Gatsby. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam I think its a fine idea to acknowledge that contemporary men have something to say about love ;-) #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett The Little Drummer Girl is an exquisite love story, though it's wrapped within espionage. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @homeconfessions Yes, men write about how love affects their whole life, rather than a separate part of the heart. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bigreader101 are men so rarely in love that it makes it all a bit tricky? #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JoLynneValerie Well hello there, #litchat #tweeters, saw the topic and feel... sucked in. :) -1:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis RT @robertjbennett: The Little Drummer Girl is an exquisite love story, though its wrapped within espionage. <-- one of my favs #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @LitChat Part of it might be that we're still straining to move away from the perception that love is "unmanly." #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bigreader101 RT @robertjbennett: @LitChat Part of it might be that we're still straining to move away from the perception that love is "unmanly." #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @CarolyBurnsBass hmmm. A separate part of the heart. Please explain what you mean. That's intriguing. #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @LitChat I think because it reflects culture. Men are believed to be widely emotionally out of touch. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt Ernest Hemingway. Richard Yates. More recently, Charles Baxter. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AdAstraSociety RT @LitChat: Easy way to follow #litchat is at <http://bit.ly/MH5Qs>, login w/Twitter and you're ready to chat. -1:18 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @LitChat I don't think they do at all, do they - maybe "romance" but #litchat isn't about genre-specific today, so that doesn't count -1:18 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

bookaliciouspam Gabriel Garcia Marquez writes books that are immersed in love. He uses flowery language and prose perfectly. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock love stories written by men...not necessarily capital R romances, right? #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @homeconfessions I think many women compartmentalize their heart. They have areas reserved for kids, parents, friends, home --> #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JulieBritt Men write about love all the time, but there's usually something else going on too, murder, mayhem, work angst, war. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JMoncktonSmith the evidence shows that men are perhaps more strongly affected by deep emotional love #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CathrynLouis I think men are very romantic - they just express it differently. I learn much from their points of view. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GeneDoucette Men don't READ romances; doesn't mean they don't write them. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe I have a love story about a moll in exile from her gangster husband who put contract on her life. Still loves him 4 his power tho #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @robertjbennett think I disagree - why is it that men have to write about what is "manly"? #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @homeconfessions @CarolyBurnsBass Yes, Carolyn do explain, that does sound interesting :-) #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

FrankDiCesare Love can't possibly be "unmanly." The toughest guy in the world has the potential to die of loneliness. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

homeconfessions Jon Clinch's new novel, Kings of The Earth, delves into love in a huge way. You all must read this. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock I'm wondering if a love story (not Romance) written for men would satisfy women readers? Would it differ? #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CathrynLouis @JulieBritt as in life. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GeneDoucette @JulieBritt isn't there always something else going on in a love story? It's what happens during a plot, not the plot by itself. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam @CarolyBurnsBass Ahhh #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett A good love story is really about characters, and how they intermingle. An author who's good w/characters will prob be good w/love. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

alisonwells There's a big difference between romance and love #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JulieBritt I agree. RT @homeconfessions: Jon Clinch's new novel, Kings of The Earth, delves into love in a huge way. You all must read this. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

sticky_t @GeneDoucette Was just thinking that, heh. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

pussreboots RT @GeneDoucette: Men don't READ romances; doesn't mean they don't write them. #litchat My husband reads romances. -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe Life doesn't have happy or unhappy endings. It is a continuum with minor fluctuations. This impacts on how we tell love stories #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CathrynLouis Very true RT @alisonwells: Theres a big difference between romance and love #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @robertjbennett don't have 2 argue sthing "manly" 2 say that men can write on it #litchat I wouldn't know manly if it slapped me in the face -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GeneDoucette My gender is beginning to feel offended by the implications of this chat. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bigreader101 some authors may be in love with the idea of being in love and their writing may reflect this? #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @agnieszkasshoes I agree that it's a silly perception, but it may be the affecting factor when it comes to love stories. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @alisonwells: There's a big difference between romance and love #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt @GLHancock It worked for Eric Segal. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock RT @GeneDoucette: My gender is beginning to feel offended by the implications of this chat. How so? #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JMoncktonSmith RT @GeneDoucette: My gender is beginning to feel offended by the implications of this chat. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @GeneDoucette Why? #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GeneDoucette @pussreboots fair enough; I stand corrected. However, men are not the "target audience" whatever that means. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
SamSykesSwears RT @robertjbennett: A good love story is really about characters, and how they intermingle. An author who's good w/characters will prob be good w/love. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
pussreboots @GLHancock I'm a woman and I read love stories written by men all the time. So yes, they are satisfying. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
mangolisa all the love stories I like are by men. Murakami, Marguez, Kundera, Auster. Straining to think of a woman's love story I like #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass --> @homeconfessions Conversely, I think men don't generally categorize emotions, tho they easily separate love from sex. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @21stCscribe "continuum" sounds remarkably close to "metanarrative" #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions Richard Ford another contemporary M-A-L-E writer who writes about love--whether you agree with his version of love or not. #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe Romance must be all about the emotions. Either UR happy 2 grow old together & continue 2 share, or admit U may have got it wrong #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GeneDoucette @GLHancock The more I see "men don't.." and "men only..." the more I want to say "what if I reversed the sexes and said the same? #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @robertjbennett do you think it stops men writing, stops people reading, or stops publishers publishing? #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bookaliciouspam Someone I have never read but writes primarily love stories is Nicholas Sparks. #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
pussreboots @GeneDoucette Target audience or not, he's not the only man I know who reads them. #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
alisonwells Romance is cruise liners, Love has pain/loss at its reverse #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe RT @agnieszkasshoes: @21stCscribe "continuum" sounds remarkably close to "metanarrative" #litchat /don't mean it thus -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

FrankDiCesare RT @JulieBritt: @GLHancock It worked for Eric Segal. >>>>How so? Love Story was incredibly bad. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JMoncktonSmith @GeneDoucette I agree with you Gene #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock @pussreboots Read my tweet. I didn't say "written by men" I wrote "written for men". Who cares about the author's gender? #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

quietriot_girl @21stCscribe or somebody kills somebody else. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett @GeneDoucette That's a brilliant writing exercise - reversing genders for chars. S. King endorses it. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CathrynLouis I find that many times in love stories, men portray women more realistically than women portray men. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe RT @agnieszkasshoes: @21stCscribe "continuum" sounds remarkably close to "metanarrative"#litchat /Just not arcs is all -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe @quietriot_girl like I say, my moll still loves the power of the man who condemns her to death... #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett @agnieszkasshoes I think it may be all three. I can't say for sure but I do think that perception still lingers, even in these days #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

nathanhenrion I wrote a romance once...the main characters were a guy named Ted, a slab of bacon, and football #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock @FrankDiCesare Oh! You're so bad...wasn't going to point out that author is a joke in the writing/publishing industry... #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

FrankDiCesare RT @CathrynLouis: I find that many times in love stories, men portray women more realistically than women portray men. >>>Amen! #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @GeneDoucette @pussreboots - but we're specifically NOT talking about romance, but love in general, esp across boundaries #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

mangolisa @GLHancock a good writr don't write to male or female. Good writing is universal. #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GeneDoucette @robertjbennett it DOES sound like a good exercise, doesn't it? #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

bigreader101 Have we mentioned E.M. Forster yet? #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AlexTardiff RT @nathanhenrion: I wrote a romance once...the main characters were a guy named Ted, a slab of bacon, and football #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

bobbydevito RT @nathanhenrion: I wrote a romance once...the main characters were a guy named Ted, a slab of bacon, and football #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

homeconfessions @FrankDiCesare Hi, Frank. Can you explain what you mean by realistic? thx. #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

quietriot_girl @21stCscribe how romantic in the literary sense! #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GeneDoucette @agnieszkasshoes I'm aware. But that doesn't mean the statement "Men usually write about love like so..." isn't overly general.. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock RT @mangolisa: @GLHancock a good writr dont write to male or female. Good writing is universal. || Didn't specify "good writing". #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe We can't be saying that men can't write women & women can't write men surely? #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett @GeneDoucette There's a character in my book coming out in Feb I WISH I'd made female... would've been so much more fun #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @CathrynLouis oops. Cathryn, can you explain what you mean by realistic? I thought Frank said this. #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
KevSparrow71 Greetings #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bookaliciouspam When women write love stories they tend to have the perfect man. When a man writes a love story the faults are evident in spades. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @CathrynLouis or argue that romance is a kind of love. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Curious. More about his version of love... RT @homeconfessions: Richard Ford... whether you agree with his version of love or not. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @21stCscribe 2 people? That's unusually proscriptive of you #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe RT @AuthorWilliam: @21stCscribe That wld be an unfortunate assertion #litchat /it's always there bubbling under as stick 2beat writers with -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @bookaliciouspam Interesting! #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GeneDoucette @jennIRL yeah, I'm conceding the "men don't read romance" point as a loser right away. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @homeconfessions true... #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
DaveBartlett1 It's hard for a young man to portray love between two older people, though a woman writer seems to manage it reasonably well. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
jennIRL and i'll bet he read them, too. #litchat RT @csummie: @jennIRL a very famous male author wrote harlequins til he made it big -1:30 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt @krieheli War of the sexes. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
KevSparrow71 On my blog are some tales that I wrote for a girl I loved. A special special spirit #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre Men tend to tk action to shw hw they feel, rathr thn talk abt it. My late DH NEVER used endearments, but gv me foot rubs evry nite! #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thedaisyharris Hey- sorry to hop in. What was the topic/question? #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @CarolyBurnsBass saying that people perceive love differently and experience it differently. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @agnieszkasshoes I said relationship(s)... #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
pussreboots @agnieszkasshoes I realize that. But it was mentioned that men don't write or read romance and I pointed out that's not true. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @robertjbennett Lols - I can relate - I have to work very hard to make sure my male characters aren't women in disguise. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bookaliciouspam @thedaisyharris male author penned love stories. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
sticky_t @DaveBartlett1 Although I do love how Nicholas Sparks portrays Noah and Allie's relationship in The Notebook. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock What difference does it make if the author of a love story is male or female? To the story? To other writers? To readers? #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @CathrynLouis funny! #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thedaisyharris @bookaliciouspam Thanks! #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @DaveBartlett1 may I ask why? #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @GLHancock makes zero difference to me. #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

bigreader101 Edmund White can be tender at times #litchat #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre And are we talking romantic love or love in general? #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thedaisyharris Of course "some" men read romance novels... but would anyone argue that the audience is 50/50? #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock How will knowing a list of male authors of love stories inform YOUR writing? (let's hope, too, improve it) #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @CathrynLouis My woman existed in a male gangster world, she toughened up pretty fast, got part-masculinised #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
FrankDiCesare RT a very famous male author wrote harlequins til he made it big >>I'd rather be stoned to death -- al Qaeda style! #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @pussreboots indeed! Apologies for jumping in on half a conversation #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
pussreboots I just listened to two men talking about their relationships in a coffee shop today for an hour. Men do talk about feelings #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett I do find the idea that a difference in chromosome can completely alter the way a person experiences love disappointing. #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett It's similar to saying the way another race experiences love is hardcoded in them. Which is just absurd. #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe I love Jeanette Winterson's poetic views of romance/love in her novels #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @21stCscribe indeed - a single relationship can involve many lovers - Uneearable Lightness of being/Henry & June #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
DaveBartlett1 @agnieszkasshoes Don't know why. I'm not trying to state a rule, just telling it how I've found it in books I've read. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett It may be that the way our societies balkanize gender roles leads to profoundly different outlooks on the same thing. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt @DaveBartlett1 I don't think we can generalize that men can do this better and women can do that better. It's talent, not gender. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @robertjbennett disappointing maybe, but that's how chromosomes tend to programme us! #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @21stCscribe gawd, I agree with you! (on Winterson) #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam So much to say about this topic I don't even know where to start. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @21stCscribe Could you say she found her strength? Why would that masculinize her? #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @JulieBritt: @DaveBartlett1 I don't think we can generalize that men can do this better and women can do that better. It's talent, not gender. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @agnieszkasshoes oh gawd, not Henry & June please! #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @pussreboots It definitely happens more now than when I came up. #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
alisonwells @21stCscribe Men seem to like Jeanette Winterson's work full stop. I have another male friend who chooses her books #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thelivingpoet @GLHancock I feel like there's a lot of anxious masculinity in love stories written by men. #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

bookaliciouspam Take 'Love in the Time of Cholera' a male writer took a life time of love from a mans perspective. Even in old age. Very tender. #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

DaveBartlett1 @JulieBritt I'm not generalizing. I'm saying that AS I'VE FOUND it, women writing about love tend to do a better job than male... #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JulieBritt Sorry for the repetition. I'm having tech difficulties. #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock @robertjbennett How about a difference in sexual orientation? Does that make a difference? How and to whom? #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

Figmentfiction All of my potential comments rely on gender stereotypes. Like "Manwriters would include less tears and retail therapy". #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam Generalizations are a double edged sword when dealing with gender. On one side it's language that culture understands..... #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

DaveBartlett1 @JulieBritt ...writers, especially when writing about relationships that are unfamiliar to themselves. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

thelivingpoet @GLHancock A lot of 'yeah I love her but it was totally about the sex honest...' #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JarikaJohnson @LitChat it's not regulated to books.mags like Cosmo have mainly female staff. Maybe it's easier to sell love 'by' women to women? #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam ...and on the other hand It's a fast ticket to being wrong about a score of individuals. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

thelivingpoet @GLHancock But maybe I just haven't read enough male romance authors? #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GeneDoucette @robertjbennett I feel that way whenever I read humor blogs with subjects like "why men want the tv remote." Please. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

alisonwells @agnieszkasshoes Surely you are going to mention Murakami? #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

thedaisyharris Before my daughter was born, I thought I would raise her gender-neutral. I bought black onesies and unisex toys #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CathrynLouis Looks like tweetchat may be down #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GeneDoucette I just lost tweetchat, #litchat people; anyone else? -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe @CathrynLouis she is caught between operating well in male world thru her strengths, but also kept apart by being female #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett @GLHancock I really don't think so. The human experience is the human experience. It's something common to all of us. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes @21stCscribe The Anais Nin diaries not the Philip Kaufman film #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett @GLHancock And love is very much a part of that. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

thedaisyharris By the time she was three, everything in my house was pink. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

Figmentfiction This conversation also makes me think about the line of NASCAR romances from Harlequin. Not sure why... #oddpairings #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam Many men feel love in so many places and so many ways and then wrestle with how they "should" love. That conflict creates a POV #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

inkgypsy @thedaisyharris Did you find girls are girls and boys are boys? (I did same thing) #litchat #sneakingin -1:37 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

thedaisyharris @GeneDoucette Yeah, same happened to me. #battleofthesexes broke twitter. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @alisonwells yes!! thank you. Murakami writes love amazingly - esp in South of the Border West of the Sun & Sputnik Sweetheart #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @thelivingpoet Good point. the anxiety comes from not having well established outlets for exploring maleness & attendant feelings #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt @GeneDoucette I lost it too. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett RT @AuthorWilliam: Many men feel love in so many places and so many ways and then wrestle with how they "should" love. That conflict creates a POV #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @JulieBritt me, too #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
LitChat It's not you, it's Twitter. RT @JulieBritt: Sorry for the repetition. Im having tech difficulties. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @AuthorWilliam Yes. The way you are and the way you're "supposed" to be is the big obstacle here, I feel. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @AuthorWilliam Great point (of view). #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @21stCscribe I see. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
LeahPetersen @AuthorWilliam There aren't many things that turn me off faster than gender generalizations--I don't care how often they're true #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
nathanhenrion men don't have the stamina to make it to the end of a romance novel...I'm usually finished by page 2 #litchat hey ohhhhhhh! -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thedaisyharris @inkgypsy Ab-so-lutely! Boys and girls are just different (despite all that free-to-be-you-and-me stuff I grew up with.) #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @GLHancock A good story is a good story, no matter the gender of the author. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe RT @alisonwells: @agnieszkasshoes Surely you are going to mention Murakami? #litchat / Busted & nailed in one! Priceless alison -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions I love E. White! how he writes about love and his yearning for it #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
BryanThomasS @AuthorWilliam John Wells who produced ER, West Wing, etc. told me he writes his women characters like men, w/ a few adjustments #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thelivingpoet @21stCscribe Agreed! I don't think it's an inherent difference in the way men experience romance, just a lot of cultural pressure. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @robertjbennett Agreed. For the author who can access that conflict there a unique and potent perspective may await him. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
alisonwells @bookaliciouspam Yes, agree, Love in the Time of Cholera, very tender, even 'Memories of my Melancholy Whores' celebratory of love #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett Generalizations are easy. Easy often sells. So they self-perpetuate. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @robertjbennett yes, but novels tend to centre on the individual... How to make the individual speak universally... #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bigreader101 RT @homeconfessions: I love E. White! how he writes about love and his yearning for it #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions Got to mention Zola in this hour. He's all about love and its variations. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe @agnieszkasshoes Nin yes, Miller, most definitely no #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam I think that's a difficulty for both sexes. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
inkgypsy @robertjbennett Esp in the post-feminist age. Confusion abounds for both genders as to 'how to be'. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre Romances tend to the "idea" of TRUE LOVE, not relationships, I think. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @robertjbennett Ooooh. That's a scary thought. I want you to be wrong but you're probably right. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @inkgypsy There's an interesting article out called "The End of Men" abt how its hard to be "manly" in the post-industrial age #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis RT @robertjbennett: Generalizations are easy. Easy often sells. So they self-perpetuate. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @LeahPetersen I feel you. Unfortunately they don't go away, possibly because of how frequently they are mediated or affirmed. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
agnieszkasshoes @21stCscribe "How to make the individual speak universally" no!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I fell into the trap didn't I? #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @inkgypsy It says the qualities we identify as masculine don't have as much application in the modern workplace, essentially. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
joshtaylor61 men don't have the stamina to make it to the end of a romance novel...I'm usually finished by page 2 #litchat hey ohhhhhhh! -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @BryanThomasS I like that, since I do the same for guys. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock Does this "how to be/act" affect how an author depicts characters? Is that what you think about when you dev. a character? #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thelivingpoet RT @AuthorWilliam: Many men feel love in so many places and so many ways and then wrestle with how they "should" love. That conflict creates a POV #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GeneDoucette and back #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thedaisyharris @robynmcintyre I agree. Romances are about fantasy love, not necessarily real love. But that doesn't make them any less fun. ;-) #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
inkgypsy @thedaisyharris Completely. Of course we have diff bodies, diff hormones, going to affect more than just outside. #litchat Funny thing is.. -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @BryanThomasS Yes - I believe I heard that from him in a writers room once. Assisted a writer on one of his shows. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @robertjbennett qualities such as? #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @robertjbennett: Generalizations are easy. Easy often sells. So they self-perpetuate. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett How many romantic comedies have we seen where the entire point of a girl's existence is to get married? #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @robynmcintyre I believe that without hesitation. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @robertjbennett Really? Not in my world... :) #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @thedaisyharris But some romance writers do try to strive for some sense of authenticity. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam Don't be feeling me, now. You're a married man! LOL #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @agnieszkasshoes we'll never agree on this one #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass @robertjbennett What is "manly" anyway? Is it akin to "girly"? #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @robertjbennett I hate those comedies, but I also wonder how many of those screwball comedies are about common women. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thedaisyharris @gamesafoot I would argue that authentic is not necessarily the same as true. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam I had a friend once who I loved but couldn't place how I loved her. So I feared my affection for her. I didn't want to lose her... #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
inkgypsy @thedaisyharris Yes i lost the hashtag - sorry! #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @thedaisyharris Nope, just as vampires and fairies can be fun. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock Don't writers control their characters; try to avoid cliches and generalizations? #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis That's why I like multiple POVs in a love story. It balances the female vs male perspectives. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @AuthorWilliam Now there's a book! #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @robynmcintyre ROFL! :-D #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
MizMisk Romance is fantasy, but a love story is not necessarily romantic or written by a woman. Unbearable Lightness of Being... Lolita... #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @robertjbennett "Bringing up Baby" and "My Man Godfrey" - both early screwball comedies that inspired others - are upper class. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
inkgypsy @robertjbennett Can see how that would be. It's tough for all to find place & be comfortable with themselves. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bigreader101 do gay authors write about feelings particularly well ? #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @CarolyBurnsBass Pretty much. It's a cartoonish example of what you're supposed to be, I feel. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock @AuthorWilliam Friends w/o benefits? Scares some people who don't know how to relate to others w/o sex involved. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Good writers do. RT @GLHancock: Dont writers control their characters; try to avoid cliches and generalizations? #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
BryanThomasS He said it helps avoid stereotypical weak fem char & makes them mre interesting. He got an award fr a women's grp 4 his female char #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe 1 of my fav books is "Skin Lane" by Neil Bartlett - the best representation of male desire (for another male) I've ever read #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
KevSparrow71 @gamesafoot @robertjbennett http://bit.ly/qs3Je - Not for me was the point. Love was the overarching factor. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @AuthorWilliam I hope you resolved it... #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @homeconfessions Thanks for saying that! Working on it. Have already begun it as a memoir style. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt Got TweetChat back. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @thedaisyharris "True" also implies nonfiction. Romances are fictional, but many writers spend countless hours researching. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett @GLHancock Generalizations and baseless perceptions are invisible to the person doing the writing. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
BryanThomasS @AuthorWilliam We are alumni from the same school. He helped me get my start out in LA #litchat Great guy -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thelivingpoet @CathrynLouis Can you give examples of good love stories with multiple points of view? #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Echo that. RT @homeconfessions: @AuthorWilliam Now theres a book! #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @CarolyBurnsBass I think 'manly' is less reflected upon, more taken for granted & assumed. A cultural assumption as 'normal' #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
MsMartha Sometimes writing from POV of who we are not (male/female) can yield great results. James Tiptree Jr comes to mind. #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thedaisyharris @robertjbennett Yeah, but is the desire for marriage somehow less "noble" than the desire for unconditional acceptance? #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @CathrynLouis She died, actually. Of a rare disease in her late 20's. I was devastated. Have been writing about it to heal. #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @AuthorWilliam Cool. I hope you work it out. #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock @robertjbennett That's why we have editors! #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt @GLHancock Some writers don't. #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @thedaisyharris I think "authentic" is as close to truth as anyone not a god can get. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @BryanThomasS Right on! I agree. I learned a lot from that room. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass Absolutely. RT @MsMartha: Sometimes writing from POV of who we are not (male/female) can yield great results. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
BryanThomasS I actually read women writer's books w/ fem leads 2 help me get inside the fem head fr time 2 time. Not sure if it works, but I try #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
marirandomities Hope I'm not tool late. Can someone tell me this week's topic? :) #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thelivingpoet @robertjbennett Entirely too many! So many stories revolve around the woman trying to trap/trick the man into marrying her. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt @marirandomities Men writing about love. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @robynmcintyre I like to write from men's POV in my romances, I spend a lot of time talking to guys and reading their writing. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions This twitter hour is an example of "men in love" --a billion talk/viewpts all at once! No one thing. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @marirandomities Romances written by men. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
LitChat We are discussing love stories penned by men. RT @marirandomities: Hope Im not tool late. Can someone tell me this weeks topic? :) #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @thedaisyharris I don't think so. But it's that line between what we want, and what we're told to want. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @CarolyBurnsBass Thanks Carolyn! Much appreciated. That story is a...turbulent one to work on. #litchat #gratitude -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @AuthorWilliam I'm so sorry, William. I lost my best friend on an oil rig helicopter accident. Didn't even get to say goodbye. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe @marirandomities romance versus love stories & role of gender, if any #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @BryanThomasS Wow! I do the opposite: I love to read men's POV on relationships. It's fascinating. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock @BryanThomasS You might do better developing friendships w/women for a more valid type of research on feminine perspectives. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
UncompletedWork RT @21stCscribe: Life doesn't have happy or unhappy endings. It is a continuum with minor fluctuations. This impacts on how we tell love stories #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
BryanThomasS @gamesafoot I read Nicholas Sparks a lot and I've been told he represents women well. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
quietriot_girl I only follow #litchat to keep up with the @21stcscribe v @agnieskzshoes 'discussions' but I would prefer mud wrestling -1:49 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
inkgypsy #litchat has a lot of diverse conversations right now! -1:49 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @AuthorWilliam I hope you write that story... #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thedaisyharris @robertjbennett Do you mean that women are "told" to want marriage? #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @CathrynLouis Thanks for your kind words. And I'm sorry too. I have her on my mind a lot now, as my author event Wed is in her town #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt @inkgypsy Yeah. I'm lost. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @gamesafoot W/ poor ppl, "Bringing up baby" becomes "Penny Serenade" Easier to be poor if you cn laugh at the rich. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
inkgypsy @homeconfessions LOL! #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thelivingpoet @thedaisyharris Healthy desire for marriage should be defined by desire for understanding/acceptance/respect/etc.- Love essentially #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GeneDoucette packing up, gang. See you all later. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @BryanThomasS I read David Weber's Sci Fi series, Honors Harrington to get his perspective on women. I learned a lot. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @CathrynLouis I am writing it now. I have started it several times in several formats. I get closer to breaking through each time. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @thedaisyharris I think in some ways, yes. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @robynmcintyre That was, in part, the purpose of those screwballs. (I got an A in my film history class). ;-P #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @BryanThomasS I assume - however wrongly maybe - that everyone thinks abt similar things, just in slightly different ways. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @thedaisyharris Several girls I knew went to college specifically to find husbands. That was The Reason you went. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
inkgypsy @JulieBritt It's supposed to be men writing about love but that quickly devolved (or perhaps evolved - depends on your POV!) #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @quietriot_girl U think me & Dan wouldn't prefer mud wrestling? #litchat I'm not precious about my clothes, except when dressed as a woman -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @inkgypsy Indeed. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @GeneDoucette TTFN! #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thelivingpoet @JulieBritt Original question: are love stories different when written by men vs. women. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

AuthorWilliam Some of what I am reading makes me think of how important writing relationships are to writing love. Simple but needs to be said. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robbyncintyre @AuthorWilliam So sorry. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
jadettepaige @GLHancock I wonder too, GL. Sort of like Bridges of Madison County type story. something to think about. #litchat romance readers -1:52 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robbyncintyre @marirandomities Men writing love stories #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
LitChat Apologies for the ping-pong convo today. Let it develop naturally, rather than direct specific questions. Sorry. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @AuthorWilliam Only writing relationships matters. Do that write, U must have got both protagonists right be extension #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
marirandomities RT @LitChat: We are discussing love stories penned by men. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bigreader101 Some authors (Hemingway) construct masculinity, the ones who don't are probably better with love #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
MizMisk #litchat Talking to myself... lol -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @LitChat I think it's been illuminating. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @LitChat I came late - but I like how you moderate: very organic. It's why I learn so much. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
kashicat Does this question also revolve partly around how well each gender can get into the other's heads and POVs? #litchat (Already covered?) -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robbyncintyre @gamesafoot Really? Well - how smart am I!? #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
marirandomities Me too! Learned a lot from male friends. RT @gamesafoot: @BryanThomasS I love to read mens POV on relationships. Its fascinating. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @robbyncintyre Thank you, Robyn. :-) #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock @jadettepaige Now, there's a sloppy sentimental one that I must admit I LOVE! (Bridges) #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett Again, love stories are about characters. Chabon writes GREAT love stories. But you don't immed. think of them as such. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @bigreader101 Hemingway constructed 1 version of masculinity. 1 that looks tired these days #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis I guess I'm not getting why love = not masculine... #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
LitChat Let's finish today by looking at whether love stories penned by men are different than those written by women. What do you think? #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @robbyncintyre Well. Very smart if you figured out the origin of screwballs without a professor! #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @robbyncintyre You're so cool. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bigreader101 RT @21stCscribe: @bigreader101 Hemingway constructed 1 version of masculinity. 1 that looks tired these days #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett He achieves that through great use of character. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock @LitChat Exactly what I have been asking in various ways: in writing, to readers, to other writers? What's the diff? #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @LitChat The story told by men tends to cover a longer period of time vs. women's stories that seem to take place in days or weeks. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @CathrynLouis Love is perceived as unmanly because it requires vulnerability and self-reflection. Neither of which are manly. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CathrynLouis I studied men a lot for my novel. It's fascinating. My perspective is so different. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions @LitChat I think: of course because authors differ and people differ and men differ from men who differ from women. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @gamesafoot *blush* #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @LitChat They can differ, if for no other reason than because of the different lenses we're raised to see ourselves through. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
alisonwells Personally I don't notice a difference, once the authors are accomplished, character, motives believable #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
quietriot_girl RT @21stCscribe: @quietriot_girl U think me & Dan wouldn't prefer mud wrestling? #litchat I'm not precious about my clothes, except when dressed as a woman -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @CathrynLouis Men are so precious when it comes to discussing their views on love: it's very enlightening. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @gamesafoot That's a really interesting perspective. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock @robertjbennett Unmanly or unspoken by men? #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre Aren't all stories abt love and relationships in the end? What and how you love defines who you are. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett RT @AuthorWilliam: @LitChat They can differ, if for no other reason than because of the different lenses we're raised to see ourselves through. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
quietriot_girl @21stCscribe @agnieszasshoes who said anything about clothes? #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @robertjbennett Yet - men do very 'manly' things because of love. What reason is there to protect if not for love? #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions Real men love. #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
agnieszasshoes @LitChat I don't think so. But I tend to like authors who are unlike anyone else at all #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt @homeconfessions Real men write about love. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @CathrynLouis That becomes difficult when the object of affection doesn't want/need protection. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @robynmcintyre yes, except most novels are from 1 POV, so relationship is only from 1 side of it #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock What is a "real man"? #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot I wish men would write more romances: their perspective is so valuable in that genre. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions RT @JulieBritt: @homeconfessions Real men write about love. Yeh, baby. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JarikaJohnson If the talent is different, so is the writing. Otherwise, there's no reason a love story written by a man isn't just as good. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @quietriot_girl we'd need those belts that hold in our girths... #litchat Even Sumo wrestlers have them -1:58 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett A good writer knows a bit about human nature, regardless of gender, and so should be able to write love. #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thedaisyharris @thelivingpoet On #litchat, or do you mean in RL? -1:59 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @quietriot_girl also we'd both be hamstrung by our short-sightedness once our specs go flying #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JulieBritt @GLHancock George Clooney #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robymcintyre @21stCscribe Well, when you're living a relationship, that's all you ever see, right? #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe RT @GLHancock: What is a "real man"? #litchat one who strips away the illusive realities -2:00 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock As always, your writing will be better if you know what you're writing about, via personal experience OR research. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @robertjbennett Oh - I meant protect in a general sense. Men are traditionally the hunters/protectors - perhaps love is a driver. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot Yes. RT @robertjbennett: A good writer knows a bit about human nature, regardless of gender, and so should be able to write love. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @thedaisyharris Ha, both my sisters-in-law are the reason I think that. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock RT @21stCscribe: RT @GLHancock: What is a "real man"? #litchat one who strips away the illusive realities Sounds like a shrink #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe Why can you market romance to women, but less so to men? What does that say about cultural constructions of the market? #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt RT @alisonwells: Personally I dont notice a difference, once the authors are accomplished, character, motives believable #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robymcintyre @CathrynLouis Action (providing/protecting) is historically how men showed love. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
marirandomities It seems I'll have to jump in early on Wed. Convo is great but I simply can't follow. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @robymcintyre yes but we've talked of writing it from multi POV. Most novels stick with individual #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @21stCscribe Harlequin once claimed that at least 10% of their readers were male. I think it's higher now thanks to ebooks. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock As with rules, there are no "shoulds" either. Just good practices that lead to success. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JulieBritt @21stCscribe I think you'd have to remove the pink covers with handbags and shoes and flowers and such to market them to men. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @CathrynLouis It's an interesting idea. But how do we satisfy those drives in these days of abundance? #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robymcintyre @21stCscribe I think because fantasy love (romance novels) tend to be goeey. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thedaisyharris @robertjbennett Hm. interesing. I'm just sayin I don't think there's anything "unhealthy" or "shallow" abt wanting to gt married. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
ThomasRaymond #litchat Good writers understand that love in real life generally equals ambivalence at some level. -2:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @GLHancock Men are not encouraged to be self-reflective. man is assumed to just be, rather than explore its cultural construction #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis I agree! RT @robymcintyre: @CathrynLouis Action (providing/protecting) is historically how men showed love. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
alisonwells RT @21stCscribe: @GLHancock Men are not encouraged to be self-reflective. man is assumed to just be, rather than explore its cultural construction #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

homeconfessions Thanks all--my first tweetchat. #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock Some continue to confuse Romances with love stories. Romances are formulaic fantasies. Love stories are more about reality. #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @thedaisyharris I completely agree with that. I had a big discussion w/1 sister-in-law abt the numerous advantages to marriage. #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AngelaDove @GLHancock Down with 'shoulds' in any venue! #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @21stCscribe I use multi point of view, though not usually in the same scenes. But I don't write romance. #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @gamesafoot still 9 to 1. Romance like any genre is a marketing label. Therefore it targets its market #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @thedaisyharris Many of which have nothing to do with love, naturally. #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
alisonwells RT @ThomasRaymond: #litchat Good writers understand that love in real life generally equals ambivalence at some level. -2:03 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @homeconfessions Good to meet you. Thanks for going us today. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thelivingpoet Trying to find a place to jump back into the the #litchat conversation. It's moving pretty fast today. -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AngelaDove @thomasraymond love = ambivalence? Huh? #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
LitChat Hot topic, this MEN IN LOVE. We're at the end of the hour, but feel free to continue the convo. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
FrankDiCesare RT @thomasraymond: #litchat Good writers understand that love in real life generally equals ambivalence at some level. >>>Nice! -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
cynditefft RT @GLHancock: Some continue to confuse Romances with love stories. Romances are formulaic fantasies. Love stories are more about reality. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @robertjbennett I don't know how to satisfy those drives, but romantic suspense is a natural genre in which to write about it. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot @21stCscribe Which is why more writers are writing the male perspective. Mary Balogh & Lisa Kleypas focus more on men than women. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thedaisyharris @21stCscribe My husband loves war movies. Is that cuz he's a guy, or because war movies are marketed to men? #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
JarikaJohnson I've enjoyed this...will def be back! #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock Men not self-reflective? What gender are most famous philosophers, critics, psychologists? #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
jadettepaige @GLHancock Yep, now something like that would be much better than BB MT, don't you think? #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @robynmcintyre no, I don't write romances either #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
cynditefft @GLHancock It's too bad "Love Stories" isn't a genre unto itself, tho. #litchat It would make things much easier IMHO. -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thelivingpoet RT @21stCscribe: Why can you market romance to women, but less so to men? What does that say about cultural constructions of the market? #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
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LitChat Convo today was more conceptual, on Wednesday, we'll get more into specifics. We'll talk authors and titles. Do come back for more #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett @CathrynLouis Maybe our perception of how men react to and sustain love will have to change. Who knows? #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AngelaDove @robynmcintyre I love multiple POV because you get to play with each characters biases and foibles. #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam Thanks all for the great chat. To me the "ping pong" nature of today's talk speaks to how the founding issue causes us to "vibrate" #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre I wonder if good writers are all philosophers in the mind? Another topic perhaps. #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
inkgypsy RT @LitChat: Convo today was more conceptual, on Wednesday, we'll get more into specifics. We'll talk authors and titles. Do come back for more #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett Unfortunately, I can't come to the Weds #litchat. Hope it's as fun as this one's been! -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
KevSparrow71 Love comes from the heart, from the soul. Gender differences are a moot point when it is soulful. Remember, accept. #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
gamesafoot Bye everyone - I hope I'm on time Wednesday. #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis @robertjbennett I don't really have a built-in perception. I study, record and try to write what I see. #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock @jadettepaige Candy is bad for you, too, but I still love Godiva and Bridges! #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam @LitChat Will be there. Bravo to you today. #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AngelaDove @GLHancock Are those men self-reflective or just holding forth in blowhard fashion? LOL #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
RaeBeta RT @21stCscribe: Why can you market romance to women, but less so to men? What does that say about cultural constructions of the market? #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @thedaisyharris you'd have to find what it is exactly he likes about them. The military commands male bonding, as do team sports #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CathrynLouis This is so much fun! Sorry to have to leave. See you on Wednesday! #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
BryanThomasS @robynmcintyre I don't think that's wrong. In Western culture, we tend to distinguish between sexes rather than individuals. #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @GLHancock reflective externally about the world around them (in order to conquer/colonise usually). Not about manhood #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
BryanThomasS Which is why stereotypes are the easy way out. They may be relatable but they are hardly accurate and not very interesting #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
CarolyBurnsBass RT @GLHancock: [Don't] confuse Romances with love stories. Romances are formulaic fantasies. Love stories are more about reality. #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre We all have everything within us, just in different increments and priorities. #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @LitChat more conceptual- ha ha sorry about that! Thanks for gr8 Chat #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @BryanThomasS Indeed. That particularly chafed my butt in the 1960s. #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
alisonwells Thanks a lot! @LitChat Will put thinking cap on re specific authors for Weds #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock RT: @cynditefft: @GLHancock It's too bad "Love Stories" isn't a genre unto itself, tho. #litchat Nooo, love is soooo mainstream! -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robertjbennett @CathrynLouis One of the best things to do in writing, though, is to examine why we think the way we think. We can play around. #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

LitChat The floor is open now. Pitch away those blogs, books and other links about reading and writing. #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

BryanThomasS @GLHancock I do have friendships w/ women. My wife & female betas also contrib, but sometimes I need a boost 2 get in the mindset #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe @robynmcintyre philosophy has dried up with no real insights for 50-60 years? An arid discipline now #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam Yes - I think today we will ALL have some meat to continue chewing on. #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JulieBritt Bye, y'all #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

BryanThomasS @robynmcintyre I am widely travelled, so I put my stereotypes aside decades ago, although I enjoy employing them for humor #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

agnieszkasshoes thanks everyone for a super #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

BryanThomasS Totally unrelated, but holding the first ARC of my first novel which just came in the mail. Feels good. #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

sticky_t Thanks for the chat, everyone! Fun listening in, as always. #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @LitChat Extremely interesting chat today. Great moderation. #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

inkgypsy @21stCscribe No, no. Just has a new platform. Called 'blogging'. ;) #litchat (re philosophy dried up) -2:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

teetate Is there a link for #litchat transcripts? I missed it yet again. :(-2:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

kriheli @LitChat (applause) #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @21stCscribe I agree, I think. But that doesn't make what came before irrelevant. #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Follow her folks, she's one sharp writer. RT @homeconfessions: Thanks all--my first tweetchat. #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

JulieBritt Some of my fiction here: <http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt> <http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt2> <http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt3> #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam Always illuminating talking with you! #litchat #follow -2:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe @robynmcintyre but where has it got us? God gone. Descartes duality gone. marx's scientific materialism discredited #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

GLHancock For practical writing help, visit my Amazon bibliography <http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B002X0CX50> #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

bobbydevito blog on my new book BURNED at: bobbydbook.tumblr.com - a rock and roll fairy tale. have at it #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

LitChat Thanks. Many great voices in the convo today. RT @robynmcintyre: @LitChat Extremely interesting chat today. Great moderation. #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @BryanThomasS Not unrelated. I hope to do so myself one of these days. #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

21stCscribe @robynmcintyre we are no nearer defining emotions. Field shifted to scientific study of mind #litchat -2:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

robynmcintyre @inkgypsy I like that blogs=philosophy development #litchat -2:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
michaelmhughes #litchat my collection of short horror stories, "Invocation of the Incisor and Other Dark Tales" ebook: http://bit.ly/9LtOXk -2:13 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
cynditefft #litchat Blog pitch "Love Stories" 'Cuz I do. :) http://ctefft.blogspot.com -2:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock Latest article: writing articles the slacker way -- http://www.amazon.com/Articles-Slacker-Successful-Writer-ebook/dp/B003XKNFW4 #litchat -2:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @21stCscribe Evolution takes a long time, so do ideas. You keep lking & sharing wht you find. There's no definitive answer, anywy. #litchat -2:15 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
LitChat This week's chats will be posted Sunday. You can read archives: http://bit.ly/RmCtO . RT @teetate: Is there link for #litchat transcripts? -2:16 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
michaelmhughes @bobbydevito #litchat downloading a sample of BURNED now... looks interesting! -2:16 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
Madison_Woods @robynmcintyre my blog is sometimes philosophical. Sometimes writerly or funny, too. http://madisonwoods.wordpress.com . #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @Madison_Woods Thanks! Will read. #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @robynmcintyre my problem with fiction is that it doesn't actually try & get to grips with human emotion for all its protestations #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
inkgypsy @robynmcintyre Seriously - where else do you see mass 'consideration'? Many actually have smthing to say. Forums too are important. #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock Today's book review on "A Writer's Edge" is debut novel of horror & ... wow! http://awritersedge.posterous.com/review-of-deleeuw #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
michaelmhughes My thoughts on "book smell" and other arguments against e-readers: http://michaelmhughes.com/wordpress/?p=454 #litchat -2:18 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
AuthorWilliam The feeling is more than mutual, Robyn, thank you :) RT @robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam Always illuminating talking with you! #litchat #follow -2:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @robynmcintyre That too many authors failing 2 have anything worth sharing. Novels need 2 update 2current sensibilities & go deeper #litchat -2:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
inkgypsy RT @GLHancock: Today's book review on "A Writer's Edge" is debut novel of horror & ... wow! http://awritersedge.posterous.com/review-of-deleeuw #litchat -2:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @21stCscribe Probably because language is really a clumsy vehicle for doing so. #litchat -2:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
homeconfessions Thanking #LitChat for today's talk about men writing about love. -2:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
Madison_Woods @robynmcintyre I'd love to have you stop in for a spell. Lemme know and I'll brew up some coffee or pour us some wine :) #litchat -2:19 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thelivingpoet @21stCscribe You really don't think that fiction tries to authentically deal with human emotions? #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock @cynditefft True, too, that love stories can appear within a genre piece. Mean "love" is so much a part of real life-mainstream. #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @inkgypsy You're right. It's something that was niggling at me but the light didn't come on til you said that. #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @robynmcintyre Aha now we're getting to crux. And what ought writers to be dealing in? Language. By & large, they don't explore it #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock @inkgypsy TY You're so kind! #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010

bobbydevito the novel i am writing now goes nowhere, explains nothing, and dawdles in postmodern malaise. #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock @michaelmhughes Did you know "smelly" e-readers invented for college students? #litchat -2:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robertjbennett @21stCscribe It's extremely tough to talk about. How do fish discuss water? #litchat -2:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bobbydevito how baroque and ornate does language have to be? don't you want average uneducated culturally illiterate folk to like your book? #litchat -2:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @GLHancock Maybe so much a part that we have overlapping limitations in seeing it well? #litchat -2:21 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @bobbydevito Sounds like my life on toast. #litchat -2:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
inkgypsy @michaelmhughes Nice post! Must add that smell is the longest, most potent 'memory' we have - important. ;) #litchat -2:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
inkgypsy RT @michaelmhughes: My thoughts on "book smell" and other arguments against e-readers: http://michaelmhughes.com/wordpress/?p=454 #litchat -2:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bobbydevito how many book customers have college degrees and have studied lit theory and cultural studies? and do those grads buy books? #litchat -2:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @michaelmhughes: My thoughts on "book smell" and other arguments against e-readers: http://michaelmhughes.com/wordpress/?p=454 #litchat -2:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @thelivingpoet I don't think it does terribly gd job. Can't comment on authenticity #litchat Emotions are non-linear, Lit is linear #litchat -2:22 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
GLHancock @robynmcintyre Uh, what are "overlapping limitations"? All we know is all we know. #litchat -2:23 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bobbydevito i mean, i already feel like a culturally elite total f#\$cking snob because of my education. i don't want to flaunt it to readers #litchat -2:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
WSCreations @robynmcintyre So, do you think I should consider changing my artistic direction from making bookmarks? LOL #litchat -2:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
robynmcintyre @GLHancock Sorry; didn't mean to be convoluted. I am thinking abt they way societal expectations hv influencd the way we see things #litchat -2:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
thelivingpoet @21stCscribe There's non-linear lit out there. Several postmodern authors are trying to address that exact problem. #litchat -2:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @robertjbennett we gotta try though right? In an intelligent way ... Metaphor is way of trying to illuminate & metaphor is literary #litchat -2:24 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
21stCscribe @bobbydevito horses for courses. Language needs to be deconstructed sometimes #litchat -2:25 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
bobbydevito being mentored by Randy Wayne White taught me a LOT. Randy WORKS. 4am-noon EVERY DAMN DAY. i was intrigued and scared #litchat -2:25 PM Aug 2nd, 2010
WEDNESDAY: August 4, 2010
LitChat Greetings! We're beginning another hour of #litchat -1:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JM_Kelley Breaking from the writing binge to follow #litchat -1:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010
LitChat An easy way to follow #litchat is at http://bit.ly/MH5Qs . Login w/Twitter and introduce yourself. -1:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock Checked my library. Can't find books classified "love story". Lotsa sci-fi, horror, classics, feminist, erotica, mainstream... #litchat -1:02 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GeneDoucette hey guess what? there is NOBODY in #itchat right now. #litchat -1:02 PM Aug 4th, 2010
LexxClarke Good evening all,all round lit lover from the UK #litchat -1:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JM_Kelley I think Nicholas Sparks is the most obvious current male writer of love stories #litchat -1:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CathrynLouis Hi all! #litchat -1:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010
mmj5170 Can't believe it. I am actually at my desk at the time of litchat! Hello again to all! #litchat -1:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010
LitChat Let's keep the chat on topic today and save the personal pitches, blog posts, and off-topic questions for right after the chat. #litchat -1:04 PM Aug 4th, 2010
PIBarrington RT @GeneDoucette: hey guess what? there is NOBODY in #itchat right now. #litchat Hey, just returned from RWA! Whaddya' want? -1:04 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock is a publishing guide/editor/writer first published in 1964, but above all else, a veteran Reader. I read, thus I critique. #litchat -1:04 PM Aug 4th, 2010
IanB022 Good evening all #litchat -1:04 PM Aug 4th, 2010
LitChat @mmj5170 Howdy! Great to see you here. Please jump in with both feet. #litchat -1:05 PM Aug 4th, 2010
PIBarrington RT @mmj5170: Can't believe it. I am actually at my desk at the time of litchat! Hello again to all! #litchat ~I know, me too!~~ -1:05 PM Aug 4th, 2010
bobbydevito what is authenticity to you, and what does it mean to your writing? #litchat -1:05 PM Aug 4th, 2010
titangirl09 Hi all. I don't really read any male writers on the topic of love. Maybe I'll be won over after this chat! #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JM_Kelley Hoping for some good recs to come of the chat. I love the male perspective. #litchat -1:06 PM Aug 4th, 2010
LitChat @GLHancock We're using the term "love stories" in place of "romances," for reasons to keep away from genre confusion. #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 4th, 2010
thedaisyharris @GeneDoucette Don't tempt me. I'm trying to #amrevising. Anyway, I always stir up trouble. #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 4th, 2010
FrankDiCesare Hello there, litchatters. Sorry I'm late. #litchat -1:07 PM Aug 4th, 2010
LitChat @titangirl09 But first, perhaps you can tell us why you don't read male writers on topic of love. #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010
_jude #litchat Do you think it's a myth that men tend to write love stories as tragedies? Like Nicholas Sparks. -1:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010
michaelmhughes Best book about young love from male perspective: Endless Love by Scott Spencer. Seriously. Ignore the movie & read it #litchat #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JM_Kelley I'm not usually a very emotional reader, but James Patterson's Suzanne's Diary For Nicholas turned me into utter goo. #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock @LitChat Uh, we're actually discussing the Romance genre, then? This is so confusing! #litchat -1:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010
AuthorWilliam William here, a bit late but locked and loaded for #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 4th, 2010
FrankDiCesare @_jude No. It's a fact that dates back to Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 4th, 2010
robynmcintyre Hay-lo, folkage - how's trix? #litchat -1:09 PM Aug 4th, 2010

titangirl09 @LitChat I'm not sure why I don't read from the male perspective. I think female writers are more emotional so I relate to that. #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LexxClarke @AuthorWilliam @robynmcintyre hi there! #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GeneDoucette @PIBarrington I mean I actually typed "itchat" into tweetchat and found only emptiness. #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM_Kelley @GLHancock love stories and romance: not the same. Romance=happily ever after, love stories more in depth and not always end well #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @titangirl09 Interesting, why is that? #litchat -1:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010

wotv @JM_Kelley As you might expect from him, James Patterson's latest love story is penned by someone else - a woman. #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GeneDoucette maybe I'm being dense but does anyone read books ABOUT love? #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LexxClarke Hmm interesting... RT @titangirl09: ...female writers are more emotional so I relate to that. #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010

Saffy Hi #litchat I don't tend to read lovestories or romance that much but I tend to prefer the ones written by men - they seem more real to me -1:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @LexxClarke Greetings, friend! #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GeneDoucette Isn't that like saying "I like reading books about laughter and anger" #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AustinMullen @GeneDoucette Romance novels? #litchat -1:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock @JM_Kelley Back to "Bridges"? It's written by a man, and it's a love story. And I love it... #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM_Kelley @wotv I'm hoping the book I mentioned is so old it predates the 'written by someone else' phase! #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010

FrankDiCesare I love understatement in literature, especially in love scenes. It keeps them from becoming cliché. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010

PIBarrington @bobbydevito ~Authenticity, for me, is being brutally honest w/myself as to whether I'm writing the best of my ability. ~~ #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @titangirl09 Oops, asked the same question while you were typing your answer. Thanks for your honesty. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010

inkgypsy RT @LitChat: @GLHancock We're using the term "love stories" in place of "romances," for reasons to keep away from genre confusion. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre I maintain that every story is a love story. #litchat -1:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GeneDoucette @AustinMullen are romance novels about love? Or is love a component of romance novels? #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IreneZiegler Who was the guest Irish writer from a week or 2 ago, said all his stories are love stories? #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CathrynLouis Faulkner? Tennessee Williams? Do you consider some of what they wrote as love stories? #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat That could be very disturbing. RT @GeneDoucette: I mean I actually typed "itchat" into tweetchat and found only emptiness. #litchat -1:13 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LeahPetersen Someone want to throw the starting topic my way? #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AustinMullen @GeneDoucette Well, to be frank, romance novels are about sex. But more "about" than "featuring", I'd say. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat Yes! Frank Delaney @FDbytheWord. RT @IreneZiegler: Who was guest Irish writer from who said all his stories are love stories? #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 4th, 2010

_jude @JM_Kelley: @GLHancock love stories more in depth || not always, witness The Bridges of Madison County. #litchat -1:14 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock RT @AustinMullen: @GeneDoucette Well, to be frank, romance novels are about sex. But more "about" than "featuring", Id say. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010

jessenovels RT @Saffy: Hi #litchat I don't tend to read lovestories or romance that much but I tend to prefer the ones written by men - they seem more real to me -1:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GeneDoucette @AustinMullen I agree with you completely. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre @CathrynLouis Unrequited love, searching for love, killing for love. There's always love. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM_Kelley Ooh, Google saves me. Jane's House by Robert Kimmel Smith. Another oldie that slayed me. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat We're discussing love stories (novels) penned by men. RT @LeahPetersen: Someone want to throw the starting topic my way? #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JulieBritt Checking in late. #litchat -1:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @AustinMullen I like the distinction between "about" and "featuring" - very nice. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010

_jude RT @AustinMullen: @GeneDoucette romance novels are about sex. || not remotely true though sex is present in more romance now #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010

PIBarrington @PIBarrington ~And then there's versimilitude~~ #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010

PitchMyNovel RT @LitChat: We're discussing love stories (novels) penned by men. RT @LeahPetersen: Someone want to throw the starting topic my way? #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GeneDoucette @LeahPetersen men writing abt love. As soon as we define what "love" is and who "men" are. Pretty sure we get "writing" tho. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010

jessenovels I use to read, but it all seems kinda of dull and rehashed, that's why I stick manga and comics. #litchat -1:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CathrynLouis I agree. RT @robynmcintyre: "@CathrynLouis Unrequited love, searching for love, killing for love. There's always love. #litchat" -1:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @GeneDoucette: @LeahPetersen men writing abt love. As soon as we define what "love" is and who "men" are. Pretty sure we get "writing" tho. #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LeahPetersen The most touching love story I ever read was a literary novel w/ a m/m relationship written by a straight man, Call Me By Your Name #litchat -1:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010

inkgypsy @GLHancock How about 'stories about love'? That doesn't equate with romance, not in the same way.#litchat -1:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010

_jude The shallow presumption that tragedy in love stories means greater literary worth reminds me of Otto Penzler's theory on mysteries. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LexxClarke The book which comes straight to mind for me is Lady Chatterley's Lover #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks RT @GLHancock: is a publishing guide/editor/writer first published in 1964, but above all else, a veteran Reader. I read, thus I critique. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM_Kelley @LeahPetersen define men? *gets medical charts* Now, if you direct your attention down here.... #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock @LitChat It occurred to me too that most novels are about love or contain love stories. But there's no category of books so named. #litchat -1:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LexxClarke Bwahahaha RT @JM_Kelley: @LeahPetersen define men? *gets medical charts* Now, if you direct your attention down here.... #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 4th, 2010
sjfbooks I say the more the merrier! #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 4th, 2010
inkgypsy Are we talking romantic love? #litchat Maybe talking Greek will help: http://bit.ly/181SAx -1:19 PM Aug 4th, 2010
IreneZiegler Ian McEwan's First Love, Enduring Love, Atonement. All visceral and terrific. #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 4th, 2010
IreneZiegler @_jude Which is? #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 4th, 2010
FrankDiCesare One of the best -- and most realistic -- love stories I've ever read is still Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms." #litchat -1:19 PM Aug 4th, 2010
LeahPetersen @GeneDoucette what about not-very-girly women writing the male POV? with fistfights AND love scenes? #litchat :p -1:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010
inkgypsy @GLHancock I think that's because anytime you have a relationship some sort of love/anti-love occurs (see my Greek tweet). #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes RT @inkgypsy: Are we talking romantic love? #litchat Maybe talking Greek will help: http://bit.ly/181SAx -1:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock RT @FrankDiCesare: One of the best -- and most realistic -- love stories I've ever read is still Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms." #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JulieBritt I get the feeling we're arguing about something, but I'm not sure what. That's what I get for being late again. #litchat -1:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010
AustinMullen @smartbitches #Litchat can't seem to decide if romos are "about" love and/or sex, halp! -1:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010
deannaschryer RT @Writers_Life: Dealing with Depression to access our Creativity http://ow.ly/1FLsX #Writers_Life #amwriting #litchat #creativity -1:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes My WIP is about Love. Basically the stupid things people do to get love, and the trouble it causes. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GeneDoucette @GLHancock yah, that's what I've been saying. "Love" is entirely too general; it shows up in lots of places. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock @FrankDiCesare Yes! I looked at my shelf of Papa's books and books about Papa and thought, there were love stories there. #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010
Saffy twitter is #twitterfail for me this evening :(#litchat -1:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010
bigkafka Recently read a remake of The Little Prince as a male teenager getting lost in desert and finds love PPDA #litchat -1:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes Each of the characters meets some misfortune due to their poor choices in acquiring love. #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 4th, 2010
pursoot RT @LeahPetersen: @GeneDoucette what about not-very-girly women writing the male POV? with fistfights AND love scenes? #litchat :p -1:22 PM Aug 4th, 2010
FrankDiCesare @GLHancock Papa teaches all of us writers today that a true love story must be balanced with the pain we all endure in life. #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @bigkafka man that chapter, what is it, 21 of little prince, that's perfect #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 4th, 2010
KimberlyFarris what is the difference between a love story and a romance? #litchat -1:22 PM Aug 4th, 2010
_jude @IreneZiegler He felt women wrote fluff in mysteries, that men's focus on drunken damaged characters signalled a commitment to art. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre Men can definitely write about love, but are they good at writing w/ love as the main theme? Maybe that's wht we're driving toward? #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock @FrankDiCesare The course of true love never runs smoothly? #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 4th, 2010
IanB022 Add The Cement Garden to those RT @IreneZiegler: Ian McEwan's First Love, Enduring Love, Atonement. All visceral and terrific. #litchat -1:23 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @robynmcintyre that's a bit sexist, isn't it? #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GeneDoucette My MC's tend to be solitary characters not in relationships or necessarily looking for them. I've yet to write abt love other.. #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GeneDoucette ...than subtextually. #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010
AustinMullen @robynmcintyre Uhh, I'm pretty sure we are also capable of experiencing love ;P #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010
IreneZiegler Every story is about love, it seems. Can you name one that isn't? So, not sure what we mean by writing "about love." #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @KimberlyFarris a romance is porn for women, lol #litchat -1:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks Hi, #litchat Chiming in now tho I've been lurking to be sure what the topic is. -1:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock Just reread Miller's "Black Book" Definitely a love story -- with himself! #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @GLHancock a smooth relationship makes for very boring literature #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010
AuthorWilliam Many of us here are writers perhaps an honest reflection of how we approach love in our writing? (What do you think @Litchat?) #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JulieBritt @robynmcintyre Some men are. McEwan, Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Charles Baxter, @JonClinch. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010
KimberlyFarris RT @TaoJoannes: @KimberlyFarris a romance is porn for women, lol//Ha #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010
bobbydevito in writing non-fiction specifically memoirs or other true life stuff, what is the difference between libel & defamation? #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010
LeahPetersen RT @TaoJoannes: @GLHancock a smooth relationship makes for very boring literature #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010
pussreboots @robynmcintyre Richard Paul Evans writes nothing but books where love is the main theme. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010
robynmcintyre @TaoJoannes @AustinMullen - not my belief. I'm just trying to clarify the question on the table. #litchat -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010
bigkafka Patrick Poivre d'Armor remakes The Little Prince w/ a love story. ... #litchat http://amzn.to/drwClr -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CathrynLouis RT @KimberlyFarris: "what is the difference between a love story and a romance? #litchat" -1:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010
SmartBitches @AustinMullen sorry what? Romos= romance novels or Tony Romo and his brother? #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JM_Kelley @robynmcintyre Last time I checked, men had hearts as well. #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock @CarolBMTbooks Your historical novel of Montana contains a lovely love story, but that isn't the main thrust (so to speak), right? #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010

Saffy @TaoJoannes @KimberlyFarris No erotica man! Romance is incipid where sex is concerned and I want sex sense personally #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010
AustinMullen It's wrong to generalise, but in general, I've never read M/M love written by a woman I would consider to be realistic #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010
FrankDiCesare RT @TaoJoannes: @GLHancock a smooth relationship makes for very boring literature. >>>>Amen to that! #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010
pursoot Love is a four letter word...so is lust, which comes first...the chicken or the egg? #litchat. -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010
IreneZiegler @_jude I certainly prefer "character driven" stories—love & mystery stories included. I wonder if by "fluff," he meant plot driven. #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GeneDoucette romance is a genre. Love story is a plot device. #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes They met, and things were perfect, and they lived happily ever after and their children were doctors. #litchat -1:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010
IreneZiegler RT @FrankDiCesare: RT @TaoJoannes: @GLHancock a smooth relationship makes for very boring literature. >>>>What he said! #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 4th, 2010
pussreboots @TaoJoannes Erotica is the porn for women. Romance is more focused on getting to the marriage or other happily ever after ending #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 4th, 2010
titangirl09 So funny! RT @SmartBitches: @AustinMullen sorry what? Romos= romance novels or Tony Romo and his brother? #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 4th, 2010
titangirl09 RT @GeneDoucette: romance is a genre. Love story is a plot device. #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 4th, 2010
AuthorWilliam The point has been made that most stories are about love or have a love element. This is a good point to make. #litchat -1:27 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock No, it's not. It's a subplot. Gold Under Ice has the continuing subplot: Dan decides what is real love. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010
robynmcintyre @pursoot I'd say lust, since I don't have to love someone to desire him. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010
sharifwrites RT @GeneDoucette: romance is a genre. Love story is a plot device. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010
FrankDiCesare RT @titangirl09: RT @GeneDoucette: romance is a genre. Love story is a plot device. >>>>Well put. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @GeneDoucette: @LeahPetersen men writing abt love. As soon as we define what "love" is and who "men" are. Pretty sure we get "writing" tho. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CathrynLouis RT @GeneDoucette: "romance is a genre. Love story is a plot device. #litchat" -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010
LeahPetersen @pursoot right, and "love" as a word is so vague? "love" meaning biological responses to sensory stimuli? there's good data on that #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010
jadettepaige @AuthorWilliam I want a HEA cause most of the time that doesn't happen in real life. #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @pussreboots that's what I mean, women driven 4 relationships the way men driven 4 sex. vicarious happy marriage = anonymous sex #litchat -1:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JLichtenberg RT @AuthorWilliam: @AustinMullen I like the distinction between "about" and "featuring" - very nice. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock @CarolBMTbooks Ooo! I can hardly wait! No other love stories in it? #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010

cynditefft #litchat I love it that everyone seems to have their own definition of "romance" versus "love story". It's why I'm changing my book to YA. -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010
AustinMullen @GLHancock Dismissing any genre wholesale is ill-advised at best and dangerous at worst #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GeneDoucette And to @Authorwilliam's question, my characters are usually outsiders alienated from a group. love stories don't come up often. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010
robynmcintyre I personally think men are just as capable of writing glorious love stories and sappy princess-finds-the-prince stuff as any woman. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010
SmartBitches .@AustinMullen Tony Romo and bro=no idea what they are about. Prolly sex. Romance novels:abt courtship, relationships, happiness. #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam And we're discussing specific books by men that contain love as an element, right? #litchat -1:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @FrankDiCesare Papa teaches us if we can't learn it ourselves. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock RT @AustinMullen: @GLHancock Dismissing any genre wholesale is ill-advised at best and dangerous at worst Yet, I don't hesitate! #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 4th, 2010
pussreboots @TaoJoannes Women are just as driven for sex as men are and men are as driven for relationships as women. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 4th, 2010
robynmcintyre @TaoJoannes Interesting thought. #litchat -1:30 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @pussreboots theoretically, perhaps, but, naw, I don't buy it. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010
jadettepaige @AuthorWilliam true but alot of them are tragedies. Not a very happy ending. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JM_Kelley RT @AustinMullen: @GLHancock Dismissing any genre wholesale is ill-advised at best and dangerous at worst #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010
LeahPetersen @pussreboots Another argument for generalizations are never true. ;) #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock Isn't the classic plot boy meets girl, boy loses girl, etc.? Love story. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @pussreboots little girls look forward to their big wedding, little boys don't #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010
ReganCoomer @cynditefft #litchat I think everyone should change their books to YA. JK. But I do love YA lit. Usually a fun and carefree read. -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010
robynmcintyre @pussreboots I'd agree w/ that; just approaches are different. #litchat -1:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes Maybe because "smooth relationships" are wishful thinking? #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 4th, 2010
AuthorWilliam @JulieBritt That's where we started however I think there is a significant discussion over how to define a love element happening #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 4th, 2010
Saffy @AustinMullen I wrote a M/M story which my male gay friends liked but I chickened out of sending it off, they said it was better... #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 4th, 2010
IreneZiegler Maybe men vs women's "love stories" (aha! Eric Segal!)is the difference between writing proactive or reactive stories. #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 4th, 2010
inkgypsy @cynditefft Um.. you'll still have to define what kind of YA it is though. #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre @TaoJoannes I never looked forward to mine (as in dreaming/planning for years). I had other stuff to do. #litchat -1:32 PM Aug 4th, 2010
rbwood RT @LeahPetersen The most touching love story I ever read was a novel w/ a m/m 'ship written by a straight man-Call Me By Your Name #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks hmm, but then that would make for great lit, right? vicarious experience? #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 4th, 2010
IreneZiegler Men like to do, women like to be done? (Ahem.) #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks instead, it's the thrilling, challenging, overcoming obstacle relationships we love #litchat -1:33 PM Aug 4th, 2010
Saffy @AustinMullen ... than my hubby's attempt as well which doesn't mean much as he's hetro I suppose #litchat you just need to talk to people;) -1:33 PM Aug 4th, 2010
_jude @AustinMullen Amen, Austin! I wonder at people who display contempt and dismissal for genre fiction. #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @robynmcintyre of course, many are different, but speaking broadly, many women do, and almost no men do #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 4th, 2010
pusreboots @TaoJoannes Then explain to me why my husband did all the wedding planning? #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes RT @IreneZiegler: Men like to do, women like to be done? (Ahem.) #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock Love stories can take so many forms: unrequited, love of your life, obsession, young, first, last ... what others? #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 4th, 2010
LeahPetersen @TaoJoannes Another argument for generalizations are never true. ;) #litchat -1:34 PM Aug 4th, 2010
pusreboots @TaoJoannes And the two guys I heard talking about their wedding plans with girlfriends (not present) that went on for 2 hours ? #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010
bigkafka @TaoJoannes - I thought theory was: women need to feel loved to enjoy sex, and men need sex to feel loved? #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010
inkgypsy @cynditefft I wish you luck - whatever it gets labeled! #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CathrynLouis LOLs! but not in my book... RT @IreneZiegler: "Men like to do, women like to be done? (Ahem.) #litchat" -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010
FrankDiCesare RT @IreneZiegler: Men like to do, women like to be done? (Ahem.) >>That's the BEST tweet I've read in a long time! Bravo! #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @GLHancock predatory love, controlling love, abusive love, unhealthy love, codependant love #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010
cynditefft Strangely enough, many people classify The Time Traveler's Wife as 'romance' but it's not. Romantic, but not romance #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010
robynmcintyre @IreneZiegler That's a valid viewpoint. Are women usually less proactive in female written romances? #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010
rbwood Men historically are 'visual' lovers. True men can 'feeling' lovers. Talented men write about those feeling eloquently. #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam I think we're discussing weddings now. #litchat -1:35 PM Aug 4th, 2010
cynditefft @inkgypsy #litchat Thanks! *grin* -1:36 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes Overcoming obstacles, challenging relationships are more interesting in real life, too. People write what they know? #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @pussreboots a specific girlfriend, a specific wedding with a date in mind? Or fantasizing about "one day"? #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 4th, 2010
IreneZiegler @robynmcintyre It's my impression women are more reactive, yes. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 4th, 2010
bigkafka #litchat - dichotomy love/sex must show very different between male authors and female authors. is that really so? -1:36 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock RT @TaoJoannes: @GLHancock predatory love, controlling love, abusive love, unhealthy love, codependant love no wonder so popular! #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 4th, 2010
_jude @robynmcintyre Entirely the opposite. Female written romance was where for years strong heroines could be found. #litchat -1:36 PM Aug 4th, 2010
LeahPetersen RT @rbwood: Men historically are 'visual' lovers. True men can 'feeling' lovers. Talented men write about those feeling eloquently. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010
robynmcintyre Yeah, I'd say there was a difference between romantic fiction and romance fiction. Perhaps a BIG difference? #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JM_Kelley If finding a definition of love that suits is difficult, then love stories aren't for you. Perhaps a lovely Ford Mustang manual? #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock I like boy meets girl, boy gets girl, & they have to live with it. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010
bigkafka Oscar Wilde "the importance of being earnest" -quite a treat! #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks So, maybe we don't WANT smooth relationships, life is a story we live, right? We make trouble, obstacles. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010
pussreboots @TaoJoannes I've never heard any of my female friends fantasizing about weddings. EVER. #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock RT @robynmcintyre: Yeah, I'd say there was a difference between romantic fiction and romance fiction. Perhaps a BIG difference? #litchat -1:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010
robynmcintyre @_jude Specifically, we were speaking of proactiveness w/ respect to sex. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010
pussreboots @TaoJoannes It's a stupid generalization propagated by the wedding industry. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @CarolBMTbooks: @GLHancock I like boy meets girl, boy gets girl, & they have to live with it. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock RT @CarolBMTbooks: @GLHancock I like boy meets girl, boy gets girl, & they have to live with it. LOL! Uh, but why? #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CathrynLouis @robynmcintyre Not always. I choose 2 read & write about proactive women. #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes The human tendency to ruffle smooth waters? #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @pussreboots okay #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010
cynditefft @robynmcintyre #litchat I wish there were a section of the book store for 'romantic fiction'. That's my fave kind! -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010
_jude @robynmcintyre Yes, I know. :) #litchat -1:38 PM Aug 4th, 2010
IreneZiegler @pussreboots They probably didn't play with Barbie dolls, then. She started it. #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

Saffy @_jude @robyncintyre really? most thing I've read as romance by female authors made me want to scream and scoured my eyes out #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CathrynLouis RT @rbwood: "Men historically r 'visual' lovers. True men can 'feeling' lovers. Talented men write abt those feeling eloquently. #litchat" -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @JulieBritt fair enough lol #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks Like end of "the Matrix" 'the first 1 was a paradise, they rejected it` #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock Because that's what happens. #litchat More interesting to me than happily ever after. -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

Saffy @_jude @robyncintyre pre 1985 anyway and that wasn't supposed to be another genre with a love story in it #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock RT @Saffy: most thing Ive read as romance by female authors made me want to scream and scoured my eyes out #litchat -1:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robyncintyre Has anyone perceived a trend in writing strong (focused, determined) heroines who suck at relationships? If so, who writes 'em? #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks RT @TaoJoannes: @CarolBMTbooks instead, it's the thrilling, challenging, overcoming obstacle relationships we love #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 4th, 2010

_jude @Saffy I am always a little suspicious when people dismiss an entire genre. It makes me wonder how widely they really read. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IreneZiegler @TaoJoannes I think life (and by extension, relationships) is chaotic in its natural state. We seek harmony. That's the journey. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 4th, 2010

FrankDiCesare RT @IreneZiegler: @pussreboots They probably didnt play with Barbie dolls,then. She started it. >>Ah, Barbie! Ah, humanity! #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM_Kelley RT @Saffy: @_jude @robyncintyre really? most thing I've read as romance by female authors made me want to scream and scoured my eyes out #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes Sorry, I haven't read or seen that. #litchat -1:40 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock @robyncintyre Yes. I've review a few in historical and like the strong woman -- like one who goes on to build a business empire #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

bigkafka the unbearable lightness of being - Kundera- what would have it been were Kundera a female? #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @pussreboots "I don't know anyone that voted for Nixon" #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @_jude: @Saffy I am always a little suspicious when people dismiss an entire genre. It makes me wonder how widely they really read. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

_jude @Saffy I agree that 25 years ago much fiction tended toward objectification and simplification of women. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock What about the daily adventure of long-term relationships? Or maybe there's not a novel big enough. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IreneZiegler @CarolBMTbooks I like boy meets girl, boy gets girl, boy loses girl, girl makes more money and self-actualizes. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robyncintyre @pussreboots Maybe that was more true when marriage was supposed to be the 1st biggest event in a woman's life. #litchat -1:41 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JulieBritt @robyncintyre There's a lot of that in TV. Workaholic female cops, attorneys, single mothers, etc., who can't find love. Books? #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 4th, 2010

<p>pursoot How many out there prefer 'happy endings'? Personally if too happy, I'm disappointed. Fiction should reflect reality, a little. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>TaoJoannes @IreneZiegler we like to THINK we seek harmony, but I think we seek tension & conflict, look at lit, what do we fantasize? #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes So are those "love"? #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>robynmcintyre @cynditefft I like a big romantic element in stories, too. No matter what the genre. #litchat -1:42 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>GLHancock @CarolBMTbooks Long-term relationship (successful one, anyway) is more boring than one with traps, rocks, defeats overcome. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>Saffy @_jude I keep trying to read it as I found myself writing it :/ I found ones I liked where written by a man under a female pen name #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>CarolBMTbooks @IreneZiegler If I only knew what self-actualizing meant. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>AuthorWilliam When I think of love stories I think romance as just one type. I think stories about friends, siblings, there're many love rel'shps #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>JM_Kelley @pursoot I like the angst. Sometimes the unhappy ending makes me purr with joy. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks Matrix:(1) computers make virtual world for humans to dream so humans can be used as power source #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>JulieBritt @pursoot In general I don't care for books in which women get saved by a happy ending with a man. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>GLHancock @pursoot You'd like European fiction! Lots of sad endings and loose ends. #litchat -1:43 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks Matrix(2): World resembles 20th century LA, with crime, poverty, violence, etc #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>robynmcintyre @CarolBMTbooks Maybe you just need FB posts for that, if you're not trying to explain them. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>Madison_Woods @TaoJoannes in reality, harmony *is* tension - one side pulling equally on the other is what creates balance. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>_jude @Saffy Which did you love/hate? #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock Ah, but there's no long term relationship without overcoming traps, rocks, defeats. #litchat -1:44 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>Saffy @_jude I was the kind of teenager who felt sick reading Sweet Valley High but lapped up the 'relationships' in Point Horrors :/ #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>robynmcintyre @JulieBritt Yeah, I was thinking specifically of TV & wondered abt books. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>raspee @AuthorWilliam I hear you and agree as well! #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks Matrix(3) at end, villain program tells hero human that the first world created was perfect paradise, didn't work #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>Saffy @_jude though they were chronic too! #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes Matrix: So that isn't the "real" LA? #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Also the married couple. There is love, not necessarily romance. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>robynmcintyre Happiness & harmony are only satisfying when we have something to compare them to. #litchat -1:45 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>

lanB022 @pursoot I like a 'resolved' ending - in a love story that implies some degree of happiness #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 4th, 2010
IreneZiegler RT @pursoot: happy endings? Fiction should reflect reality>>Agree.But "unhappy" endings have 2 be satisfying in other ways. #litchat -1:46 PM Aug 4th, 2010
_jude @Saffy I never read either of those series. I was into the Hardy Boys and Encyclopedia Brown (even earlier). #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks it is, but point is that humans rejected the paradise world, preferring pain of real life #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010
inkgypsy @bigkafka (rewinding a little) I'm not sure on 'need to feel loved' for women - 'wanted' perhaps. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock The "romance" part of any love story doesn't last long. Hence, all the articles about "put the romance back in ..." #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010
robynmcintyre @CarolBMTbooks I was born there - there is no REAL L.A. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock Live with it? Because they don't like the alternatives. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010
latta #litchat i prefer broken, damaged people who somehow manage to carve out a slice of happiness w/oneanother, however fleeting. -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010
IreneZiegler @robynmcintyre What do you mean by a big romantic element? #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010
AuthorWilliam RT @JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Also the married couple. There is love, not necessarily romance #litchat <absolutely tho romance can b in play -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010
robynmcintyre @_jude I read Sherlock Holmes and Andre Norton. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CathrynLouis It's still story that's the driver, whether told by man or woman - who made the reader feel the love and emotion. #litchat -1:47 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @Madison_Woods yes, but we seek the extremes and the swing back to center #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @Saffy That would be my reaction, too. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 4th, 2010
inkgypsy RT @AuthorWilliam: When I think of love stories I think romance as just one type. I think stories about friends, siblings, there're many love rel'shps #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 4th, 2010
cynditefft RT @robynmcintyre: Happiness & harmony are only satisfying when we have something to compare them to. #litchat -1:48 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @robynmcintyre I've been there & I agree! LA is unreal. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010
robynmcintyre @lanB022 @pursoot I like a resolved ending in the sense most of the ppl involved are satisfied it had to be that way, if not happy. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JM_Kelley RT @CathrynLouis: It's still story that's the driver, whether told by man or woman - who made the reader feel the love and emotion. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010
AuthorWilliam Of Mice and Men comes to mind comes to mind. Just on face value there is a brotherhood and a commitment between George and Lennie. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks depends on what "love" is, isn't it? platonic ideal or gritty reality #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JulieBritt Where is our moderator? Probably off reading a book. Or writing one. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010

_jude @CarolBMTbooks: @Saffy That would be my reaction, too. | | Would? As in haven't read any? #litchat - 1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre @CarolBMTbooks That's because everyone invents it for themselves. #litchat -1:49 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock @AuthorWilliam Yes, of course many types of love, but I think the "love story" written by men we are considering is boy/girl sex. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam I also like the exploration of male/female friendships in love stories. How that is navigated. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes Sounds like two poles with much in between. Doesn't have to be either/or. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks RT @robynmcintyre: @pussreboots Maybe that was more true when marriage was supposed to be the 1st biggest event in a woman's life. #litchat -1:50 PM Aug 4th, 2010

_jude @AuthorWilliam Any good examples of that exploration? #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre @IreneZiegler Romantic in the sense of an idea or ideal, an overarching drive to complete smthing, regardless of outcome #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Also relationships between parents and child. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @_jude Yup. Read a bunch to see if they might be for me. They aren't. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM_Kelley @AuthorWilliam Big ditto> I also like the exploration of male/female friendships in love stories. How that is navigated. #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock @AuthorWilliam Right! I didn't necessarily mean there had to be sex in the love story, just that it's the male/female one here, now #litchat -1:51 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks RT @AuthorWilliam: When I think of love stories I think romance as just one type. I think stories about friends, siblings, there're many love rel'shps #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks or even multibimensional, a continuum of healthy-unhealthy, fulfilling-empty, what have you.#litchat -1:52 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IanB022 Nick Hornby, High Fidelity RT @_jude: @AuthorWilliam Any good examples of that exploration? #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 4th, 2010

KellyHitchcock Love in the Time of Cholera - not the love story I would have written, but if I were a man, maybe it would've been... #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 4th, 2010

_jude @CarolBMTbooks Hard to imagine an entire genre has nothing of interest. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @_jude Great Qn. Not sure of one in books. There are traces in some TV/movies. I'm working on a books that explores that right now. #litchat -1:52 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam YES! RT@JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Also relationships between parents and child. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock When you all go off on tangents and include every type of relationship, you're talking about all fiction. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam Yes! & a sense the ending was somehow inevitable but the romantic quest 2 preserve the relationship was laudable #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @robynmcintyre Besides we have moods & moods change. Perception often changes our idea of reality. #litchat -1:53 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IreneZiegler @AuthorWilliam I think of Mice&Men & others as "buddy" stories (or movies) as opposed to love stories, but argumnt could B made. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 4th, 2010

<p>_jude @AuthorWilliam Keep me posted! I'd love to see what you come up with. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>TaoJoannes Or man and beast "Old Yeller" RT @JulieBritt @AuthorWilliam Also relationships between parents and child. #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>JM_Kelley @IanB022 Gah, great one! >Nick Hornby, High Fidelity #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>ChristineBrant @AuthorWilliam I like exploration of male/female friendship in general, not just love stories, however I'm sucker for love stories #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>KimberlyFarris So elements differentiate a love story from a romance? #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>mchanson714 Just joining- think there are 2 stories in 1 when a man & woman tango- the love story & the physical side both mastered hook reader #litchat -1:54 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>AuthorWilliam @_jude I'll throw the X-Files out there. Mulder and Scully had strict boundaries that melted to f'ship and later melted to romance. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>CarolBMTbooks @IanB022 Yes, or at least the potential for happiness and harmony. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>robynmcintyre @CarolBMTbooks Which is what L.A. is all about, even for us natives; it's abt perception more than any other city. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>JulieBritt @TaoJoannes Now I'm going to cry. Old Yeller, boohoo. I went bonkers when my parents took me to the movie. #litchat -1:55 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>AustinMullen Confucius say: (no, really): There are 5 kinds of love: Friends, siblings, husband-wife, parent-child, ruler-subject, each unique #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>TaoJoannes @_jude closest I got to romance was VC Andrews #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>IreneZiegler @AuthorWilliam The tension is everything. As soon as they requite, our interest sizzles, IMHO. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>robynmcintyre @KimberlyFarris I would say so and maybe more so the approach to those elements. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>CarolBMTbooks @_jude It happens. Especially with formula fiction and lousy writing. #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>TaoJoannes @JulieBritt but see! a powerful love story. love is intrinsically about the one who is loving, not the object #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>_jude @AuthorWilliam Right, it eventually explored romantic love. Does that invalidate what you want to explore? #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>mchanson714 RT @AustinMullen: Confucius say: (no, really): There are 5 kinds of love: Friends, siblings, husband-wife, parent-child, ruler-subject, each unique #litchat -1:56 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>AuthorWilliam @_jude It's TV I know. But some of the better 1hr drama writing I've seen & it the writing team was predominantly men incl CCarter. #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>IreneZiegler RT @TaoJoannes: @JulieBritt but see! a powerful love story. love is intrinsically about the one who is loving, not the object #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>LitChat After 2 days of MEN IN LOVE topic, am convinced that men like to talk about love as much as write about it. Great stuff this week. #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>GLHancock RT @CarolBMTbooks: @_jude It happens. Especially with formula fiction and lousy writing. Yes! Formula = nothing to discuss. #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>
<p>_jude @CarolBMTbooks Especially with formula fiction and lousy writing. That being, of course, present across all categories of fiction. #litchat -1:57 PM Aug 4th, 2010</p>

CarolBMTbooks @latta That's another form of heroism. I also like the courage of ordinary people who have to have courage to love and be loved. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robbyncintyre @TaoJoannes Well, unless ur taking the omniscient pt of view, it's always abt the viewpoint of the lover, not the loved. #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 4th, 2010

_jude @TaoJoannes That definitely counts as some kind of romance. That was an odd cultural phenom, wasn't it? #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @LitChat LOL, this man, for sure, theme of WIP is "Everybody wants to be in love" #litchat -1:58 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IreneZiegler @LitChat Bye, LitChat. Thanks for another good topic. Best wishes to all, and your important work. #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @_jude No. The show was 7 seasons and 2 movies. Romance didn't enter until much later. A lot of exploration of the boundaries prior #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JulieBritt @TaoJoannes Good point. There are lot of male-penned books about man's love for a sport or a war or adventure or some object. #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @_jude You got it. #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AustinMullen I dare say it's not really a love story if the love doesn't change someone #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @_jude Also think that the presence of romantic potential is a legit part of the exploration regardless of which direction it goes. #litchat -1:59 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @robbyncintyre I don't mean the POV, I mean the subject itself, the love itself, IRL and in lit #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @AuthorWilliam Surely you don't mean to say there's no romance in marriage? #litchat (Arguing by extension here.) -2:00 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat Now's the time to post your pitches and blog posts, tell us about your recent pub successes and just crow for yourself. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @IreneZiegler Agreed. Tension is powerful. Can be easily related to. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robbyncintyre There are asexual ppl in this world. I wonder what kind of love they look for? #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks RT @AuthorWilliam: Of Mice and Men comes to mind comes to mind. Just on face value there is a brotherhood and a commitment between George and Lennie. #litchat -2:00 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robbyncintyre @TaoJoannes Ah. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock Good novel themes: Maslow's 7 (?) basic needs of human beings. Isn't one to be loved? #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

IanB022 @LitChat Have to go - got a love story to write ;) #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

_jude @AuthorWilliam I know it came late in the show, but it still came. The arc was long but there. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @Christinebrant Me too, as I was saying to @_jude, The presence of romantic potential is very authentic for many m/f friendships. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat The hour ticked by so fast it was hard to keep up. You #litchattics are speed-readers, multi-task thinkers, and amazing people. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @LitChat Flash on my Blog "Blind Date" about a certain kind of love <http://taojoannes.com> #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robyncintyre Besides my blog, you can find me on Divine Caroline and Open Salon. #litchat -2:01 PM Aug 4th, 2010

_jude @AuthorWilliam Agreed. To ignore it is artificial. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 4th, 2010

Rainbojangles RT @robyncintyre: Besides my blog, you can find me on Divine Caroline and Open Salon. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat Feel free to continue discussing MEN IN LOVE, but don't forget to come back on Friday for guest host @JeffStepakoff. #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CathrynLouis C u Friday! Gotta go write about men in love. I get caught up in the restraint vs act conflict... #litchat -2:02 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JM_Kelley @litchat One crow before I go. www.jmkelleywrites & http://tinyurl.com/2dvklul on FB. Fun chat! Glad the boys came out to play! #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @robyncintyre that POV is so far removed from my psyche I can't even begin to speculate #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robyncintyre @LitChat Thanks, evry1 - you helped me clarify some thinking about romantic fiction today! #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @CarolBMTbooks No indeed. But I can't speak for @JulieBritt, the original author of the tweet. :-)) #litchat -2:03 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat Get to know Friday's guest host, @JeffStepakoff, author of FIREWORKS OVER TOCCA, now at http://bit.ly/6rvjzD. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes That's why love is fun to write as well as to live. Unlimiting, within the relationship. #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robyncintyre @Rainbojangles Thank you for the RT #litchat -2:04 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock After 40 yrs in writing/editing/publishing, my goal is to go out with a bangup bestseller -- from a client! #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robyncintyre @LitChat This has proven to be a very lively subject for discussion! #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks primary motivator. God's first words "Go forth and multiply" The greatest commandment "Love God, and your neighbor" #litchat -2:05 PM Aug 4th, 2010

cynditefft #litchat Must be off. Thanks for an interesting chat! -2:05 PM Aug 4th, 2010

LitChat Bravo. RT @GLHancock: After 40 yrs in writing/editing/publishing, my goal is to go out with a bangup bestseller -- from a client! #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 4th, 2010

ChristineBrant @AuthorWilliam True, I also like it when a character can maintain a m/f friendship while they cultivate a romance w/ another char. #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks RT @TaoJoannes: @JulieBritt but see! a powerful love story. love is intrinsically about the one who is loving, not the object #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks which is speaking purely of religion as evidence of primal psyche #litchat -2:06 PM Aug 4th, 2010

robyncintyre @GLHancock Nice! I hope that even after it's achieved, we'll still have the pleasure of your company. #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JulieBritt @CarolBMTbooks I meant there's a love beyond romance in marriage. Or not, in my case. :) #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @Christinebrant Absolutely agree #litchat -2:07 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @JulieBritt You're right. Love can be most enduring. #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock is ushering writers along the path to writing success via http://www.writers-edge.info Thanks to @LitChat, all participants today! #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010

AuthorWilliam This has been a powerful chat for me considering some of the things I am working on. Difficult at times but powerful. Thank you. #litchat -2:08 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes So abide faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love. (St. Paul) #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes RT @IreneZiegler: @TaoJoannes I think life (and by extension, relationships) is chaotic in its natural state. We seek harmony. That's the journey. #litchat -2:09 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JulieBritt @TaoJoannes But don't love your neighbor's wife. (Ex got that part wrong.) #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes RT @bigkafka: @TaoJoannes - I thought theory was: women need to feel loved to enjoy sex, and men need sex to feel loved? #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010
pussreboots @IreneZiegler @FrankDiCesare Only under extreme duress #litchat -2:10 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks precisely! #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks In my experience, man can be supremely motivated by love of their families. #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes RT @JulieBritt: @TaoJoannes But don't love your neighbor's wife. (Ex got that part wrong.) #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock @TaoJoannes Inaccurate on the part of men. They need to feel they've solved problems for the woman in order to feel loved. #litchat -2:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010
mchanson714 #litchat even in life it is so much better to find love than romance but if U find both in one person in UR life- it's better than fiction -2:11 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @JulieBritt u can love her, just don't LOVE her (like your pets) #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock Definitely, whether Maslow said it or not! #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010
mchanson714 and can become a compelling fiction- writing what you know is the best thing to do in any format Fiction or Nonfiction #litchat -2:12 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @GLHancock not THIS man, lol, I could care less about solving a woman's problems, neverending battle, there #litchat -2:13 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock @TaoJoannes It was a generalization, like all psychological and other theories. Variations abound. Perhaps you are "very unique". #litchat -2:14 PM Aug 4th, 2010
LeahPetersen Oddly relevant to today's #litchat --> RT @GoCheeksGo: RT if you find yourself fantasizing about your wedding colors. #Prop8 -2:15 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock Problem-solving as loving or being loved? That's a complex motivator! #litchat -2:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010
TaoJoannes @GLHancock 2 love & be loved, in hierarchy comes AFTER food, shelter, safety, BEFORE esteem, respect, creativity, morality #litchat -2:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010
mchanson714 @GLHancock since most people generalize well- it's okay to generalize in writing to keep the masses engaged...WINK #litchat -2:16 PM Aug 4th, 2010
CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock @TaoJoannes Variations on a theme make wonderful music. #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010
GLHancock @CarolBMTbooks Men (most, tend to) feel loved if a woman expresses appreciation to let him know he has solved a problem for her. #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010
JulieBritt Gotta run. Please read my stuff. http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt2 http://tinyurl.com/JulieBritt3 #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @GLHancock I can agree to that, lol, was just saying, for me, not motivated like that. #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks #GLHancock gives writers a definite edge! #litchat -2:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes RT @LeahPetersen: Oddly relevant to today's #litchat --> RT @GoCheeksGo: RT if you find yourself fantasizing about your wedding colors. #Prop8 -2:17 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock @mchanson714 Yeeeeesss -- don't they call that "universal themes"??? #litchat -2:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010

JulieBritt Don't make gender generalizations at work. U could get sued. #litchat -2:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @GLHancock there's a great book "The Five Love Languages" that breaks those assumptions down into ways we recognize and show love #litchat -2:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010

pussreboots @TaoJoannes You're right, I don't. All my friends are too young to have voted for him. #litchat -2:18 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @pussreboots it's a historical reference to perception bias #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010

euqcaj RT @LeahPetersen: Oddly relevant to today's #litchat --> RT @GoCheeksGo: RT if you find yourself fantasizing about your wedding colors. #Prop8 -2:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks Gold Under Ice: Dan Stark risks life and reputation to rescue family from poverty by trading gold during the Civil War. #litchat -2:20 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @GLHancock 5 Love Languages: Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, Physical Touch #litchat -2:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock Yess! My husband keeps my computers humming. Finds computing solutions for writing problems, like researching poker. #litchat -2:21 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks RT @TaoJoannes: @GLHancock 5 Love Languages: Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, Physical Touch #litchat -2:22 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks I think that applies mainly to a man's sense of "being a man" men solve problems, it's our role #litchat -2:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock @TaoJoannes 5 Love Languages: in what women's magazine is that? #litchat -2:24 PM Aug 4th, 2010

montanabusiness RT @CarolBMTbooks: Gold Under Ice: Dan Stark risks life and reputation to rescue family from poverty by trading gold during the Civil War. #litchat -2:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes I'm grateful he's good at it! #litchat -2:25 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @GLHancock It's a #1 New York Times Bestseller <http://bit.ly/95ba12>, written by a man. :) I know a couple marriages it's saved #litchat -2:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock @TaoJoannes @CarolBMTbooks And god forbid we women forget to thank them for taking out the garbage -- EVERY TIME! #litchat -2:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @montanabusiness Thank you for the RT! #litchat -2:26 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @GLHancock @CarolBMTbooks and for leaving the toilet seat down! ;P #litchat -2:27 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @GLHancock @TaoJoannes I take out the garbage. He cooks. :-) #litchat -2:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks RT @TaoJoannes: @GLHancock @CarolBMTbooks and for leaving the toilet seat down! ;P #litchat -2:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock @TaoJoannes Oh, yes! Gary Chapman has made an industry of mining marriage and divorce advice. #litchat -2:28 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock RT @CarolBMTbooks: @GLHancock @TaoJoannes I take out the garbage. He cooks. :-) ||
Eeeewwww! #litchat -2:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @GLHancock it seems to work pretty well. :) #litchat -2:29 PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes It works well. You and @GLHancock haven't tasted my cooking. That's the real
Eeeewwww!! #litchat -2:31 PM Aug 4th, 2010

GLHancock Thanks, guys. Gotta go take care of LinkedIn group and Twitter account for professional group now.
See ya' next time! #litchat -2:32 PM Aug 4th, 2010

TaoJoannes @GLHancock @CarolBMTbooks LOL! I am, likewise, the usual cook in my relationships. #litchat -2:32
PM Aug 4th, 2010

CarolBMTbooks @TaoJoannes @GLHancock Time for me to go back to real life. Nice visiting with you! #litchat -
2:37 PM Aug 4th, 2010

meghan78 argh, thanks to this stupid summer cold I slept through #litchat :(-2:39 PM Aug 4th, 2010