



LitChat August 13, 2010

Topic of the Week: Gripping Grief

Guest Host: Lynne Griffin, author

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

Guest host: @Lynne_Griffin

LitChat Welcome to #litchat. Today we are live with @Lynne_Griffin, author of SEA ESCAPE and LIFE WITHOUT SUMMER. Aug 13 2010 12:59:38 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck

LitChat The best way to follow #litchat is at <http://bit.ly/MH5Qs>. Login w/ Twitter creds and you're ready to escape into #litchat. Aug 13 2010 12:53:04 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck

GLHancock TweetChat seems to be behaving today, so that's my app of choice with which to participate in the upcoming (minutes from now) #litchat Aug 13 2010 12:57:13 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

LitChat Please join me in welcoming @Lynne_Griffin to #litchat and then introduce yourself. Aug 13 2010 13:00:14 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck

GLHancock @Lynne_Griffin is a writing expert you can research, not like poseurs I posted about today at "A Writer's Edge" <http://bit.ly/aD1yYs> #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:00:40 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

homeconfessions Hello, Lynne and all. Still newbie-ish about all this. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:01:12 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin I'm honored to be part of this discussion on portrayals of grief in fiction. Thanks. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:01:12 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

JulieBritt Nice to have you with us @Lynne_Griffin. I'm a journalist and fiction writer. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:01:41 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

homeconfessions @lynne_griffin the subject is endlessly fascinating to me. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:01:53 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

GLHancock is an editor/writer/publishing guide in San Diego, getting all up in ur wurdz to polish ur prose for writing success! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:02:04 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

JulieBritt RT @lynne_griffin: Im honored to be part of this discussion on portrayals of grief in fiction. Thanks. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:02:11 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin @homeconfessions Welcome...you'll love the support and encouragement. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:02:19 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions

marshapherndon Hello, Lynne! I am a newbie writer, wanna-bee writer, etc. Welcome... #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:02:27 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin I'm a registered nurse with my masters degree in education and counseling. I turned to writing fiction several years ago #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:02:52 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

GLHancock @lynne_griffin happy you're here, too. Your niche is a subject close to my psyche. I need your expertise! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:02:59 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

homeconfessions @lynne_griffin Yes. I've sensed that already. Thanks. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:02:59 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

JulieBritt @lynne_griffin I confess I haven't read your book. Can we get a quick nonspoiler overview? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:03:05 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

LitChat Today #litchat is coming to from the beautiful San Diego Bay Front Hilton. Here's the view; http://twitpic.com/2eei88 Aug 13 2010 13:03:15 (Pacific Daylight Time) via Twittelator
DollyJ007 Hello, this is Dolly, I'm a reader, and a widow #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:03:25 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
robynmcintyre Portrayals of grief in fiction at #litchat today. Aug 13 2010 13:03:30 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck
Lynne_Griffin I needed a creative outlet for all the challenges I encountered in my counseling practice. Two novels later... #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:03:49 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
Jeff_Emmerson Aah, well hello, #litchat ! ;) Aug 13 2010 13:04:03 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web
vickigundrum Hi @lynne_griffin. I just read your blog homepage. I'm a writer and have just finished a first book. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:04:06 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
AuthorWilliam Welcome @Lynne_griffin - I'm William, published Indie Author. Glad to have you here in #litchat! Aug 13 2010 13:04:09 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web
GLHancock Carolyn -- you're here? I mean in SD? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:04:26 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
LitChat Welcome, Dolly. We're glad you're here. RT @DollyJ007: Hello, this is Dolly, Im a reader, and a widow #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:04:40 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to DollyJ007
homeconfessions For intro: I'm a journalist and author and fiction editor at Agni magazine. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:05:03 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
Lynne_Griffin @JulieBritt Sure. LIFE WITHOUT SUMMER (first novel) is abt how two diff women fight to put their lives back together aft tragedy #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:05:18 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to JulieBritt
Jeff_Emmerson Tell me, fellow #authors - Who is the BEST #bookmarketing guru out there? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:05:38 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web
homeconfessions @lynne_griffin Interesting about what you said "needing" a creative outlet b/c of counseling. Can you say more about that? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:06:00 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin
CathrynLouis Hi all! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:06:16 (Pacific Daylight Time) via PockeTwit
Lynne_Griffin My new novel SEA ESCAPE (pubbed in July) is abt how past loss and pain interfere w/ present relationships...btw mother and daughter #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:06:19 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
robynmcintyre Hi, @Lynne_Griffin - I'm Robyn, a widow, writer and strange change agent. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:06:54 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck
Lynne_Griffin Thanks all for joining the chat. Feel free to ask questions. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:07:09 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
homeconfessions @lynne_griffin I love this concept (haven't yet read your book but will). #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:07:10 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin
GLHancock @lynne_griffin Hoo, Girl! You're writing about my life! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:07:10 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin
Lynne_Griffin @homeconfessions My father died when I was a teenager and my mother suffered from prolonged grief disorder. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:07:47 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions
Lynne_Griffin @homeconfessions All my work explores the intricacies of grief and the different choices people make to cope and live #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:08:27 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions

homeconfessions @lynne_griffin And I'm sure you had no idea what you were dealing with at the time? You've been through much. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:08:30 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

JulieBritt @lynne_griffin How did you handle such a heavy subject without getting overly sentimental or trite. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:08:51 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

robynmcintyre @lynne_griffin Is Prolonged Grief Disorder a recognized psych disorder then? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:09:03 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck in reply to Lynne_Griffin

GLHancock @lynne_griffin How did you separate your own angst far enough to be able to concentrate on your craft while writing the book? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:09:43 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin @JulieBritt I supposed because it was so important to me to get it right...to capture it authentically. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:09:56 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to JulieBritt

CathrynLouis RT @robynmcintyre: "@lynne_griffin Is Prolonged Grief Disorder a recognized psych disorder then? #litchat" Aug 13 2010 13:10:41 (Pacific Daylight Time) via PockeTwit

Lynne_Griffin @robynmcintyre Yes. Always been a type of grief response. But now actual brain imaging confirms some get more stuck aft loss #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:10:44 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to robynmcintyre

GLHancock @robynmcintyre Yeah, it's labeled "Depression"! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:10:46 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to robynmcintyre

vickigundrum How much time passed between events and when you wrote about them? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:10:54 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

homeconfessions RT @lynne_griffin: intricacies of grief & different choices people make to cope & live. Big difference btw coping and living, yes? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:10:55 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin @GLHancock With LIFE WITHOUT SUMMER it was relatively easy bc source of inspiration was my grief counseling work. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:11:14 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to GLHancock

Lynne_Griffin @GLHancock Much harder to separate when writing SEA ESCAPE bc inspired by mother's struggle...an mine #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:11:46 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to GLHancock

kriheli hola #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:11:54 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web

TinaMcElroyAnsa Hi All, it's Tina novelist and publisher. Hmm grief, death? Not only does no one get alive. No one escapes grieving for someone #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:11:59 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web

homeconfessions When does it become something you're stuck in? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:12:02 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin @GLHancock @robynmcintyre Yes, depression, but different hallmarks, different risk groups #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:12:21 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to GLHancock

GLHancock @lynne_griffin Yes, I've never been able to put away the effects the death and subsequent frozen mother, in order to write about it #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:13:12 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

JulieBritt @kriheli Howdy. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:13:16 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to kriheli

Lynne_Griffin @vickigundrum Inspired to write SEA ESCAPE in 2000. Started it, but the muse sidetracked me and I wrote LWS first. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:13:16 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to vickigundrum

Lynne_Griffin @vickigundrum SEA ESCAPE in my head and on paper for over eight years. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:13:36 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to vickigundrum

Lynne_Griffin @homeconfessions Clinicians say that if after one year, person still has not made efforts to move forward w/ life. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:14:12 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions

homeconfessions @lynne_griffin I applaud your persistence. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:14:22 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

cindymariej @LitChat welcome! Looking forward to today's #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:14:52 (Pacific Daylight Time) via UberTwitter in reply to LitChat

Lynne_Griffin @homeconfessions This is NOT to say one should be over grief in 1 yr, since aspects of grief last a lifetime. Just making efforts #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:14:55 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions

DollyJ007 @lynne_griffin Did you research other groups of widow/ers prior to writing SEA ESCAPE, or was it based mainly on your experiences? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:14:56 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

TinaMcElroyAnsa @Lynne_Griffin what made you get it out of your onto paper? Was that always your plan to write it out? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:15:16 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web in reply to Lynne_Griffin

agnieszkasshoes nipping briefly into #litchat am technically on familial duty with mother-in-law but will lurk a little :) Aug 13 2010 13:15:22 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web

vickigundrum Was writing Sea Escape cathartic? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:15:27 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin @DollyJ007 I've been a grief counselor for many years. I live and breathe it professionally and have had my own losses #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:15:50 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to DollyJ007

homeconfessions @lynne_griffin Ok. Thanks. Which novel of yours should I read first. Does it matter? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:15:55 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

Fignentfiction @Lynne_Griffin Do you ever find yourself pulling back if emotional scenes become too difficult? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:15:58 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web

CarolyBurnsBass What are some of the efforts a [typical] person should have made in first year? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:16:08 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

AuthorWilliam @Lynne_Griffin Do you agree with the Clinicians take on that? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:16:26 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web in reply to Lynne_Griffin

homeconfessions @Fignentfiction love your question! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:16:34 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Fignentfiction

Lynne_Griffin @vickigundrum Very. In the writing, I was able to work through some very deep sadness over my losses #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:16:35 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to vickigundrum

clsnewhall @homeconfessions Read Sea Escape. I love it. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:16:57 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions

CarolyBurnsBass Good Q. RT @Figmentfiction: @Lynne_Griffin Do you ever find yourself pulling back if emotional scenes become too difficult? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:17:16 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

GLHancock @lynne_griffin I couldn't fully understand the family dynamics until my mother died 4 yrs ago, when I was 62. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:17:23 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

CathrynLouis @Lynne_Griffin would you say that Sea Escape was cathartic 4 you? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:17:28 (Pacific Daylight Time) via mobile web in reply to Lynne_Griffin

Lynne_Griffin @homeconfessions Novels quite diff. LWS present day story-loss of child. SE multi-gen mother/daughter. Hope you'll read both. :) #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:18:06 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions

robynmcintyre @lynne_griffin Did you have to take breaks frm Sea Escape while writing it? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:18:14 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck in reply to Lynne_Griffin

AuthorWilliam @Lynne_Griffin Did you feel a certain obligation to your professional role in the field while u wrote? Did it challenge you at all? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:18:17 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web

Lynne_Griffin @CarolyBurnsBass Different for all, but going back to work. Dipping back into activities that once interested you. Slow but steady #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:18:55 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to CarolyBurnsBass

homeconfessions @lynne_griffin you bet I will! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:19:17 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

CarolyBurnsBass In respect to @GLHancock comment, what is it about death of a parent that illuminates family dynamics so? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:19:36 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to GLHancock

TinaMcElroyAnsa @Figmentfiction Pulling back during difficult sections is almost cheating the readers, isn't it? I often find myself writin & crying #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:19:38 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web in reply to Figmentfiction

DawnHerring Coming in a bit late to #Litchat. Hello @lynne_griffin. I'm Dawn Herring, working on a novel ms. Aug 13 2010 13:19:53 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck

Figmentfiction @homeconfessions @CarolyBurnsBass Thanks! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:19:56 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck

Lynne_Griffin @Figmentfiction No pulling back for me. Oddly, I don't shy away from those scenes. In ways they are the place I feel the best. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:20:18 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Figmentfiction

DollyJ007 I have SE on the shelf waiting; must confess felt much anger when reading your blog & other info re: 'clinicians' current ideas... #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:20:38 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

homeconfessions @lynne_griffin You're gift is that you are so open to sharing these emotions with others. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:20:59 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

DollyJ007 ...but I am aware of differences in losses and working up to this read. :-) #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:21:22 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

GLHancock @CarolyBurnsBass Perhaps the finality? No more chances to "get it right". Must let go of ... so much. Allows more clear view. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:21:29 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to CarolyBurnsBass

Lynne_Griffin I've chosen to write abt grief and loss, so shying away is pointless. I get in there, feel it, write it. Help my characters deal #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:22:06 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

homeconfessions meant to say "your" gift. Dolly, why anger? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:22:11 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin @homeconfessions Thank you. Being a counselor and a novelist is what I'm meant to be. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:22:36 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions

Lynne_Griffin @DollyJ007 How so.. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:23:07 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to DollyJ007

CathrynLouis @GLHancock ...or maybe the .oss of a central relationship? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:23:25 (Pacific Daylight Time) via mobile web in reply to GLHancock

DollyJ007 @ homeconfessions I think it's a 'have you been in my shoes' feeling-but I want to see how the spouse (mother's) POV is treated #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:24:07 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Figmentfiction @TinaMcElroyAnsa True. I sometimes worry, though, that I stop serving the story when I get very emotional. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:24:09 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck in reply to TinaMcElroyAnsa

Lynne_Griffin @GLHancock I believe because of the loss of my father at such an important developmental stage, I'll always need to work this thru #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:24:09 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to GLHancock

GLHancock @CathrynLouis My rel. w/Mother WAS the central rel. of my life, yes. Very enmeshed, even to the point of unconsciousness. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:24:14 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to CathrynLouis

TinaMcElroyAnsa @CarolyBurnsBass re @GLHancock W/ death of a parent their blood runs thru the entire family and their death deeply affects all #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:24:45 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web in reply to CarolyBurnsBass

GLHancock @lynne_griffin Oh, I zipped through grief about my father. It took only ten years! From 17-27. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:25:10 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

Lynne_Griffin Figmentfiction @TinaMcElroyAnsa Digging in deep doesn't mean 'writing' emotionally. In the characters mind space there is distance #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:25:29 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

kriheli @Lynne_Griffin novel-writing is also self-counseling. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:25:32 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web in reply to Lynne_Griffin

DollyJ007 @lynne_griffin certainly no disrespect intended at all - you have not lost a husband, but I have not lost a father. Different POV #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:25:47 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

vickigundrum Books are my counselors. I'm shy face-to-face. Novelist/counselor sounds like a helpful combo for one with the skills. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:26:09 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

GLHancock @kriheli Therapeutic writing is not usually the kind that's good to try to publish. Catharsis is for writer alone, not others. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:26:41 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to kriheli

homeconfessions Grief shows itself in a billion ways. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:26:58 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Figmentfiction RT @lynne_griffin: Digging in deep doesn't mean 'writing' emotionally. In the characters mind space there is distance #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:27:16 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck

Lynne_Griffin @DollyJ007 None taken. I believe there is a universality to grief AND that each is a personal exp. That's what I try to capture #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:27:23 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to DollyJ007

TinaMcElroyAnsa @Figmentfiction Sure, , but feeling the chars' emotions does not mean you're not still serving/crafting story. Just involved #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:27:49 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web in reply to Figmentfiction

lizb1987 @GLHancock I don't know about that. Everyone's going through something. Better not to feel alone #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:28:04 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web in reply to GLHancock

DollyJ007 @vickigundrum face2face was hard for me, I found an online grief site that saved my sanity-I became unable to read books-HORROR! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:28:15 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

CathrynLouis @Lynne_Griffin I've not yet achieved that distance. Now, I feel so that my characters can feel. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:28:19 (Pacific Daylight Time) via mobile web in reply to Lynne_Griffin

Lynne_Griffin @GLHancock @kriheli Agree catharsis for writer alone, not good for publishing. Always need story. Readers must ache for characters #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:28:30 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

adamslisa My mother spent career as grief/loss counselor. I write abt death/loss/illness but only in first person. Why did you choose fiction? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:28:37 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck

GLHancock Every experience is individual--we aren't robots. Despite universality, devil is still in the details and so is interest. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:28:38 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

clsnewhall I found the grief in Life without Summer much harder to read about. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:28:39 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

homeconfessions Is Post-traumatic stress syndrome another word for grief? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:29:01 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin @vickigundrum Many of my readers say they like my novels bc they feel and learn, but without prescriptive advice, they can reflect #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:29:41 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to vickigundrum

kriheli @GLHancock i mean the act itself. nobody wants to read self-therapy sessions. but writing itself is therapy, no matter the subject #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:29:53 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web

vickigundrum @DollyJ007 good tip. I was once too depressed to read. I am glad you found help. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:30:14 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin @homeconfessions There is overlay certainly but they have very definite nuances. A doesn't equal B here. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:30:17 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions

robynmcintyre @lynne_griffin How do you balance your grief w/ need to maintain accessible story? Are you able to compartmentalize? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:30:27 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck in reply to Lynne_Griffin

GLHancock RT @homeconfessions: Is Post-traumatic stress syndrome another word for grief? || No. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:30:36 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

DollyJ007 to all, I must leave now, thank you so much for this opportunity, thank you Lynn and litchat #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:30:45 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
homeconfessions Liked your input Dolly #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:31:18 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
adamslisa @GLHancock and yet, while every experience different, one thing that seems to bind us together is our common experience of loss #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:31:21 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck in reply to GLHancock
GLHancock @kriheli You'll hardly get an argument from me about writing being therapeutic. So is art. That is why they are used by pros. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:31:59 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to kriheli
Lynne_Griffin @adamslisa I began career writing nonfiction...that's what I published first. But fiction allows me chance to explore w/o telling #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:32:18 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to adamslisa
homeconfessions think fiction allows us to dip into stories and emotions that may be too threatening to deal with head on. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:32:43 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
Lynne_Griffin @adamslisa @GLHancock Agree...at some point everyone will make grief's acquaintance. Feeling, learning is what makes us human #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:33:31 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to adamslisa
robynmcintyre RT @lynne_griffin: @adamslisa I began career writing nonfiction. But fiction allows me chance to explore w/o telling #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:33:40 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck
vickigundrum the binding of a common experience can only happen if it is shared #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:33:48 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
Lynne_Griffin @homeconfessions True. And some of us left-brain right-brain people like both! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:33:58 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions
AuthorWilliam @homeconfessions Fiction allows us to use allegory and symbolism. Allows us to really explore how a "real" story gets told. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:34:44 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web in reply to homeconfessions
TinaMcElroyAnsa In 5 novels, I've dealt w/deaths of gmother, mother, both parents, bros,& found that readers know when emot are char's not authors #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:34:46 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web
LitChat We'll give copy of SEA ESCAPE to 1st #litchat participant who visits http://bit.ly/7Q3LOO & tells us how protag helps mother recover. Aug 13 2010 13:34:50 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck
homeconfessions RT @vickigundrum: the binding of a common experience can only happen if it is shared --love this thought. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:35:11 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
GLHancock @lynne_griffin I am too well-acquainted with loss and grief. It hurts too much to write about it. And I know better than to try! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:35:33 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin
homeconfessions @AuthorWilliam hmmm. What do you mean by "real" story. I'm intrigued. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:35:53 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to AuthorWilliam
robynmcintyre @LitChat reading her father's letters to her mother aloud to her mother. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:36:05 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck in reply to LitChat

Lynne_Griffin @TinaMcElroyAnsa I find they are both/ writers & the characters. I feel therefore I convey. Trick is: stay out of the way of story #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:36:18 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to TinaMcElroyAnsa

JulieBritt Oops. Gotta run. Enjoy. Thanks for the chat, Lynne. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:36:36 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

LitChat We have a winner! Yay! RT @robynmcintyre: @LitChat reading her father's letters to her mother aloud to her mother. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:36:59 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck

homeconfessions @robynmcintyre putting my hands over eyes and ears b/c haven't read yet!!! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:37:25 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to robynmcintyre

Lynne_Griffin @robynmcintyre Yes, in SEA ESCAPE Laura reads her father's letters to her mother believing his voice not hers has power to heal. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:37:32 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to robynmcintyre

katmagendie RT @LitChat: We have a winner! Yay! RT @robynmcintyre: @LitChat reading her fathers letters to her mother aloud to her mother. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:38:03 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

CarolyBurnsBass Have you received letters from readers who claim they have been helped by reading your books? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:38:27 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

robynmcintyre @LitChat I LOVE that idea and can't wait to read the book. A little worried, 'cause I'm a widow and expect to cry. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:38:34 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck in reply to LitChat

TinaMcElroyAnsa @Lynne_Griffin a true "trick" whatever the plot. How to be present but not intrusive. like balancing universality/specificity #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:38:40 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web in reply to Lynne_Griffin

AuthorWilliam @homeconfessions If u have something from your real life you wish to share, allegory can facilitated an artistically masked account #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:39:01 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web in reply to homeconfessions

Lynne_Griffin @robynmcintyre Ahhh, but crying is therapeutic. Good for the body and soul. Just buy lovely hankies or a sturdy box of tissues. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:39:42 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to robynmcintyre

CarolyBurnsBass Not a spoiler. It's what's IN letters that tell bigger story. RT @homeconfessions: putting my hands over eyes and ears #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:39:47 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin @homeconfessions No worries...This is the premise not the plot. :) #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:40:19 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions

homeconfessions @CarolyBurnsBass Good! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:40:25 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to CarolyBurnsBass

Lynne_Griffin @TinaMcElroyAnsa Yes, I teach @Grubwriters in Boston & it's hard to teach diff between plot, premise, and story. All diff but tied. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:41:30 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to TinaMcElroyAnsa

homeconfessions @lynne_griffin my grandmother used to say her tears were the reason she lived so long. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:42:03 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

Lynne_Griffin @CarolyBurnsBass Oh, yes. It's the single most wonderful experience of being a novelist. When readers are moved, I have done my job #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:42:31 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to CarolyBurnsBass

Lynne_Griffin @homeconfessions To cry is on some level to acknowledge. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:43:55 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions
vickigundrum except for historical fic, books will miss out on "saved letters" (ugh email) so useful to reveal feelings, evoke memories #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:43:57 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
CarolyBurnsBass @lynne_griffin Do your readers ask for advice after reading one of your books? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:44:03 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin
homeconfessions RT @lynne_griffin: Its the single most wonderful experience of being a novelist. When readers are moved, I have done my job. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:44:20 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
robynmcintyre RT @CarolyBurnsBass: @lynne_griffin Do your readers ask for advice after reading one of your books? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:44:27 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck
Lynne_Griffin @vickigundrum I've done many interviews on lost art of letter writing. Many of letters in SEA ESCAPE were written by my dad. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:44:55 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to vickigundrum
CathrynLouis RT @lynne_griffin: "@homeconfessions To cry is on some level to acknowledge. #litchat" Aug 13 2010 13:45:04 (Pacific Daylight Time) via PockeTwit
Lynne_Griffin @robynmcintyre Yes, sometimes. But it wouldn't be ethical to counsel via email, so I generally direct them to established supports #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:45:40 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to robynmcintyre
homeconfessions @lynne_griffin I need to cry more... #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:45:48 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin
katmagendie RT @homeconfessions: @lynne_griffin I need to cry more...>>>>I suppose I do, too - I "never" cry and find it hard to do #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:46:34 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
Lynne_Griffin @homeconfessions I do it all the time and usually feel so relieved after! Have since I was little. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:46:34 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions
CarolyBurnsBass WOW. Which ones? Would you tell us/ RT @lynne_griffin: ...Many of letters in SEA ESCAPE were written by my dad. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:47:11 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
vickigundrum crying...either ultimate comprehension or just the beginning of it #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:47:12 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
katmagendie @lynne_griffin But it wouldn't be ethical to counsel via email, so I generally direct them to established supports >>>this is true #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:47:17 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin
Lynne_Griffin @katmagendie You're not alone. But if a good novel will help you.... #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:47:23 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to katmagendie
homeconfessions @lynne_griffin email is not to be discounted. Digital letters as long as we print them. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:47:34 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin
CarolyBurnsBass The protag in my WIP can't cry because her father always told her "Big girls don't cry." That is part of her story arc. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:48:35 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
Lynne_Griffin @CarolyBurnsBass Almost all of first letter. In fact, he wrote."Maybe someday we'll have our dream home, our very own sea escape." #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:48:45 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to CarolyBurnsBass
homeconfessions @lynne_griffin wow. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:49:21 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

CathrynLouis I only cry @ the drop of a hat so unless that happens, I'm good... #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:49:22 (Pacific Daylight Time) via PockeTwit
Lynne_Griffin @CarolyBurnsBass And almost all of the last one. Many throughout only edited to flesh out plot. It was very hard, but I love result #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:49:36 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to CarolyBurnsBass
robynmcintyre @lynne_griffin He sounds so lyrical. Was he? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:49:40 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck in reply to Lynne_Griffin
vickigundrum RT @GLHancock: just read this! and so true for writing: Despite universality, devil is still in the details and so is interest. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:50:00 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
homeconfessions Also, I love that you feel a deep purpose to what you are doing as writer and therapist. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:50:05 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
Lynne_Griffin @robynmcintyre My father was a sensitive loving man. Which made his early death that much harder. The letters are extraordinary #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:50:33 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to robynmcintyre
CarolyBurnsBass @lynne_griffin Wow, your papa was a rosy romantic. Did they ever get their Sea Escape on the coast? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:50:59 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin
Lynne_Griffin @CarolyBurnsBass That is an important character trait to explore and will perhaps allow a nice character arc #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:51:16 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to CarolyBurnsBass
CarolyBurnsBass YES! RT @homeconfessions: Also, I love that you feel a deep purpose to what you are doing as writer and therapist. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:51:23 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
robynmcintyre @lynne_griffin Sounds like the partner we all wish for. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:51:41 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck in reply to Lynne_Griffin
Lynne_Griffin @homeconfessions Thanks. I do feel deep purpose in working w/ families (counseling and in my fiction) I'm humbled to be able to #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:51:57 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions
Lynne_Griffin @CarolyBurnsBass My dad in person was compose and strong, in letters a hopeless romantic. Sadly, they never got their sea escape #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:52:53 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to CarolyBurnsBass
CarolyBurnsBass I've found that people who write sensitive letters have a difficult time verbally expressing emotions. Do you find this is typical? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:53:54 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
Lynne_Griffin @vickigundrum @GLHancock: Yes, devil definitely in the details. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:54:13 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
katmagendie @lynne_griffin not alone. But if a good novel will help you>>>going to check out your books-but don't make me cry!huhn! *laugh* #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:54:43 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin
homeconfessions @katmagendie I hope you do cry! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:55:15 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to katmagendie
Lynne_Griffin @CarolyBurnsBass Sometimes. But I've seen so many healthy & unhealthy ways people cope w/ life, I'll never want for stories #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:55:46 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to CarolyBurnsBass

CarolyBurnsBass What you consider a "hopeless romantic"? Is there ever hope for romantics? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:55:48 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin @CarolyBurnsBass You got me...just a cliché. Nothing at all hopeless about being romantic IMO. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:56:43 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to CarolyBurnsBass

katmagendie @homeconfessions I hope you do cry >>>>maybe it would be nice to . . .I forgot how. It's a control thing, I suppose, maybe? #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:56:54 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions

CathrynLouis @lynne_griffin @LitChat et al, thx 4 the gr8 chat 2day. Gotta go. Have a wonderful weekend all! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:57:29 (Pacific Daylight Time) via PockeTwit

katmagendie @lynne_griffin Nothing at all hopeless about being romantic IMO.>>>well, dang! I'm not a romantic either! No cry;no romantic.huhn. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:57:36 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

elizabethkarr @lynne_griffin Agreed. Cliche needs to be changed to 'hopeful romantic.' #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:57:55 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

homeconfessions Lynne, have reader responses surprised you? Go back to just before your first novel came out. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:58:08 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin LIFE WITHOUT SUMMER more likely to make you cry. That's what I like abt the novel. We shd all try to feel a mother's pain at loss #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:58:15 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

katmagendie @CathrynLouis By C! have a great weekend! #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:58:26 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to CathrynLouis

Lynne_Griffin @elizabethkarr Yes, yes...let's do that. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:58:39 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to elizabethkarr

Lynne_Griffin @homeconfessions I wouldn't say reader responses have surprised me, more that I'm surprised at how many reached out. #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:59:21 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to homeconfessions

CarolyBurnsBass Agree. RT @lynne_griffin: LIFE WITHOUT SUMMER more likely to make you cry... We shd all try to feel a mothers pain at loss #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:59:45 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

katmagendie @lynne_griffin MOther's pain at loss: this is interesting to me ... #litchat Aug 13 2010 13:59:52 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin

AuthorWilliam Great chat. This has been a week of listening for me. A lot of great thoughts. Bravo to @Lynne_Griffin! Continued success to you. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:00:26 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web

homeconfessions Great hour. Thank you Lynne and LitChat. Am eager to read both novels. Will start with LWS. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:00:52 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin To realize fiction can soothe, empower, or heal? Wow...what an awesome responsibility, it's humbling. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:00:59 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

Lynne_Griffin @AuthorWilliam Thanks for joining the convo. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:01:09 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to AuthorWilliam

vickigundrum A fast hour. I want to ouiji board Einstein and tell him about this. Thanks all. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:01:38 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

robynmcintyre @lynne_griffin @litchat This chat made me very reflective. Thanks! #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:02:01 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck in reply to Lynne_Griffin

Lynne_Griffin @katmagendie Fiction can teach, as long as it isn't heavy handed. As long as author stays out of the way of character's story #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:02:10 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to katmagendie
LitChat We've had great talks all week. Grief is something we all go through sometime, some way. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:02:28 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
Lynne_Griffin Thanks to all for the thoughtful conversation. I hope you enjoy reading my novels, LIFE WITHOUT SUMMER & SEA ESCAPE. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:03:01 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
elizabethkarr There is no pleasure greater than settling down with a good book w/an engrossing story. Perhaps writing one, but joy of 1ststillgrt #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:03:03 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
LitChat BTW, @Lynne_Griffin is a 2x guest host. She visited close to this time last year when LIFE WITHOUT SUMMER released. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:03:16 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
katmagendie @Lynne_Griffin Yes! I agree -fiction as teaching or guiding - as long as not "preachy" :-) #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:03:24 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web in reply to Lynne_Griffin
Lynne_Griffin @elizabethkarr Reading is still great pleasure. Indeed... #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:04:09 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to elizabethkarr
LitChat Let's all give @Lynne_Griffin a big round of {{{APPLAUSE}}} for joining us today. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:04:13 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
elizabethkarr Y fiction is healing. RT @katmagendie: @Lynne_Griffin Yes! I agree -fiction as teaching or guiding - as long as not "preachy" :-) #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:05:02 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
elizabethkarr @lynne_griffin Are there particular authours you enjoy reading? #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:05:31 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin
LitChat Be sure to return next week for topic STRANGER THAN FICTION, guest host on Friday is @jonclinch, author of KINGS OF THE EARTH. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:05:35 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
robynmcintyre RT @LitChat: Let's all give @Lynne_Griffin a big round of {{{APPLAUSE}}} for joining us today. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:06:02 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetDeck
Lynne_Griffin @elizabethkarr My favs...Wally Lamb, Anna Quindlen, Ian McEwan, Margot Livesey, Ann Patchett...list goes on #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:06:37 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to elizabethkarr
LitChat Wishing everyone a great weekend. Hope it's sunny and beautiful in your part of this world we share. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:06:42 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat
robertjbennett Sorry I couldn't join. Am writing. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:09:20 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web
elizabethkarr @lynne_griffin Great list of authors. Quindlen a personal favorite, since her columns in NYTimes. A couple new ones to discover. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:10:33 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to Lynne_Griffin
elizabethkarr @LitChat Wonderful guest chat with @lynne_griffin today. Am reading the archive I missed because #atpitchmeeting.-New hash tag. :) #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:15:11 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to LitChat
LitChat We'll post chatscripts from this week's GRIPPING GRIEF topic and @Lynne_Griffin visit later this weekend. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:15:31 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

LitChat Thanks to all you #litchattics--you are the wind in LitChat's sails. Cliche, I know, but I'm watching boats go by in San Diego Bay. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:17:57 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

elizabethkarr @JulieBritt Thank u! So far so good. Wants to read screenplay, so pitch meeting successful. :) Caught the end of #litchat which was great. Aug 13 2010 14:40:37 (Pacific Daylight Time) via web in reply to JulieBritt

katmagendie @lynne_griffin: RT @LitChat We'll post chatscripts from this weeks GRIPPING GRIEF topic & @Lynne_Griffin visit later this weekend. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:49:15 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

katmagendie RT @LitChat: Thanks to all u #litchattics-u are the wind in LitChats sails. Cliche, , but Im watching boats go by in San Diego Bay. #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:50:02 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat

katmagendie @LitChat & thanks to #litchat @litchat for all you do for writers and books and literature and the ppl who love those things! #litchat Aug 13 2010 14:50:42 (Pacific Daylight Time) via TweetChat in reply to LitChat