



## LitChat June 14 & 16, 2010

Topic of the Week: Beyond Cliché

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: June 14, 2010

LitChat Welcome to another week of #litchat. This week we're talking about BEYOND CLICHE. join us for the next hour. -1:00 PM Jun 14th, 2010

LitChat @dosankodebbie I love when I see your cute red ladybug. I know how hard it is for you waking up in Japan to join us in #litchat -1:02 PM Jun 14th, 2010

LitChat First time in #litchat? Go to <http://bit.ly/b8Yrcq>, login w/Twitter info, then type litchat in box asking for hashtag to follow. -1:03 PM Jun 14th, 2010

dosankodebbie @LitChat he he Thanks! #litchat -1:03 PM Jun 14th, 2010

LitChat Who's with us today? Do anything great this weekend? I attended #mxroots film & lit fest organized by @HeidiDarrow. It was WOW. #litchat -1:04 PM Jun 14th, 2010

TheNewAuthor Hello #litchat. -1:05 PM Jun 14th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Sending healing thoughts to @AuthorWilliam who had surgery on Achilles tendon this morn. Wonder if he's out of the ether yet? #litchat -1:06 PM Jun 14th, 2010

mdbenoit2 Hi there, SF writer in Ottawa, Canada. No great lit activity, but went sailing on Sat. #litchat -1:07 PM Jun 14th, 2010

LitChat What books have you read that defied a cliché you'd given it before reading? #litchat -1:07 PM Jun 14th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass I ♥ sailing! RT @mdbenoit2: Hi there, SF writer in Ottawa, Canada. No great lit activity, but went sailing on Sat. #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 14th, 2010

amyknichols Hi #litchat! :) #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 14th, 2010

chislehurst Does everyone have the same definition of "cliche"? #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 14th, 2010

slkeeth @LitChat 'Eat Pray Love' was much better & funnier than the "divorcee spiritual awakening crap" I expected #litchat -1:10 PM Jun 14th, 2010

LitChat For this convo, it's "trite/stereotypical/predictable." RT @chislehurst: Does everyone have the same definition of "cliche"? #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 14th, 2010

kescovedo Harry Potter & The Half Blood Prince. I wrote the series off as kidlit & got so drawn onto that book I couldn't put it down. #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 14th, 2010

mdbenoit2 I thought Stockett's The Help would be either maudlin or justifying the way of life. It was neither. #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 14th, 2010

dosankodebbie Good Q. I feel a bit culturally lost here. RT @chislehurst: Does everyone have the same definition of "cliche"? #litchat -1:12 PM Jun 14th, 2010

amyknichols @LitChat I thought Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier was going to be romance (based on cover art). Turned out to be more literary. #litchat -1:12 PM Jun 14th, 2010

LitChat @slkeeth Do you now recommend EAT, PRAY, LOVE? #litchat -1:12 PM Jun 14th, 2010

TheNewAuthor Kissing Frogs in Cyberspace was hilarious and I expected the normal routine of online dating experiences. #litchat -1:12 PM Jun 14th, 2010

IanB022 Hello #litchat - refugee from the football ;) -1:12 PM Jun 14th, 2010

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| <p>valerievaldes @LitChat The first Mistborn book did a good job of pretending to conform to the epic destined hero cliché. #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>                               |
| <p>TheNewAuthor RT @LitChat: For this convo, it's "trite/stereotypical/predictable." RT @chislehurst: Does everyone have the same definition of "cliché"? #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p> |
| <p>LitChat @kescoveredo Did you read HALF-BLOOD PRINCE first and then go back to beginning, or start at the beginning? #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>                                    |
| <p>Hayley_DM Hello all - spent the weekend trying to sort living room out - we are decorating - urggghh! #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>LitChat You and millions of others. Thanks for joining us. RT @IanB022: Hello #litchat - refugee from the football ;) #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>                                  |
| <p>Thandelike RT @LitChat: What books have you read that defied a cliché you'd given it before reading? #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>KaylaCagan Hi All #litchat! -1:14 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>mdbenoit2 @Thandelike Hey there, how are you? #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>LitChat @Thandelike Great to see you! What time is it in Istanbul? #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>valerievaldes @LitChat How many of us really think something will be cliché before reading it, though? Wouldn't we just avoid it? #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>                      |
| <p>LitChat XLNT Q RT @valerievaldes: How many of us really think something will be cliché before reading it, though? Wouldn't we just avoid it? #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>           |
| <p>Thandelike @LitChat @mdbenoit2 :- ) it's gettin on bedtime (I've been watching DEADWOOD DVDs, which defy the Western cliché) #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>                           |
| <p>mdbenoit2 @valerievaldes Sometimes you bow to a recommendation, even tho you think you won't like it #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>corb21 @valerievaldes I'm with you....I don't generally read things I think will be cliché #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>agnieszkasshoes only flying visit to #litchat but gr8 topic &amp; important to remember that defying the stereotype one had could be a bad thing -1:17 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>                |
| <p>amyknichols @valerievaldes Sometimes I pigeonhole the books we read in my book club. Have to read those. But yes, otherwise I avoid cliché. #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>            |
| <p>CarolyBurnsBass @valerievaldes I will often read something recommended by friends even if it seems cliché to me. Sometimes pleased, mostly not. #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>        |
| <p>TheNewAuthor Look at the cover, read the title, read the back...if they don't compliment or to cliché then we move on most of the time. #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>                |
| <p>Thandelike @LitChat if they created a DEADWOOD book series I'd read it on the strength of those scripts. It's Shakespeare in the Wild West #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>             |
| <p>LitChat RT @kescoveredo: @LitChat It is actually the only book I've read. I've seen the other movies and listened to a couple books on tape. #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>           |
| <p>corb21 I have been sucked into (xmas present) reading PPAZ, but am not far enough to tell if it meets my expectation of crime against lit #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>              |
| <p>Hayley_DM I do not tend to read books I think will be too clichéd #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>agnieszkasshoes e.g. was REALLY looking forward 2 Ali Smith's The Accidental &amp; Graham Swift's Tomorrow as thought-provoking v dsiappointed by both #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p> |
| <p>mdbenoit2 @Thandelike I'll have to get those :) #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>LitChat @agnieszkasshoes Just sent you a DM. #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 14th, 2010</p>   |

valerievaldes @CarolyBurnsBass @amyknichols @mdbenoit2 Good point you guys, and well said! #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 14th, 2010

deannaschrayer #litchat topic today cliché books? Sorry I'm behind the times - been working too hard today - 1:19 PM Jun 14th, 2010

KaylaCagan Guilty Pleasure Confession: Sometimes I read a book because I know it's exactly the cliché or filled with the clichés I want. #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 14th, 2010

mdbenoit2 I've picked up books that won big awards, were touted by everyone, and just hated them. Life of Pi is one. Never could finish it. #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 14th, 2010

amyknichols @KaylaCagan Which clichés do you want? #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Juanofwords Hello all...pardon the #worldcup fever, but it's only once every for years...glad to be back in #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Hayley\_DM Clichéd books to me are often like an item of clothing you wld not normally wear but u suddenly do 4 fashion purposes! #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Thandelike @Hayley\_DM this is why i avoid genre fiction because it seems to qualify as genre = to be a big cliché #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 14th, 2010

LitChat RT @KaylaCagan: GPC\* Sometimes I read a book because I know its exactly the cliché or filled with the clichés I want. #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 14th, 2010

KaylaCagan @mdbenoit2 I could never finish Atonement. Started it 3x. So embarrassed. "My name is Kayla. And I have an Ian McEwan problem." #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 14th, 2010

mdbenoit2 So the cliché would be to assume a book is "good" because it won an award. It's not necessarily true. #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Hayley\_DM @mdbenoit2 I have Life of Pi - I also cannot finish it #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Hayley\_DM @Thandelike Agreed #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 14th, 2010

janflora @kescovedo NO! you must start series at Book 1! please begin again... Harry Potter belongs to all, definitely not kids only! :) #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 14th, 2010

KaylaCagan RT @Hayley\_DM: Clichéd books to me are often like an item of clothing you wld not normally wear but u suddenly do 4 fashion purposes! #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 14th, 2010

corb21 @KaylaCagan ah yes, there is that. I'll admit to reading Clive Cussler for this reason. #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 14th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @KaylaCagan Oh, Lord. Thank goodness I'm not the only one with the McEwan problem. #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Hayley\_DM @KaylaCagan I loved Atonement, one of my favourite books #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 14th, 2010

amyknichols @mdbenoit2 It might still be good, but not to your taste, don't you think? Which begs the question: what is "good"? #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 14th, 2010

amyknichols @Hayley\_DM I just recently bought Life of Pi, LOL! Oh no! #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 14th, 2010

TwinkleChar Where to file fact that one person's clichéd yawner is another's RAVING LOVED IT! ? #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 14th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass I just finished SOLAR by Ian McEwan. I didn't enjoy composition of previous books (ATONEMENT). Thoroughly enjoyed SOLAR. #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 14th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @Hayley\_DM Glad I'm not the only one. I loved the Helsinki Roccamatios & expected same. Was disappointed. #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 14th, 2010

KaylaCagan @amyknichols Once in a while, I really like a good chick-lit cliché: misunderstood gal/sassy best friend/gay ex-boyfriend/bossy mom #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 14th, 2010

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| janflora I wrote a post about how I judged INKHEART before reading it...thought it was just another dragon/fantasy adventure, but loved it #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 14th, 2010                          |
| dosankodebbie RT @mdbenoit2: So the cliché would be to assume a book is good because it won an award. Not necessarily true. #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| amyknichols @janflora Amen! (Re: Harry Potter) #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| Hayley_DM I have to have a taste for a book - I cannot get on with "chick lit" for example, it makes me want to scream "Oh pleeeeaassee!!!!" #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 14th, 2010                        |
| girlfrombim My problem is presuming a book is good bc it falls in to a genre I like e.g. West Indian fiction - Leper Colony is fighting me! #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 14th, 2010                         |
| deannaschrayer #litchat does anyone consider The Shack to be in cliché category? I read 4 pages & was disappointed enough to put it down. Try again? -1:24 PM Jun 14th, 2010                         |
| Thandelike @TwinkleChar yes clichés are *not* one-size-fits-all #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| KaylaCagan @Hayley_DM See?!?!?! I knew I would be embarrassed! Everybody loves it but me. And I'm a playwright! I should love it! #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                   |
| mdbenoit2 @amyknichols That's why I put good in "". To each his own, but sometimes if a book is too much work or too obscure it's not for me. #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 14th, 2010                       |
| corb21 RT @mdbenoit2: @KaylaCagan Oh, Lord. Thank goodness I'm not the only one with the McEwan problem. #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| amyknichols @KaylaCagan As someone who doesn't normally read that cliché, it sounds fun. :) #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| Hayley_DM @amyknichols I just could not get into it - but I will go back!!! #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| janflora @amyknichols I was gifted Life of Pi w/out knowing about its popularity~ it was awesome (IMO) don't be afraid to keep reading it :) #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 14th, 2010                        |
| mdbenoit2 @KaylaCagan Marion Keyes' Sushi for Beginners surprised me that way. Better than expected #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| Thandelike @KaylaCagan genre-slash-cliché can be like comfort food...i know ppl who enjoy the predictability #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| CarolyBurnsBass @KaylaCagan I forced myself to finish ATONEMENT, but did not enjoy its composition. Story, once derived from excess, was brilliant. #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 14th, 2010                 |
| janflora RT @TwinkleChar: Where to file fact that one person's clichéd yawner is another's RAVING LOVED IT! ? #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| amyknichols @mdbenoit2 I hear ya on the "too much work". I hate slaving through a book. #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| KaylaCagan @mdbenoit2 Whew! #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| corb21 @deannaschrayer I LOVED The Shack. Terrific read. So there you go. #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| Juanofwords RT @Thandelike @TwinkleChar yes clichés are *not* one-size-fits-all #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| Hayley_DM @KaylaCagan Have you read Saturday by McEwan? A book that charts just 1 night #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| timesecrets RT @/amyknichols2010@mdbenoit2 I hear ya on the "too much work". I hate slaving through a book. #litchat <a href="http://bit.ly/aVq6x2">http://bit.ly/aVq6x2</a> -1:25 PM Jun 14th, 2010 |
| corb21 I think for me, the cliché can be following the crowd. I'm not a follower #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |

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| CarolyBurnsBass YES. RT @deannaschrayer: #litchat does anyone consider The Shack to be in cliché category? #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                      |
| amyknichols @janflora I have a friend waiting for me to read it so we can talk about it. So I'll read it through. :) #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 14th, 2010                            |
| marisabirns @KaylaCagan I did not appreciate ATONEMENT. Everyone I know loved it and I felt awful that I didn't #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                 |
| deannaschrayer @mdbenoit2 @KaylaCagan I like Marion Keyes, despite not liking chic lit - make me strange? #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                       |
| kescovedo @valerievaldes Sometimes I don't decide it's cliché until 5 pgs in but once I start it has to be literal trash for me not to finish #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| mdbenoit2 Well said. RT @Thandelike: @KaylaCagan genre-slash-cliché can be like comfort food...i know ppl who enjoy the predictability #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 14th, 2010          |
| KaylaCagan I love Lorrie Moore. Never a clichéd character in her books. Her last one, Gate at the Top of the Stairs not for me, but original. #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| Hayley_DM @corb21 Totally agree #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| 4evermore #litchat well, clichés and tropes come from somewhere, right? they wouldn't be tropes if they never appeared. -1:27 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                  |
| deannaschrayer @CarolyBurnsBass how funny - direct opposite response from @corb21 guess it is all in the eye of beholder :) #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 14th, 2010                     |
| LitChat What are the most clichéd topics and types of characters? #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| KaylaCagan @deannaschrayer Not strange! Just specific! #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| valerievaldes @kescovedo I used to be more forgiving but lately I just don't have time. If the first chapter is bad, I'm done. #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 14th, 2010                  |
| tierneyread Agree with @KaylaCagan: I read in my genre (non-cat. romance) and expect certain elements to be waiting for me. Some cliché = good. #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 14th, 2010 |
| Hayley_DM @LitChat Detective stories like a Patterson book - make me want to run the other way - fast! #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| KaylaCagan Okay, Guys, I feel an Atonement Apathy Anonymous group in the making. LOL!!!! #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| deannaschrayer @KaylaCagan hey, I like that description - need to tell my family that :) #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| alisonwells #litchat are certain genres founded on (and loved for) cliché? Could not read John Banville as Benjamin Black, characters so 2d... -1:28 PM Jun 14th, 2010           |
| KaylaCagan RT @corb21: I think for me, the cliché can be following the crowd. I'm not a follower #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| mdbenoit2 RT @valerievaldes: @kescovedo I used to be more forgiving but lately I just don't have time. If the first chapter is bad, I'm done. #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| Hayley_DM @KaylaCagan Ha ha ha #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| IanB022 @KaylaCagan I was disappointed by Atonement too #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| mdbenoit2 Count me in :) RT @KaylaCagan: Okay, Guys, I feel an Atonement Apathy Anonymous group in the making. LOL!!!! #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 14th, 2010                          |
| Hayley_DM John Grisham - yawn!!! #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| deannaschrayer @LitChat definitely crime dramas - only ones I've liked by Dennis Lehane #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| Hayley_DM Enduring Love is great too #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |

mdbenoit2 Totally agree. I'd add Dan Brown, too. RT @Hayley\_DM: John Grisham - yawn!!! #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 14th, 2010

KaylaCagan I think good reads should be like good meals- sometimes heavy, sometimes light, sometimes just dessert. One food only? Boredom. #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 14th, 2010

amyknichols @mdbenoit2 I feel that way, too. More likely to stop reading and move onto something I find entertaining. #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Hayley\_DM @mdbenoit2 Oh yes - he can go in the yawn pot too!!! #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 14th, 2010

deannaschrayer @valerievaldes @kescoveredo It only takes me about 5 pages to decide - if I'm not hooked it's outta here #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Juanofwords damsel in distress, knight in shining armor, comedic talking animals, etc. #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 14th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @litchat Worst cliché? Happily ever after. #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 14th, 2010

dosankodebbie Agree RT @KaylaCagan: I think good reads should be like good meals- sometimes heavy, sometimes light, sometimes just dessert. #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 14th, 2010

corb21 @LitChat Mary Higgins Clark always got me....too exactly the same plot for me #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 14th, 2010

KaylaCagan AGREED! @mdbenoit2 @Hayley\_DM Dan Brown & John Grisham doesn't do anything for me. I try Patricia Cornwell, not for me. #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 14th, 2010

janflora RT @KaylaCagan: I think good reads should be like good meals- sometimes heavy, sometimes light, sometimes just dessert. One food only? Boredom. #litchat -1:32 PM Jun 14th, 2010

corb21 RT @deannaschrayer: @valerievaldes @kescoveredo It only takes me about 5 pages to decide - if I'm not hooked it's outta here #litchat -1:32 PM Jun 14th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @deannaschrayer @corb21 As a person of faith, I was excited for SHACK premise, but thought the characters of God were clichéd. #litchat -1:32 PM Jun 14th, 2010

corb21 @deannaschrayer I'll usually give a book the benefit of 25 pages or so. But I don't have enough reading time to waste it on bad lit #litchat -1:32 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Hayley\_DM Martina Cole - oh my goodness, my 6 yr old writes better than that! #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 14th, 2010

corb21 @CarolyBurnsBass I thought the Main character of God was over the top, took me by surprise completely. #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 14th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass ★ RT @mdbenoit2: @litchat Worst cliché? Happily ever after. #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 14th, 2010

valerievaldes @LitChat I'm kind of over the whole "destined savior" thing. It can be done well but it often feels like a crutch. #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 14th, 2010

corb21 @CarolyBurnsBass SO interesting that books have the power to create a completely different impression on each reader. #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 14th, 2010

corb21 @CarolyBurnsBass that's why we love, em, EH> #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 14th, 2010

amyknichols Agree! RT @CarolyBurnsBass ★ RT @mdbenoit2: @litchat Worst cliché? Happily ever after. #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 14th, 2010

lanB022 @LitChat Tony Parsons books always have near identical plots #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 14th, 2010

deannaschrayer @CarolyBurnsBass @corb21 my mom loved The Shack. When she loves a book that usually tells me I won't - helpful #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 14th, 2010

dosankodebbie That is, however, a Western cliché. RT @CarolyBurnsBass: @mdbenoit2: Worst cliché? Happily ever after. #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 14th, 2010

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| corb21 RT @KaylaCagan: I think good reads should be like good meals- sometimes heavy, sometimes light, sometimes just dessert. #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 14th, 2010                         |
| janflora am i the only person who thought twilight was too cliché? #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| KaylaCagan I don't like apocalyptic clichés. #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| corb21 @deannaschrayer hahaha my sister sends me books she loved, I don't even open them. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| mdbenoit2 It's rife with clichés. RT @janflora: am i the only person who thought twilight was too cliché? #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| girlfrombim Nope - but that's another discussion! RT @janflora: am i the only person who thought twilight was too cliché? #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 14th, 2010                              |
| CarolyBurnsBass @corb21: I couldn't shake the image of The Oracle from MATRIX fame as the model for that main God character. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 14th, 2010                           |
| marisabirns Reluctant hero is becoming a cliché for me. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| amyknichols @janflora I couldn't get past chapter five. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| valerievaldes @mdbenoit2 Oh hell no! I love happy endings. Give me happy over sad any day, assuming it's reasonable. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                   |
| deannaschrayer @corb21 wish I could be that forgiving - 25 pages, but nope, guess I'm too picky #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| mdbenoit2 And then there's the Deus ex Machina cliché RT @KaylaCagan: I don't like apocalyptic clichés. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| dosankodebbie @janflora: I've never read Twilight and prob never will #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| Moette RT @KaylaCagan: I think good reads should be like good meals- sometimes heavy, sometimes light, sometimes just dessert. One food only? Boredom. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 14th, 2010 |
| Juanofwords Not at all!! RT @janflora am i the only person who thought twilight was too cliché? #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| CarolyBurnsBass No. But that's why I haven't read it. RT @janflora: am i the only person who thought twilight was too cliché? #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 14th, 2010                          |
| kescovedo Maybe it's the author in me hoping my readers give me more than 5 pages before they close my book :) #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| corb21 I hate when books just end. Give me happy or sad over nothing. #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| deannaschrayer #litchat BUT sometimes it's good to read cliché - makes one feel better about own writing -1:36 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| TwinkleChar Is dysfunctional family living cliché? #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| KaylaCagan @janflora I didn't read it. But every person I know did, and said that. So I didn't feel the need to read those specific clichés. #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 14th, 2010           |
| mdbenoit2 Agreed RT @marisabirns: Reluctant hero is becoming a cliché for me. #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| deannaschrayer me either RT @dosankodebbie: @janflora: I've never read Twilight and prob never will #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| misscampbell Like historical detail but great character development, must be a dramatic end #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| Thandelike @dosankodebbie yes literature in translation may bring its own clichés but out of context for the reader = refreshing #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 14th, 2010                       |

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| corb21 @CarolyBurnsBass hahaha I kept picturing Aunt Jimima (sp) #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| corb21 RT @dosankodebbie: @janflora: I've never read Twilight and prob never will #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| amyknichols @valerievaldes I prefer realistic endings to impossible happy. #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| girlfrombim Or are our lives cliché then? RT @TwinkleChar: Is dysfunctional family living cliché? #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| corb21 @deannaschrayer I've just experienced the long set-up. Sometimes that's worth it.... #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| KaylaCagan @TwinkleChar I think in Western lit it is! The Corrections was very good working around that cliché though. #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 14th, 2010                           |
| CarolyBurnsBass I also imagined Maya Angelou. RT @corb21: @CarolyBurnsBass hahaha I kept picturing Aunt Jimima (sp) #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 14th, 2010                              |
| mdbenoit2 @valerievaldes There's happy endings and then there's sappy endings. The cliché is the latter. #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| CEMcKenzie1 RT @kescovedo Maybe it's the author in me hoping my readers give me more than 5 pages before they close my book : ) #litchat - hear, hear -1:37 PM Jun 14th, 2010     |
| Juanofwords Like to write happy endings, like to read tragic endings RT @valerievaldes @mdbenoit2 Oh hell no! I love happy endings #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 14th, 2010               |
| janflora @dosankodebbie good idea :) i gave into peer pressure...always a bad idea #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| marisabirns @valerievaldes @corb21 For me, endings don't have to be happy per se, but at least hopeful. #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| amyknichols Do you think strong voice and character can overcome a cliché plot? #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| kescovedo AgreedRT@CarolyBurnsBass: No.But that's why I haven't read it. RT@janflora:am i the only person who thought twilight was too cliché?#litchat -1:38 PM Jun 14th, 2010    |
| corb21 HA! Yes, Patterson's still pulling in \$ RT @deannaschrayer: #litchat somtims it's good 2 read cliché-makes one feel better about own writing -1:38 PM Jun 14th, 2010      |
| CEMcKenzie1 As a woman writer, beware the happy ending! They call you chick lit #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| Juanofwords RT @CEMcKenzie1 RT @kescovedo Maybe it's the author in me hoping my readers give me more than 5 pages before they close my book : ) #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| CarolyBurnsBass @CEMcKenzie1 Great to see you here. Your book, SPIN, was one that could easily have become cliché, but didn't! #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 14th, 2010                   |
| girlfrombim I hate that term! RT @CEMcKenzie1: As a woman writer, beware the happy ending! They call you chick lit #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 14th, 2010                               |
| deannaschrayer @TwinkleChar I hope not 'cause novel I'm writing has one big dysfunctional family :) #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| corb21 @EZReadBooks Shutter Island....ruined the movie for me pretty much. I want an end. #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| KaylaCagan RT @CEMcKenzie1: As a woman writer, beware the happy ending! They call you chick lit #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| dosankodebbie @Thandelike Sometimes after reading too many Japanese novels with sad endings, I revive with a clichéd happy ending western novel. #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 14th, 2010 |



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| TwinkleChar Good one!//RT @girlfrombim: Or are our lives cliché then? RT @TwinkleChar: Is dysfunctional family living cliché? #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                    |
| LitChat RT @amyknichols: Do you think strong voice and character can overcome a cliché plot? #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| CEMcKenzie1 RT @CarolyBurnsBass: @CEMcKenzie1 Great to see you here. Your book, SPIN, was one that could easily have become cliché, but didn't! #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 14th, 2010                  |
| KaylaCagan RT @dosankodebbie: @Thandelike Sometimes after reading too many Japanese novels with sad endings, I revive with a clichéd happy ending western novel. #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 14th, 2010 |
| valerievaldes @mdbenoit2 @marisabirns @amyknichols To clarify, I seek books that I think will end happily. Real life's too sad already. #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 14th, 2010                          |
| TwinkleChar I think sometimes a writer can try so hard to be unique, the story won't resonate on any level. #litchat #amwriting -1:39 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| amyknichols @dosankodebbie By western, do you mean old west or western hemisphere? Just curious. :) #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| janflora @amyknichols i do...its what makes a book stand out from so many others, par example: JK Rowling was not the 1st wizard author #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 14th, 2010                          |
| kescovedo And now my kids are awake and in full force. And so goes.my cliché exit from #litchat Cheers! -1:40 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| KaylaCagan @dosankodebbie I do the same thing, actually! #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| Thandelike @girlfrombim @twinklechar if it's going to be clichéd i'd prefer dysfunctional family than functional one, more room for amusement #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 14th, 2010                    |
| deannaschrayer @marisabirns @corb21 happy endings def not a must for me, as long as it feels "real" #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| amyknichols RT @TwinkleChar I think sometimes a writer can try so hard to be unique, the story won't resonate on any level. #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                      |
| grimmteiler RT @TwinkleChar: I think sometimes a writer can try so hard to be unique, the story won't resonate on any level. #litchat #amwriting -1:40 PM Jun 14th, 2010                          |
| corb21 @TwinkleChar @girlfrombim I think we WANT our lives to be the cliché....that's why those books are comfort reads #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| LitChat Thanks for stopping in RT @kescovedo: And now my kids are awake and in full force. And so goes.my cliché exit from #litchat Cheers! #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 14th, 2010                      |
| dosankodebbie @amyknichols West as in hemisphere or culture. (altho I know there are actually many cultures in the Western hemisphere) #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 14th, 2010                           |
| deannaschrayer @amyknichols I think strong voice & character = no cliché, but maybe I'm reading wrong books #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| amyknichols @janflora Good example, Harry Potter. #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| janflora RT @amyknichols: RT @TwinkleChar I think sometimes a writer can try so hard to be unique, the story won't resonate on any level. #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 14th, 2010                        |
| TwinkleChar I think unique characters can override clichéd circumstances. #litchat #amwriting -1:42 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| amyknichols @dosankodebbie That's what I thought, but didn't want to assume. #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| smolderingink @LitChat @amyknichols Strong voice can overcome cliché plot, but better not to get cliché in first place #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |

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| CEMcKenzie1 If I make Justin Beiber main character in my next book, will that be a cliché or just opportunistic #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 14th, 2010                              |
| KaylaCagan Hi Guys! Have to cut out for the rest of #litchat! Have a good afternoon! -1:42 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| Juanofwords Character and plot development are the hooks that will keep me reading no matter how cliché #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                      |
| GRgenius Agreed! Something to wrap it up... RT @corb21 I hate when books just end. Give me happy or sad over nothing. #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 14th, 2010                        |
| smolderingink @litchat @amyknichols I'd think if the voice is strong enough, your protag will let you know if you're getting too cliché #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 14th, 2010      |
| amyknichols @deannaschrayer I think so, too (re: voice/char). But then it's tricky pitching the plot that sounds cliché or overdone. #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 14th, 2010         |
| ElizabethBastos @LitChat #litchat original voice and character can overcome a hackneyed plot. #Diaz 's The Brief Life of Oscar Wao, for instance. -1:43 PM Jun 14th, 2010     |
| girlfrombim Think dysfunctional families are more real, amusing too @ corb21@Thandelike: @twinklechar #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| Hayley_DM @KaylaCagan Have a great day #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| mdbenoit2 Everything's been written about, so you need unique char. RT @TwinkleChar: I think unique char can override clichés. #litchat #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 14th, 2010      |
| janflora @TwinkleChar So true...too many unique plot points can get pretentious or confusing :) #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| dosankodebbie RT @TwinkleChar I think sometimes a writer can try so hard to be unique, the story won't resonate on any level. #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 14th, 2010                |
| TwinkleChar Bingo.//RT @Juanofwords: Character and plot development are the hooks that will keep me reading no matter how cliché #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 14th, 2010             |
| IanB022 #litchat RT @PublishersWkly: Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award Winners Announced: <a href="http://bit.ly/dw7jnE">http://bit.ly/dw7jnE</a> -1:43 PM Jun 14th, 2010       |
| Hayley_DM RT @Juanofwords: Character and plot development are the hooks that will keep me reading no matter how cliché - Agreed #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 14th, 2010              |
| girlfrombim Def opp! :) RT @CEMcKenzie1: If I make Justin Beiber main character in my next book, will that be a cliché or just opportunistic #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 14th, 2010 |
| janflora RT @Juanofwords: Character and plot development are the hooks that will keep me reading no matter how cliché #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 14th, 2010                        |
| smolderingink @amyknichols you'd have to pitch the voice, instead. Cliché is something I do worry about, writing high fantasy #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 14th, 2010                |
| mdbenoit2 @KaylaCagan Nice talking with you! #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| amyknichols @smolderingink Hey you! :) I think you're right about the strong protag leading you in right direction. #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 14th, 2010                          |
| saskatoonauthor @CEMcKenzie1 Hmmm I could do a Bieber-Zombie plot for book 3 #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| janflora Its hard to avoid many clichés since they are often what ppl want to read, what keeps a good story going #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 14th, 2010                            |
| deannaschrayer @amyknichols @TwinkleChar do you agree that if you feel like you're trying too hard you know it can't be good, as a writer? #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |

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| CEMcKenzie1 @saskatoonauthor ok but I want a cut for coming up with idea! #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| Hayley_DM All these vampire books out at the moment - no thanks #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| CarolyBurnsBass There is nothing new under the sun. Take a cliché, give it a new twist and agents/editors will be interested. #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 14th, 2010                    |
| janflora back to kid duty...y'all have fun now #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| smolderingink @amyknichols *waves* I am so stoked that the stars have aligned for me to join #litchat today. - 1:45 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| deannaschrayer @amyknichols @TwinkleChar When I'm writing, if I feel like I'm having to "try" to make it work, then it can't be good #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 14th, 2010             |
| amyknichols @smolderingink I have no idea how to pitch a voice in 30 seconds, LOL. #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| LitChat Come back on Weds for Part 2 of BEYOND CLICHE. RT @janflora: back to kid duty...y'all have fun now #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                       |
| mdbenoit2 They're everywhere. Don't invite them in. RT @Hayley_DM: All these vampire books out at the moment - no thanks #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 14th, 2010                         |
| amyknichols @deannaschrayer Absolutely agree. #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| deannaschrayer @amyknichols ah yes, pitching - whole different ball game. Hope I'll have someone to do that part for me. :) #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 14th, 2010                      |
| LitChat Waving back. RT @smolderingink: @amyknichols *waves* I am so stoked that the stars have aligned for me to join #litchat today. #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 14th, 2010           |
| dosankodebbie RT @CarolyBurnsBass: There is nothing new under the sun. Take a cliché, give it a new twist and agents/editors will be interested. #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 14th, 2010 |
| Juanofwords RT @CarolyBurnsBass There is nothing new under the sun. Take a cliché, give it a new twist and agents/editors will be interested. #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 14th, 2010    |
| saskatoonauthor @CEMcKenzie1 Done! Also, are they sayin SPIN is chick-lit, cuz it ain't. #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| Hayley_DM I want a real character someone I can believe in not some clichéd "plastic" character #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| corb21 RT @CarolyBurnsBass: There is nothing new under the sun. Take a cliché, give it a new twist and agents/editors will be interested. #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 14th, 2010        |
| Hayley_DM @mdbenoit2 I have garlic etc at the door - do not worry #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| marisabirns So true! RT @CarolyBurnsBass Nothing new under the sun. Take a cliché, give new twist and agents/editors will be interested. #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 14th, 2010         |
| corb21 @CarolyBurnsBass or take a cue from the movies and rewrite old books! #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| amyknichols @deannaschrayer I think I might be able to pull it off oice in a query letter, but the verbal pitch...eeeeek. #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 14th, 2010                        |
| deannaschrayer #litchat I've learned maybe I'm a bit too picky, but I can deal with that. :) Thanks for chat! -1:48 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| amyknichols RT @CarolyBurnsBass Nothing new under the sun. Take a cliché, give new twist and agents/editors will be interested. #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 14th, 2010                  |
| smolderingink @amyknichols Maybe pitch *in* voice? Or the flavor of? I don't know, the thought of live pitching petrifies me. #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 14th, 2010                    |

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| mdbenoit2 Nothing replaces a nice pointy stake. RT @Hayley_DM: @mdbenoit2 I have garlic etc at the door - do not worry #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| deannaschrayer @amyknichols me too! I'd rather write than talk - about anything - any day #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| Hayley_DM Lots of books at the mo are all so samey - arrrggghhh!!! #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| kashicat Oh my. I've totally been thinking #litchat was just about to start, not about to end. Oh boy. -1:49 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| TwinkleChar @deannaschrayer Interesting question about trying to make writing work. Takes inspired efforts, I think. #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| Hayley_DM @mdbenoit2 ha ha #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| mdbenoit2 @kashicat Nice to see you anyway. #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| amyknichols @Hayley_DM Me, too. A character I believe in and am rooting for will make me glance over things I don't like in a book. #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| LitChat Sorry... RT @kashicat: Oh my. Ive totally been thinking #litchat was just about to start, not about to end. Oh boy. #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| katmagendie Dang my hide; I'm late, so late there's only 10 minutes left - ! #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| lanB022 RT @Hayley_DM: Lots of books at the mo are all so samey - arrrggghhh!!! #litchat - People looking for a literary security blanket maybe? -1:50 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| TwinkleChar Saw U "out there," ignoring us ;-/RT @kashicat: Oh my. I've totally been thinking #litchat was just about to start, not about to end. -1:50 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| Hayley_DM @amyknichols Exactly, I want to believe in and fight along with this character- rooting for him/her as the story unfolds #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| karenfrommentor RT @marisabirns For me, endings don't have to be happy per se, but at least hopeful. #litchat /I'm ok w/the total annihilation of everything -1:50 PM Jun 14th, 2010                             |
| deannaschrayer @TwinkleChar could be that I'm just addicted...to writing that is ;) #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| smolderingink @deannaschrayer ditto. Heck that's why I became a writer in the first place. Brain-to-mouth-connection all wonky. #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| karenfrommentor Just not every stinking time. @marisabirns #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| CEMcKenzie1 plug for non-cliche ending book by @cathymbuchanan - The Day the Falls Stood still, which you can win here: <a href="http://bit.ly/cZU9s8">http://bit.ly/cZU9s8</a> #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 14th, 2010 |
| katmagendie @amyknichols @Hayley_DM A character I believe in & am rooting for will make me glance over things I don't like in a book.>>>me too! #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                 |
| Hayley_DM @lanB022 Or jump on the bandwagon? #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| marisabirns @CarolyBurnsBass Nothing new under sun, or in vampire land. As THE PASSAGE shows, though, new twist brings readers. #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| deannaschrayer I'd better go feed the rugrats (speaking of cliché). Thanks for entertainment everybody! #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| dosankodebbie @Hayley_DM Sometimes So many ppl in the real world are themselves clichés. Sometimes prefer unrealistic char in my reads. #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| katmagendie @karenfrommentor I like a hopeful ending as well - those "drive into a brick wall" endings make me crazy, too #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| marisabirns @katmagendie Better make those 10 minutes really good ones! :D #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |

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| amyknichols @smolderingink You underestimate yourself, you know. :) #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| mdbenoit2 Loved it! RT @CEMcKenzie1: plug for non-cliche ending book by @cathymbuchanan - The Day the Falls Stood still: <a href="http://bit.ly/cZU9s8">http://bit.ly/cZU9s8</a> #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 14th, 2010 |
| TwinkleChar @Hayley_DM RE "samey"--great word. Not cliché. And yet, we get it, which usually indicates cliché. #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| techtigger too busy working, missed most of litchat, dangit! :( #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| katmagendie @marisabirns *laughing* I know! #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| Juanofwords RT @katmagendie @amyknichols @Hayley_DM character I believe in & am rootng 4 will make me glance over things I don't like in book #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                    |
| BrighterScribe RT @techtigger: too busy working, missed most of litchat, dangit! :( #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| katrinalantzov Is it really so bad to jump on the bandwagon, long as you have fresh twists? Writing *is* the conversation of society, after all. #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                 |
| Hayley_DM @dosankodebbie Exactly #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| CarolyBurnsBass Characters people typically prefer often reflect themselves. When we connect to someone unlike us, lit magic happens. #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| IanB022 @Hayley_DM Possibly but I wonder how much readers like to stick to what they know #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| TwinkleChar RT @deannaschroyer: @TwinkleChar could be that I'm just addicted 2writing that is ;) #litchat //Me too. But 4 me inspiration=wings and fun. -1:53 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                   |
| smolderingink I just read a book where everyone died at the end, but while grim and sad, it was also realistic and satisfying. #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| Hayley_DM @TwinkleChar Why thank you Honey #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| LitChat The best excuse. RT @BrighterScribe: RT @techtigger: too busy working, missed most of litchat, dangit! :( #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| amyknichols @CarolyBurnsBass Love that! #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| smolderingink But I am also a sucker for a happy ending- Disney's Beauty and the Beast has one of my fav endings ever. #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| marisabirns @karenfrommentor Yes, annihilation now and again is good! #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| TheNewAuthor What about books that have closure yet leave the lingering idea that there is more...like setting up a sequel? Is that cliché? #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 14th, 2010                                      |
| valerievaldes @smolderingink I think most people will take a realistic, satisfying ending over a happy one. #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| CarolyBurnsBass What book? RT @smolderingink: I just read a book where everyone died at the end... #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| katmagendie @smolderingink read a book where everyone died at the end >>If I kind of expect it, I'm okay but if not; ergh #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| Hayley_DM @IanB022 I think so yes, I suppose we all do #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 14th, 2010   |
| valerievaldes @smolderingink My favorite Disney film! #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| mdbenoit2 Agree! RT @valerievaldes: @smolderingink I think most people will take a realistic, satisfying ending over a happy one. #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |
| BrighterScribe RT @LitChat: The best excuse. RT @BrighterScribe: RT @techtigger: too busy working, missed most of litchat, dangit! :( #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 14th, 2010  |

Hayley\_DM I do not need a happy ending, just a form of closure #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 14th, 2010

marisabirns @TheNewAuthor If I love the story, then I'm happy to believe there will be a sequel, cliché or not. #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 14th, 2010

smolderingink @katmagendie Yeah, it totally depends on the handling. Stupidly written deaths make me chuck the book across the room #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 14th, 2010

LitChat RT@TheNewAuthor: What abt books that have closure yet leave lingering idea there is more...like setting up a sequel?Is that cliché? #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 14th, 2010

mdbenoit2 Larsson's sequels to Girl with a Dragon Tattoo were definitely below par. And I'm prob. the only 1 thinking that. #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 14th, 2010

karenfrommentor @marisabirns Especially if Bruce Willis gets to take his shirt off. #litchat Um...may have drifted off topic here -1:58 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katmagendie As long as the author doesn't kill off someone or end it in a way just to shock or as a "device" -it has to ring truths #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Hayley\_DM Sometimes a great book needs a sequel to tie up loose ends rather than letting it finish too suddenly #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 14th, 2010

laurelruesswurm @TheNewAuthor so long as there isn't a BIG neon sign flashing above saying "sequel" #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katrinalantzov @Selorian I don't suggest people write "to trends", but I do think if one story inspires you to write about werewolves, you should. #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 14th, 2010

smolderingink @valerievaldes It is the best! Bookworm scorns town hunk, has adventures instead. #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 14th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @TheNewAuthor I enjoy books that leave me wondering. I don't need everything tied up in a perfect bow. But I do want satisfaction. #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 14th, 2010

karenfrommentor @katmagendie Is it just me or is dark and gloomy better in the winter? #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katmagendie @smolderingink Same here; and it happened not long ago & the one the author killed off was the likeable one-I was Pee-oed! #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 14th, 2010

amyknichols @marisabirns I agree, but even with books I love, there is a time when the series should end. Like some tv programs. #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 14th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @Hayley\_DM To me that means the author didn't do the job. I like sequels about side characters. #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 14th, 2010

TwinkleChar I am a reader pretty easy to please. Just tell me a \*good story\* with closure or hope at the end. Cliche nix-che. #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Hayley\_DM But to finish suddenly with an obvious - "to be continued" makes me want to scream #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 14th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @laurelruesswurm Yes, you have a point but there are ways in which the idea can be conveyed. Builds anticipation for the next. #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 14th, 2010

karenfrommentor @katmagendie I kinda like to lay out on a blanket under a tree and NOT read about things on the News.Summer is decadent reading 4me #litchat -2:00 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katmagendie @karenfrommentor Yes! :- ) #litchat -2:00 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katmagendie @karenfrommentor I meant yes dark and gloomy in winter - not yes just you \*laugh\* #litchat -2:00 PM Jun 14th, 2010

CEMcKenzie1 if you want some book recs for non-clichéd books, please come join Author Effect on FB: <http://bit.ly/cZU9s8> #litchat -2:00 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katmagendie @Hayley\_DM But to finish suddenly with an obvious - "to be continued" makes me want to scream>>>me too-esp if unexpected. #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 14th, 2010

LitChat RT @lucindahawksley: Can Any Mother Help Me? defied all cliches - assumed it was chicklit till friend told me about it. great book.#litchat -2:01 PM Jun 14th, 2010

valerievaldes @smolderingink Belle was also one of Disney's more active "princesses" as compared to her predecessors. #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 14th, 2010

marisabirns @karenfrommentor Summer is men without shirts reading for you! #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Hayley\_DM @mdbenoit2 Or maybe a continuation of a grt characters development? #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katmagendie @karenfrommentor Like the "beach read" even if not at the beach :) #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 14th, 2010

smolderingink I don't want to spoiler it for people. Tag line was "a novel of automated anarchy & clockwork lust" google and it'll come up #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 14th, 2010

laurelruesswurm I liked the end of the "Flash Gordon" movie where Ming's ring bounced across the floor and the title read: "the end...??" #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Hayley\_DM @katmagendie Exactly #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Juanofwords the problem with cliches is that they are like telenovelas: overdramatic, painfully drawn out, and often leave u w to be continued #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 14th, 2010

karenfrommentor RT @katmagendie @karenfrommentor I meant yes dark & gloomy in winter - not yes just you \*laugh\* #litchat / I figured. Was Still funny. :0) -2:02 PM Jun 14th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @Hayley\_DM If there's evolution, maybe. #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 14th, 2010

amyknichols @smolderingink Oooh, can I borrow it? :) #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 14th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass LOL RT @marisabirns: Nothing new under sun, or in vampire land. As THE PASSAGE shows, though, new twist brings readers. #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 14th, 2010

mdbenoit2 Sorry, folks, gotta go. Great convo tonight! #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 14th, 2010

dosankodebbie @CEMcKenzie1 I just joined Author Effect! <http://bit.ly/cZU9s8> #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 14th, 2010

techtigger I like it when the current problem is resolved, but there are loose ends that could become new plots- those sequels are fun #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katmagendie @karenfrommentor Laughing! it was! :) #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katmagendie @Hayley\_DM :) #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katrinalantznov @Selorian :) It's all good. I love debate/discussion. That's partly why I do chats like #litchat, to learn trends and how to defy them. -2:03 PM Jun 14th, 2010

smolderingink @valerievaldes very true. Hard \*not\* to root for a heroine who's not afraid to take matters into her own hands. #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 14th, 2010

laurelruesswurm @TheNewAuthor Sometimes characters/story must continue... one of my faves is Pillars of the Earth, but sequel better left undone #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 14th, 2010

amyknichols I did, too. :) RT @dosankodebbie @CEMcKenzie1 I just joined Author Effect! <http://bit.ly/cZU9s8> #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 14th, 2010

LitChat Hope to see you on Wednesday. RT @mdbenoit2: Sorry, folks, gotta go. Great convo tonight! #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 14th, 2010

stratfordsj Which is rubbish, cause ppl love happy endings.RT @CEMcKenzie1: As a woman writer, beware the happy ending! They call you chick lit #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Hayley\_DM RT @techtigger: I like it when current problem is resolved, but loose ends that could become new plots- those sequels are fun #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 14th, 2010

LitChat We've crossed the published hour of #litchat. Feel free to continue, but do come back Weds for more BEYOND CLICHE convo. -2:05 PM Jun 14th, 2010

smolderingink @amyknichols Yes ma'am! Gonna write a review on SI later today if'n I can find the time. #litchat -2:05 PM Jun 14th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @LitChat Will try to make it. It'll depend whether there's wind or not for sailing. #litchat -2:05 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Juanofwords I am out als, gr8 topic and tweeters folks... thanks #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 14th, 2010

laurelruesswurm @techtigger or like when a new riff pops up like "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" springing from Hamlet #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 14th, 2010

amyknichols @smolderingink Awesome. Thanks! #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 14th, 2010

amyknichols Thanks for a fun chat. So glad I could join in today. It's been too long! Hopefully see you Wednesday. :) #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 14th, 2010

smolderingink @LitChat will try to manipulate toddler's naptime. I always have a blast whenever I can duck into #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 14th, 2010

techtigger @laurelruesswurm absolutely! :) #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 14th, 2010

laurelruesswurm RT @katrinalantzov, @Selorian All good. I love debate/discussion. Thats partly why I #litchat, learn trends and how to defy them. #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katmagendie Had fun - even if I did come late! Always wonderful to be here . . . #litchat -2:08 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Hayley\_DM Thanks for a fab #litchat as usual - see you all Wednesday #litchat -2:08 PM Jun 14th, 2010

Saffy @smolderingink My four year old is having kidsomnia so I have failed yet again to join #litchat :/ -2:08 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katmagendie RT @LitChat: We've crossed the published hour of #litchat. Feel free to continue, but do come back Weds for more BEYOND CLICHE convo. -2:08 PM Jun 14th, 2010

LitChat Get to know #litchat Friday guest host, @ADonnRowley, author of LIFE AFTER YES, at <http://bit.ly/6rvjzD>. -2:09 PM Jun 14th, 2010

laurelruesswurm sounds like i make the last few seconds of a great one "BEYOND CLICHE" I love it... hope very much to be able to make it wednesday #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katmagendie RT @LitChat: Get to know #litchat Friday guest host, @ADonnRowley, author of LIFE AFTER YES, at <http://bit.ly/6rvjzD>. #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 14th, 2010

smolderingink @Saffy It is so hard when your time is not really your own. #litchat #amwritingnowiswear -2:10 PM Jun 14th, 2010

LitChat Thanks.Enjoyed your posts.RT@smolderingink:will try to manipulate toddler's naptime. I always have a blast whenever I can duck into #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 14th, 2010

scgreen Looks like I missed a good convo on #litchat today. I'll try to be present for Wednesday's chat. -2:11 PM Jun 14th, 2010

dosankodebbie RT @LitChat: Get to know #litchat Friday guest host, @ADonnRowley, author of LIFE AFTER YES, at <http://bit.ly/6rvjzD>. -2:11 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katmagendie Later Y'all - see you Wednesday! Deadline is looming so close I can see it's boogers-oh dear; that's kind of gross and horrid ... #litchat -2:11 PM Jun 14th, 2010

katmagendie Try that again: Deadline's looming so close, I can see its ...it's ... help me here; I got nothing \*laugh\* ...later y'all! #litchat -2:11 PM Jun 14th, 2010



LitChat And by the way, plans are progressing for the LitChat Reader/Writer Retreat in South Beach this October. Deets tk. Promise! #litchat -2:12 PM Jun 14th, 2010

**WEDNESDAY: June 16, 2010**

LitChat Welcome to Wednesday #litchat. Please introduce yourself and let the convo begin! -1:00 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam I'm William, published Indie Author of THE DARK PROVINCE. I have a cast on my foot and I'm ready for #litchat! #litchat -1:01 PM Jun 16th, 2010

wwwgalelaurecom RT @LitChat: Welcome to Wednesday #litchat. Please introduce yourself and let the convo begin! -1:01 PM Jun 16th, 2010

CathrynLouis #litchat Cathryn Louis, author -1:01 PM Jun 16th, 2010

bookswim RT @LitChat: Welcome to Wednesday #litchat. Please introduce yourself and let the convo begin! -1:02 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat @AuthorWilliam Great to see you here. How's the achilles feeling? #litchat -1:02 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam Using tweet chat for the first time. Forgive me if I over hashtag my comments. #litchat -1:02 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @LitChat Feels pretty good. Drove for the first time today and My head feels a lot clearer. :-)  
Thanks for asking. #litchat -1:03 PM Jun 16th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @AuthorWilliam Good to see things went well. I'm here for #litchat too! Let the good times roll. -1:03 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @TheNewAuthor Indeed, let them roll! :) #litchat -1:04 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat #litchat is easier to follow when using <http://bit.ly/d0BWh>. Just login w/ Twitter info, then type litchat in box asking for hashtag. -1:04 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mpherndon Hi, it's Marsha here. @AuthorWilliam hope you are recovering quickly. #litchat -1:05 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JSLion Hello #litchat! -1:05 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @CathrynLouis Nice to meet you Cathryn! #litchat -1:06 PM Jun 16th, 2010

bookswim BookSwim here - the "netflix for books" service #litchat -1:06 PM Jun 16th, 2010

scgreen It's been a while, but I'm here! #litchat -1:06 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @mpherndon Hi Marsha, thank you. I feel much better today than yesterday and the dar before. #litchat -1:06 PM Jun 16th, 2010

CathrynLouis @LitChat great tip. thx! #litchat -1:07 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mpherndon @bookswim Nice, I have heard about that but I haven't checked it out yet! #litchat -1:07 PM Jun 16th, 2010

kashicat Heya #litchat. -1:07 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs @LitChat Hi, I'm here. Editor/coach for writers. Been so busy today attending w/o shower. I'll sit over here away from y'all #litchat -1:07 PM Jun 16th, 2010

paperbridges Hi, I'm Monica. First time here. #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat On Monday we discussed some of the ways that books surprise us--books that we thought cliché until we read them. #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mpherndon @DebraMarrs LOL please do! ;) #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs @AuthorWilliam Hiya. Sorry to hear you've been feeling poorly. Glad you got out to chat it up w/us here #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 16th, 2010

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| LitChat Welcome. You avatar is cool. RT @paperbridges: Hi, Im Monica. First time here. #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| Glendaliz Hi everyone! First time using tweetchat too so apologies for any weirdness. Unintentional weirdness. #litchat #litchat -1:08 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| agnieszkasshoes @PaperBridges welcome to #litchat :) -1:09 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| mdbenoit2 Hi, there, SF Writer from Ottawa, Canada #litchat -1:09 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| giocclair Hi, dear all. Am I late? #LitChat -1:09 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| bookswim #litchat I found the Stephanie Plum novels (Janet Evanovich) that way. They are very cliché, but I was surprised how much I enjoyed them -1:10 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| mdbenoit2 @DebraMarrs Downwind, I hope :D #litchat -1:10 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| DebraMarrs Wed. #litchat has started 4pmET with continuing topic: BEYOND CLICHE. Join us via <a href="http://www.tweetchat.com">http://www.tweetchat.com</a> #hashtag #litchat -1:10 PM Jun 16th, 2010                    |
| agnieszkasshoes @AuthorWilliam delighted you're on the mend #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| giocclair I live in Paris. I'm not supposed to be tweeting (ill), but here I am. #LitChat -1:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam RT @DebraMarrs: Wed. #litchat has started 4pmET with continuing topic: BEYOND CLICHE. Join us via <a href="http://www.tweetchat.com">http://www.tweetchat.com</a> #hashtag #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @paperbridges Agree! Way cool! WelcomeRT @LitChat: Welcome. You avatar is cool. RT @paperbridges: Hi, Im Monica. First time here. #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| scgreen So where do we start today? #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| mdbenoit2 @bookswim The first few Evanovich were fun, but they got old fast. The char. weren't evolving a lot #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| LitChat Today let's get into specific books/titles that begin with a cliché and then blow it away. Who wants to begin? #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| DebraMarrs @mdbenoit2 Snicker, snicker. I'll be fly on wall :-)) #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| LitChat Welcome. What time is it there? RT @giocclair: I live in Paris. Im not supposed to be tweeting (ill), but here I am. #litchat -1:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| AuthorWilliam @DebraMarrs Glad to be here :-)) And glad to see you here! #litchat -1:12 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| paperbridges @agnieszkasshoes thanks :) good to talk books with you all. Hope I don't go all Lurker on you. #litchat -1:12 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| AuthorWilliam @agnieszkasshoes Many thanks! I'm delighted as well. lol :) #litchat -1:12 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| bookswim @mdbenoit2 #litchat I've heard that as well, I only read the first two. Its quite out of my genre (which is why I read them at all) -1:12 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| giocclair It's 10 p.m. #LitChat -1:12 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| DebraMarrs @mpherndon Hey, Marsha. Probably shouldn't have been so honest :-)) #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| PeevishPenman @Glendaliz Hi! don't worry, it's my second time #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| LitChat Hint: When using Tweetchat, you don't have to add the hashtag. The program automatically adds it for you. No more lost chat posts! #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| agnieszkasshoes @PaperBridges ha ha! It can get a bit frenetic trying to follow everything sometimes #litchat -1:13 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| Glendaliz No specific titles come to mind but clichés seem to prevail in thriller/suspense books. #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |

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| gioclaire Tweetchat is practical #LitChat -1:14 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| scgreen I've heard James A Owens novel, Here, There Be Dragons starts out cliched fantasy, but twists by the end. Still in the middle. #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 16th, 2010      |
| mpherndon @DebraMarrs Just teasing. I had a shower today, but most times not. #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| paperbridges Thx! it's stained glass, which I luv RT @LitChat: Welcome. You avatar is cool. RT @paperbridges: Hi, Im Monica. #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 16th, 2010                |
| JSLion Never seen #litchat so quiet! (or is it Twitter?) -1:14 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| LitChat We love questions. If you want to pose a question to the whole group, send it to me w/o hashtag, I will add to the chat in Q order. #litchat -1:14 PM Jun 16th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @mdbenoit2 @bookswim Re: Evanovich, I see that happen a lot in commercial fiction: the char. don't evolve. Do you 2? #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 16th, 2010             |
| gioclaire A book that started with a cliché and then blew my mind: The Hunger Games (cliché: Battle Royale) #LitChat -1:15 PM Jun 16th, 2010                                 |
| Saffy @LitChat @JSLion don't know but I'm having to bail out again - this time its me being tired :/ #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| PeevishPenman @scgreen Is it a good twist? on Owen's novel #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| DebraMarrs @mpherndon Oh, good to know. In good company LOL #litchat -1:15 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| mdbenoit2 @DebraMarrs @bookswim Yes, and I often stop reading the series for exactly that reason. #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| PeevishPenman @JSLion Could be the subjectivity of the cliché...#litchat -1:16 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| bookswim @DebraMarrs #litchat the difficulty with character evolution is that the character you fell in love with is different - shoos readers 1/2 -1:16 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| scgreen @gioclaire Got that book queued to read next. #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| mdbenoit2 Goldman's The Princess Bride starts out with a clichéd premise but blows it all to hell #litchat -1:16 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| bookswim #litchat theres a commercial and a literary aspect. Books sell well when there is a bit of predictability in a character. ppl fear change -1:17 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| Glendaliz @PeevishPenman I just caught on to the not-typing the hashtag or it appears 2x thing. lol #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| scgreen @PeevishPenman I hear that it is, but I'm currently only halfway through. So far it almost ridiculously cliché. #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 16th, 2010                     |
| CarolyBurnsBass What a great example. RT @mdbenoit2: Goldmans The Princess Bride starts out with a clichéd premise but blows it all to hell #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 16th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @LitChat Bks that try to rewrite prev. classics. Cliched device but loved Cunningham's Mrs. Dalloway (V. Woolf spinoff) #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 16th, 2010          |
| CathrynLouis @scgreen what do u think of it so far? #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| mdbenoit2 @bookswim In my SF Mystery series, my protag evolves w every book. When he won't, I'll quit the series #litchat -1:17 PM Jun 16th, 2010                            |
| gioclaire @mdbenoit2 Hunger Games is great because it uses the same plot (Battle Royal) for a totally different end #LitChat -1:18 PM Jun 16th, 2010                         |
| AuthorWilliam @mdbenoit2 The Princess Bride, nice one! #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| DebraMarrs @bookswim True. I hear you on this RT: Books sell well when there is a bit of predictability in a character. ppl fear change #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 16th, 2010     |
| mdbenoit2 @AuthorWilliam @LitChat Thanks! #litchat -1:18 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |

agnieszkasshoes mind's a blank only 2 i can think of that start semi-cliche and turn around are 2666 and American Psycho.#litchat -1:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010

cincindypat Testing TweetChat, looks cool! I never read Princess Bride but saw the movie. #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010

giocclair RT @DebraMarrs: I hear you on this RT: Books sell well when there is a bit of predictability in a character. ppl fear change #LitChat -1:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @giocclair Who wrote Hunger Games? #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010

scgreen @CathrynLouis I'm reserving judgement as of yet. I'm rather on the fence. #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes think starting with a cliché only to subvert it is a bit risky for an author - reader may not get past the cliché #litchat -1:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010

valerievaldes @BookSwim I think maybe there's a difference between predictable and internally consistent, or familiar. #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @DebraMarrs @bookswim Yup. The process of marketing demands giving people something familiar. #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @BookSwim It's effort to read without an easy reference...so some predictability works #litchat ...unless guaranteed to be great writing -1:20 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @cincindypat The book is quite different. More hilarious, in a way. #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @bookswim: Books sell well when there is a bit of predictability in a character. ppl fear change <-So true! #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 16th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes on other hand subverting stereotypes v common/effective - esp 70s - Updike/Levin etc #litchat -1:20 PM Jun 16th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes come to think of it, maybe Bonfire of the Vanities from that oeuvre fits the bill #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010

Hayley\_DM Sorry I am late computer problems! What have I missed? #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010

TheNewAuthor We should be careful with clichés though. Take vampires, if they don't fit the classic form to a degree it feels uncomfortable. #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @AuthorWilliam But there comes a point where familiarity breeds contempt (to use a cliché) #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @bookswim: #litchat theres a commercial and a literary aspect. Books sell well when there is a bit of predictability in a character. ppl fear change -1:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat @justdworld Will post your question about submissions at end of #litchat. Our topic in this hour is BEYOND CLICHE. If I forget, remind me! -1:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs @mdbenoit2 @bookswim I hv also disliked when series chars change too much. No longer want to hang w/the "new them" #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010

giocclair The biggest cliché of them all is the orphan who saves the world (Harry Who?) but treated with fresh ideas. I enjoyed most of it #LitChat -1:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010

valerievaldes I almost feel like subverting cliché has become the new cliché because it's expected. #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant @dianemeiernyc Yea! Welcome to the Twitterverse Diane!! Going to pop into #Litchat now. #SheWrites -1:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @scgreen can ridiculously cliché be good? Is there that point where it transforms back to good? #litchat -1:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @TheNewAuthor What I hear you saying is that there is risk taking something familiar and that people expect and changing it.. #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs @mdbenoit2: Good 4U! RT: In my SF Mystery series, my protag evolves w every book. When he wont, Ill quit the series #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 16th, 2010

giocclair @PeevishPenman I think all goes when it goes well. #LitChat -1:22 PM Jun 16th, 2010

agnieszkasshoes RT @valerievaldes: I almost feel like subverting cliché has become the new cliché because it's expected. #litchat -1:22 PM Jun 16th, 2010

scgreen @PeevishPenman I'm hoping so. I feel the potential in this book, but whether the author can pull it off, only the ending will tell. #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 16th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @PeevishPenman I think ridiculously cliché would only be good if it were so ridiculous it were satire or tongue-in-cheek. #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @mdbenoit2 Yes...when familiarity goes to predictability...and too deep in that territory. #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs @mdbenoit2 Excellent example RT: Goldmans The Princess Bride starts out with a clichéd premise but blows it all to hell #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 16th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @AuthorWilliam Absolutely. We, as writers, want to put a fresh spin on it but there is a fine line. #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman RT @valerievaldes: I almost feel like subverting cliché has become the new cliché because it's expected. #litchat -1:23 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @valerievaldes that's an excellent observation #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AtticusBooks Thanks for the tip on TweetChat. As for blown-up clichés, the theatre of the absurd comes to mind. How about Waiting for Godot? #LitChat -1:24 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @scgreen but most of the time don't we put down books before we get to the ending if it's too cliché'd #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @valerievaldes: I almost feel like subverting cliché has become the new cliché because its expected. #litchat -1:24 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @PeevishPenman: RT @valerievaldes: I almost feel like subverting cliché has become the new cliché because its expected.<<love it #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 16th, 2010

valerievaldes @PeevishPenman And yet, what does it mean for us writers? Pushing limits becomes harder as the limits expand. #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @AtticusBooks Re: Godot, elaborate? #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat How much do titles and/or covers influence you in suggesting cliché? #litchat -1:25 PM Jun 16th, 2010

bookswim #litchat if you boil stories down to cores: boy meets girl, boy messes up, boy makes up, boy and girl live happily - 1/2 -1:25 PM Jun 16th, 2010

bookswim #litchat there are only so many permutations. Some will work better than others and become cliché. Its a side-effect of communication -1:26 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @TheNewAuthor: We s/b careful w/cliches tho. Take vampires, if they dont fit classic form to a degree it feels uncomfortable. #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 16th, 2010

Azrael52 Hello, #litchat. I'll try to hang around as long as possible. Between tasks at the moment. -1:26 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @CarolyBurnsBass what about if it took itself so seriously as to be the cliché to end all clichés of that variety? #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 16th, 2010

giocclair @PeevishPenman Since I read books on an e-reader, I've started putting down books (so to speak) when I reach 33% #LitChat -1:26 PM Jun 16th, 2010

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| CathrynLouis Here's a question-how do u know when you're writing cliché? Is it up 2 the reader 2 decide? #litchat -1:26 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| DebraMarrs @LitChat Q: How much do titles and/or covers influence you in suggesting cliché? A: Very much. Covers influence my choices a lot #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 16th, 2010        |
| TheNewAuthor @LitChat I would say covers for romance novels are very cliché. My wife has a load of them and they all look the same. #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 16th, 2010                |
| mdbenoit2 @PeevishPenman There are many literary books who take themselves too seriously. They're almost caricature. #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 16th, 2010                               |
| valerievaldes @LitChat If the book cover features a half-naked woman in black leather or a burly man with a sword, I will probably pass on it. #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 16th, 2010     |
| giocclair Am I the only one to remember the time when vampires were old and UGLY? #LitChat -1:27 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| PeevishPenman @valerievaldes I feel the same about intellectual property issues, but I think new ideas really are rare even in writing #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 16th, 2010             |
| scgreen @PeevishPenman I guess hat would depend if the prose were any good. #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| agnieszkasshoes @LitChat hugely - all the Dan Brown spin-offs, and misery lit, then the Kite Runner alikes #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| Glendaliz Titles/covers lead me to think cliché all the time. women's fiction = beach, etc. #litchat -1:27 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| AtticusBooks @AuthorWilliam The main characters in the play speak in clichés and the waiting premise itself is somewhat cliché... #LitChat -1:28 PM Jun 16th, 2010                  |
| mdbenoit2 @LitChat Covers, unfortunately, influence readers, esp. from beginning writers. Titles, too. #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| PeevishPenman @valerievaldes but the rearrangement of old ideas and craftsmanship can be 'new' #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| Glendaliz Shoot. Running off early. See everyone next time. #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| AuthorWilliam @LitChat A fine question, speaks to how familiarity must be used to intrigue. #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| agnieszkasshoes covers can be a fantastic way of placing book with readers who love the field, but loses readers if it's not exactly in that field #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 16th, 2010 |
| CathrynLouis @DebraMarrs ime 2 #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| DebraMarrs @LitChat At bk store on Sat. saw so many Jane Austen offshoot/rewrites. Anyone reading those? Thots? #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 16th, 2010                                    |
| mdbenoit2 @TheNewAuthor Are there any heads on them? The trend is to cut off the head, leave just the body, woman or man. #litchat -1:28 PM Jun 16th, 2010                          |
| valerievaldes @PeevishPenman Absolutely. I wonder at what an idea goes from "not fresh" to "tired" to "cliché." #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 16th, 2010                                    |
| giocclair It would seem that when your ideas are really too new, agents/editors won't take risks with them. #LitChat -1:29 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| PeevishPenman @giocclair at 33% of the book? That happens to me, too, when I read paper...I just want a story to love not read #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 16th, 2010                     |
| Hayley_DM and all of the "memoirs" that are being banded about at the moment that are so often being proven not to be #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 16th, 2010                              |

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| <p>mdbenoit2 Good one. RT @Glendaliz: Titles/covers lead me to think cliché all the time. women's fiction = beach, etc. #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>                                     |
| <p>katmagendie @valerievaldes I almost feel like subverting cliché has become the new cliché because it's expected &gt;.&gt;&gt;&gt;yes! me too sometimes #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>PeevishPenman @mdbenoit2 Mainstream has the same dilemma I would think #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>paperbridges Agreed RT @Glendaliz: Titles/covers lead me to think cliché all the time. women's fiction = beach, etc. #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>                                     |
| <p>CarolyBurnsBass @PeevishPenman Wow, I don't know if such an extreme test of clichéability is possible. #litchat -1:29 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>valerievaldes @PeevishPenman What point, that is. Or can a mere idea even be cliché? Is it all about execution? #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>scgreen Q1: I'd probably have read more fantasy if it weren't for those chain-mail bikinis. Too embarrassed to purchase. #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>                                 |
| <p>gioclair @PeevishPenman I'm a bit more lenient with old paper books. I can read on until the sagging middle spits me out of the story. #LitChat -1:30 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>                   |
| <p>mdbenoit2 @DebraMarrs I'm tempted by Pride and Prejudice and Zombies. Anyone read it? :) #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>TheNewAuthor @mdbenoit2 No kidding - 1 part man, 1 - part woman, combine in embrace with title on top and you have the cover. #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>                            |
| <p>GeneDoucette Oh hi, a chat! Right when I'm about to leave for home. #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>PeevishPenman @valerievaldes It's subjective when something becomes cliché, too. So it can be cliché in one language and genius in translation #litchat -1:30 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>           |
| <p>katmagendie @gioclair Am I the only one to remember the time when vampires were old and UGLY?&gt;&gt;&gt;and they are DEAD-can we say necrophilia *eyew* #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p> |
| <p>AuthorWilliam @AtticusBooks Interesting. Not sure I see their waiting as cliché. Interesting viewpoint however. #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>gioclair @valerievaldes I think execution is for 90% (percentage night, tonight, this Parisian girl) #LitChat -1:31 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>LitChat Can you hang around for another half-hour? RT @GeneDoucette: Oh hi, a chat! Right when I'm about to leave for home. #litchat -1:31 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>                              |
| <p>GeneDoucette @LitChat I shall try, what's the topic? #litchat -1:32 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>PeevishPenman @valerievaldes In sum, it is execution, because think how many works are written on the same idea, but few stand the test of time #litchat -1:32 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>          |
| <p>deberryandgrant Publishers like cliché, predictable, familiar because it sells &amp; more is better. Editors (good 1s) are looking for fresh, different #litchat -1:32 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>  |
| <p>Azrael52 @scgreen They don't really make you wear those to purchase them, do they? #litchat -1:32 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>LitChat Books that go BEYOND CLICHE. RT @GeneDoucette: @LitChat I shall try, what's the topic? #litchat -1:32 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>   |
| <p>gioclair RT @katmagendie: @gioclair when vampires were old and UGLY?&gt;&gt;&gt;and they are DEAD-can we say necrophilia. That hasn't changed. #LitChat -1:32 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>           |
| <p>PeevishPenman @gioclair That's at about 46% of the book for me. ha! #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 16th, 2010</p>  |

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| AuthorWilliam RT @scgreen: Id probably have read more fantasy if it werent for those chain-mail bikinis. Too embarrassed to purchase. *lol* :-) #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| GeneDoucette Ah... Seems lately, there is a fine line between cliché and "expected genre tropes" #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| mdbenoit2 @deberryandgrant Esp. with the Dan Browns of this world. They want repeat financial success. Who cares about story or writing? #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 16th, 2010         |
| PeevishPenman @CarolyBurnsBass No, but I think the issue underneath is clichés have an aspect of relativity and subjectivity to understand #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 16th, 2010       |
| CarolyBurnsBass #litchat RT @BookEndsJessica: just rejected a book. idea was so fabulous it broke my heart to do so, but rest just wasn't there. ... -1:33 PM Jun 16th, 2010      |
| katmagendie @mdbenoit2 @LitChat Covers, unfortunately, influence readers, esp. Titles, too.>>>& that's the area authors have little control #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 16th, 2010      |
| AuthorWilliam I think genre fiction has an interesting relationship to this topic, BEYOND CLICHES #litchat -1:33 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| lovelyleann @giocclair Read The Passage. They're ugly again, and more animal-like, more like what I call "real" vampires. #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 16th, 2010                        |
| bookswim @giocclair #litchat Vampires are undead - not dead. Its an odd distinction but a clear one -1:34 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| TheNewAuthor @katmagendie No, I remember that time. They were scary, mean and creepy. #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| AtticusBooks @AuthorWilliam Some satire, in general, could be considered a distortion of cliché to drive home the point(s) it's a clever device. #LitChat -1:34 PM Jun 16th, 2010 |
| AuthorWilliam There are extra things expected of Mystery, Romance, SciFi, Fantasy #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| Hayley_DM I personally want a book with some substance and backbone.not a re-hash of the zillions of other samey books I so often come across #litchat -1:34 PM Jun 16th, 2010    |
| PeevishPenman @scgreen I second that! re: chainmail bikinis #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| mdbenoit2 *lol* RT @TheNewAuthor: @katmagendie No, I remember that time. They were scary, mean and creepy. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 16th, 2010                                       |
| giocclair @bookswim Old and ugly vampires (as in the old times) Yes, and the new generation girls howled in outrage. #LitChat -1:35 PM Jun 16th, 2010                             |
| katmagendie @TheNewAuthor I detest nasty pale blood sucking Vampies - but I have a soft spot for tortured werewolves :) #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 16th, 2010                          |
| GeneDoucette Is it possible to miss the clichés if you simply don't know what the clichés are? #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| deberryandgrant @mdbenoit2 and the Pattersons and Ms. N. Roberts. It's writing as manufacturing-produce product--get it to market, make more. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 16th, 2010    |
| CarolyBurnsBass My RT of @jessicabookends comment shows how agents ARE looking for great ideas, but it must be well written and ready to go. #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 16th, 2010     |
| DebraMarrs @mdbenoit2 I "say" I'm not a zombie reader but am tempted by Pride and Prejudice and Zombies too. Egads! :) #litchat -1:35 PM Jun 16th, 2010                           |
| mdbenoit2 Some pub. are getting out of clichéd visual RT @AuthorWilliam: There are extra things expected of Mystery, Romance, SciFi, Fantasy #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 16th, 2010     |
| robynmcintyre @deberryandgrant Predictability is a shorthand. Saying "my book is Little Women meets Frankenstein" lets ppl predict its content #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |



AuthorWilliam I personally run into this with marketing my book. It is Fantasy, however I don't have dwarves and chain mail bikinis. #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @Hayley\_DM What would be a good recent example of a book that fit that for you? (former librarian can't help asking) #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 16th, 2010

TeresaFrohock @katmagendie @TheNewAuthor I like tortured werewolves too! Angst! I can do angst! ;-D #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant @katmagendie @TheNewAuthor Lucky for you there's plenty out there to satisfy your thirst! #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat RT @GeneDoucette: Is it possible to miss the cliches if you simply dont know what the cliches are? #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 16th, 2010

katmagendie @AuthorWilliam There are extra things expected of Mystery, Romance, SciFi, Fantasy>>>yes, "formulas" to follow, I understand #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @DebraMarrs We'll both have to read it and report on it. #litchat -1:36 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs @Hayley\_DM Amen, sistah. Me too - RT: personally want bks w/substance/backbone.not re-hash of zillions of other samey books #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 16th, 2010

GeneDoucette @AuthorWilliam I got you beat. I'm marketing a novel with vampires and demons, narrated by an immortal man... with no magic. #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robynmcintyre @GeneDoucette That's what I was wondering. Also, if nothing new under the sun, then isn't evrythng somewhat a cliché? #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @robynmcintyre it's also good marketing to associate your book with other works even if it makes it sound cliched, I think #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 16th, 2010

giocclair @GeneDoucette If you don't know it's a cliché, it's not a cliché. ;-) #LitChat -1:37 PM Jun 16th, 2010

katmagendie @GeneDoucette Is it possible to miss the cliches if you simply don't know what the cliches are? #litchat >>>subjective reading? #litchat -1:37 PM Jun 16th, 2010

GeneDoucette @robynmcintyre I think there's a problem inherent in picking something like a vampire and using it, because by definition, the... #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 16th, 2010

katmagendie @deberryandgrant @katmagendie @TheNewAuthor Lucky for you there's plenty out there to satisfy your thirst! >>ugh! :) #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robynmcintyre @PeevishPenman Agreed; it's doing it in a way that sounds fresh that's the hard part. #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @katmagendie Precisely. In a way I took the "risk" of defying formula while maintaining fantastic qualities. #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 16th, 2010

GeneDoucette @robynmcintyre ...established "rules" are cliché. #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 16th, 2010

katmagendie @TeresaFrohock I knew I liked you! :) awoooo! #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant @robynmcintyre Yes-does anybody remember "short attention span theater?" Like it or not, we're all audience members now. #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 16th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @katmagendie A soft spot for werewolves, interesting. I like them both, esp. when the vampire is smooth but has that evil presence. #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 16th, 2010

valerievaldes What is the difference between a genre trope and a cliché? #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 16th, 2010

giocclair @katmagendie Exactly. Subjective reading. #LitChat -1:38 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @GeneDoucette Oooh you are a thrill seeker! ;-) #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 16th, 2010

CathrynLouis @GeneDoucette that or the writing is so good that the cliché isn't obvious #litchat -1:38 PM Jun 16th, 2010

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| mdbenoit2 RT @valerievaldes: What is the difference between a genre trope and a cliché? #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| Madison_Woods Hi. What's the topic? #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| Hayley_DM @PeevishPenman Something with a new story, sthing I can get my teeth into eg S Barry, W Trevor, S Faulk -a real story & real char #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 16th, 2010     |
| katmagendie @robynmcintyre RT if nothing new under the sun, then isn't evrythng somewhat a cliché >>>>>have to come at it in diff angle, way #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 16th, 2010    |
| deberryandgrant How many more tattooed, disaffected, loner, hacker girl stories are in the works? #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre @GeneDoucette Very true. Finding a way to turn a cliché - the expected - into the unexpected is beguiling. #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 16th, 2010                        |
| giocclair @valerievaldes A cliché it's a a genre trope repeated with the same, identical details, ad nauseam. #LitChat -1:39 PM Jun 16th, 2010                                   |
| GeneDoucette @AuthorWilliam Hah. I didn't know I was when i wrote it. <a href="http://wp.me/PXIXL-q">http://wp.me/PXIXL-q</a> #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 16th, 2010                   |
| PeevishPenman I still believe whether something is overused or clichéd depends a lot what you've been exposed to :) #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 16th, 2010                             |
| DebraMarrs @GeneDoucette Gr8 pt. Possible to miss cliché when not aware of? Being well-read readers invites suspicion of cliché? #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 16th, 2010                |
| AuthorWilliam I think its funny: As writers we seek to avoid being too familiar but then as business people we must be familiar. #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 16th, 2010                |
| deberryandgrant My last vampire was Lestat. #litchat -1:39 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| katmagendie @giocclair Exactly. Subjective reading. >>>>yes! one wo/man's cliché is another wo/man's "I loved this book!" #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 16th, 2010                       |
| JSLion @PeevishPenman Working now. actually, a malfunctioning computer is a cliché in it self! #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| AuthorWilliam A good point RT @PeevishPenman: I still believe whether something is overused or clichéd depends a lot what youve been exposed to #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 16th, 2010 |
| GeneDoucette @DebraMarrs I personally think the entire vampire genre is one gigantic cliché. It bores me enormously. #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 16th, 2010                            |
| DebraMarrs Being well-read readers invites suspicion of cliché. Readers on hyper-vigilance to sniff it out :) #litchat -1:40 PM Jun 16th, 2010                                   |
| bookswim @deberryandgrant #litchat - Until they stop selling, clichés will remain. -1:41 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| mdbenoit2 Many I fear, want to b Larsson RT @deberryandgrant: How many more tattooed disaffected loner hacker girl stories are in the works? #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 16th, 2010    |
| Azrael52 RT @GeneDoucette: Ah... Seems lately, there is a fine line between cliché and "expected genre tropes" #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 16th, 2010                                  |
| TeresaFrohock @TheNewAuthor @katmagendie I'm a little burned out on vampires right now. I like to see my vamps done close to the old legends. #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| CarolyBurnsBass Me, too. I'm sure he'll be my final vampire, also. THE PASSAGE hype included. RT @deberryandgrant: My last vampire was Lestat. #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| Madison_Woods @GeneDoucette but I loved Anne Rice's twist on that old cliché. #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |

PeevishPenman It's funny, but no matter what, the first book I read from any genre will never seem cliched to me even if it was overwritten #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AtticusBooks Two wrongs don't make a right. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. #LitChat -1:41 PM Jun 16th, 2010

Hayley\_DM RT @GeneDoucette: @DebraMarrs I personally think the entire vampire genre is one gigantic cliché. It bores me enormously. #litchat Here here -1:41 PM Jun 16th, 2010

EzzyLanguzzi I still believe whether something is overused or cliched depends a lot what you've been exposed to :) #litchat (via @PeevishPenman) -1:41 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam Very True. And they will continue to sell. RT @bookswim: @deberryandgrant #litchat - Until they stop selling, cliches will remain. #litchat -1:41 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs @giocclair Good one! RT: @GeneDoucette If you don't know it's a cliché, it's not a cliché. ;-) #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant @bookswim Yes indeed. I have no expectations otherwise... #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 16th, 2010

katmagendie @bookswim @deberryandgrant Until they stop selling, cliches will remain.>>>yes & with some cliché, there is comfort in the familiar #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 16th, 2010

GeneDoucette I more or less defanged them when using them in my own work. #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 16th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass RT @EzzyLanguzzi: I still believe whether something is overused or cliched depends a lot what youve been exposed to :) #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @GeneDoucette: @DebraMarrs I personally think the entire vampire genre is one gigantic cliché. It bores me enormously. Here here #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 16th, 2010

giocclair The myth of vampires has lots of layers in the human psyche. In older times, writers only alluded. #LitChat -1:42 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mdbenoit2 Could cliches have a cultural bent, tho? RT @DebraMarrs: Being well-read readers invites suspicion of cliché. #litchat -1:42 PM Jun 16th, 2010

CathrynLouis @deberryandgrant i'm tired of that one 2. most geek hacker girls I know are pretty well adjusted lolz #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs @GeneDoucette Agree on vampire genre. Not enticed by at all but then I like memoir and real life stories most #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @robynmcintyre It is hard to be cliched and fresh. I guess that's why we love crossovers #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 16th, 2010

GeneDoucette @Madison\_Woods I think Lestat was the first and last vampire I loved. In a totally not gay way. #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 16th, 2010

valerievaldes Could it be that some cliches sell well because the people who read them aren't very well read? #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mpherndon @deberryandgrant I will join that club! #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 16th, 2010

TheNewAuthor @TeresaFrohock You got that right. The current vampire stories are mostly lacking. The ones that hold to legend are best I think. #litchat -1:43 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JSLion RT @deberryandgrant: My last vampire was Lestat. #litchat If you havn't, must read original Dracula. Cliches come to life, and bite. -1:43 PM Jun 16th, 2010

GeneDoucette There is actually a scientific basis behind the cultural vampire legends having to do with the spread of plague and blaming... #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam But the ways in which we are familiar must be subtle - "never let them catch you acting" - Spencer Tracy #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 16th, 2010

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| GeneDoucette ...the dead for the spread of the plague. #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| CarolyBurnsBass Have to disagree. Many raw writers are ignorant to cliches. RT: @GeneDoucette If you dont know its a cliché, its not a cliché. ;-) #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 16th, 2010 |
| katmagendie @TheNewAuthor @TeresaFrohock >>>although they're vampiring the cliché all the way to the bank! *laughing* #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 16th, 2010                              |
| robynmcintyre @PeevishPenman Yeah, a xover is a good way to mix things up and expose your own cliches to your review. #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 16th, 2010                              |
| TeresaFrohock When writing vampires (or any creature) use the theme of the legends, not the cliches. #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| paperbridges Hmm. Makes sense RT @valerievaldes: Could it be that some cliches sell well because the people who read them aren't very well read? #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| Madison_Woods @GeneDoucette me too. also liked her twist on witchery in the Lasher series too. So she knows how to make the trope/cliché work. #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 16th, 2010     |
| Azrael52 Every done-to-death cliché in a book is still someone's first. #litchat -1:44 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| GeneDoucette Cliches work for some people because some people want the comfort of knowing what's going to happen next already. #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 16th, 2010                     |
| DebraMarrs @deberryandgrant Laughing so much! RT: How many more tattooed, disaffected, loner, hacker girl stories are in the works? #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 16th, 2010                |
| bookswim @valerievaldes #litchat there are literature for all groups of people. If you read 10 bestsellers or 10 classics a year, you still read 10 -1:45 PM Jun 16th, 2010         |
| TeresaFrohock Legends were stories told around the hearth and a lot were tales of morals or the right conduct of men and women. #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 16th, 2010                    |
| DebraMarrs @TeresaFrohock Brilliant! RT When writing vampires (or any creature) use the theme of the legends, not the cliches. #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 16th, 2010                     |
| GeneDoucette cliches are like pop music. They only work until you hear your first Radiohead album. #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| giocclair And Nosferatu? But the first sexy vampire came out in the 80s, the film (French Title): "Vampire? Vous avez dit 'Vampire'?" #LitChat -1:45 PM Jun 16th, 2010              |
| TeresaFrohock @katmagendie Ha! that's true! #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| AuthorWilliam @robynmcintyre Ah yes. The theatre reference here is good. When artist overdo the whole avoid cliches thing, the readers see it. #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 16th, 2010     |
| deberryandgrant RT @GeneDoucette: Cliches work for some people because some people want the comfort of knowing whats going to happen next already. #litchat -1:45 PM Jun 16th, 2010 |
| mdbenoit2 Like old slippersRT @GeneDoucette: Cliches work because some people want the comfort of knowing whats going to happen next already. #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 16th, 2010      |
| GeneDoucette @giocclair I think Lugosi had his sexy on. #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| katmagendie @GeneDoucette RT Cliches wk for sme pple because some people want the comfort of knowing what's going to happen next already>>yes! #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 16th, 2010     |
| TeresaFrohock Sexual repression is a big vampire theme. #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| TheNewAuthor I think cliches become a problem when they get so watered down they take away from the story instead of having a familiar feel #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 16th, 2010        |
| robynmcintyre @valerievaldes I'd agree with that to an extent. #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| bookswim @GeneDoucette #litchat its all about preference. While sales are related to marketing, if people didn't enjoy Dan Brown he wouldn't sell -1:46 PM Jun 16th, 2010           |

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| DebraMarrs RT @TeresaFrohock: Legends were stories told around the hearth; many were tales of morals or the right conduct of men and women. #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 16th, 2010     |
| deberryandgrant @giocclair And I fully admit to swooning to Frank Langella's Dracula on B'way back in the 80's. Then there was Lestat & done. #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| valerievaldes @BookSwim But those ten books could all be cliched, yet different enough from each other that the reader would be none the wiser? #litchat -1:46 PM Jun 16th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs RT @GeneDoucette: Cliches work for some people because some people want the comfort of knowing whats going to happen next. #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 16th, 2010           |
| AuthorWilliam @TeresaFrohock I was going to go there. Vampires being so in has to do with something socially relevant to a great many people. #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| giocclair RT @TeresaFrohock: Sexual repression is a big vampire theme.<<Exactly! #LitChat -1:47 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| robynmcintyre @TeresaFrohock And maybe go farther - the psychological interpretation of the legends... #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| deberryandgrant @DebraMarrs Glad I amused you--but you know they're comin'! #litchat -1:47 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| TeresaFrohock Vampires were sexual creatures that preyed on young women who should not have fallen under a spell of seduction. #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 16th, 2010                  |
| AuthorWilliam RT @TeresaFrohock: Sexual repression is a big vampire theme. #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| CarolyBurnsBass Yes, and to think, "I knew it all along!" RT @GeneDoucette:... some people want comfort of knowing whats going to happen next. #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| bookswim @valerievaldes #litchat or they don't care? If you love chinese food, whats wrong with eating that day-in-day-out? -1:48 PM Jun 16th, 2010                              |
| giocclair Vampire is about the fascination of the self (no mirror, right? ;-) #LitChat -1:48 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| GeneDoucette @bookswim I don't know why people enjoy Dan Brown, though. It was like fiction crack. Nice rush, bad for you overall. #litchat -1:48 PM Jun 16th, 2010              |
| robynmcintyre @mdbenoit2 Also think ppl reach for certain authors bc they hv limited reading time & want to be sure they won't be disappointed. #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 16th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs @CarolyBurnsBass Good catch: Many raw writers are ignorant to cliches. Was thinking in line of us as lit readers not writers #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 16th, 2010         |
| GeneDoucette @CarolyBurnsBass yes. Same reason some TV shows that are just dreadful last for years. #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| TeresaFrohock I'll overlook cliches if the theme and the characters interest me enough, but I love fairy tales. #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 16th, 2010                                 |
| valerievaldes @BookSwim Very true! Not saying that was my opinion, by the by, just speculating. #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre @GeneDoucette I agree; I think Lugosi's portrayal of Dracula made vampires sexy. #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| AuthorWilliam There is a fine line for the reader between surprise and predictability. #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| giocclair Women has always fantasized about NOT being responsible, hence the vampire's bite. Is the fly responsible if the spider gets it? #LitChat -1:49 PM Jun 16th, 2010      |
| mpherndon @robynmcintyre Oh, I totally agree with that. #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |

DebraMarrs @deberryandgrant Oh, yeah, they're coming cuz ppl want to jump on the money train LOL #litchat - 1:49 PM Jun 16th, 2010

katmagendie @giocclair RTVampire is about the fascination of the self (no mirror, right? ;-)>>>>interesting! #litchat -1:49 PM Jun 16th, 2010

GeneDoucette @Madison\_Woods I never read Lasher. I think I signed off on her after The Mummy. #litchat - 1:49 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JSLion @giocclair RE: Vampires & mirrors. The Mirror reflects your soul. Vamps have none. #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robynmcintyre @deberryandgrant I saw him do Dracula onstage in L.A. with Edward Gorey sets. Way cool. #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 16th, 2010

katmagendie @robynmcintyre and limited funds! #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam In Comedy when you have a "bit" going the audience knows what the bit is and expect to see it continue...(more) #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 16th, 2010

bookswim So, #litchat - lets bring it back to the ? - What books did you think were going to be cliché but were not -1:50 PM Jun 16th, 2010

valerievaldes It's interesting how much weight some of us place on being surprised by fiction. Whatever happened to dramatic irony? #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs @mdbenoit2 Gd pt RT Could clichés have a cultural bent, tho? RT @DebraMarrs: Being well-read readers invites suspicion of cliché. #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @robynmcintyre Yes, some people want to rest their brain, disengage, just read a story with the familiar in it. #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 16th, 2010

GeneDoucette I think there is a lot of dom/sub appeal in the classic vamp stories. #litchat -1:50 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs @AuthorWilliam Brilliant! RT: There is a fine line for the reader between surprise and predictability. #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam Then "Change ups" happen to surprise often within the familiar "bit." So readers want a mix of both. The art is how to balance. #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat Thanks. RT @bookswim: So, #litchat - lets bring it back to the ? - What books did you think were going to be cliché but were not #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 16th, 2010

TeresaFrohock @giocclair Carelessness will also bring you into the vampire's web and death (of reputation or actual death) is the result. #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robynmcintyre @giocclair Maybe too about the dangers of sexuality (don't want wanton women) #LitChat -1:51 PM Jun 16th, 2010

giocclair I want to rest my brain, too, sometimes! I WANT! ;-) Give me elegant cliché and I'll be happy. #LitChat - 1:51 PM Jun 16th, 2010

Hayley\_DM We all have different preferences, but for me I like a book that will surprise me or keep me on the edge of my seat, not a re-hash #litchat -1:51 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant @robynmcintyre Yes! I saw the play twice I was so gone! #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robynmcintyre @giocclair Exactly! I can enjoy sex if it isn't my fault that I do. #LitChat -1:52 PM Jun 16th, 2010

katmagendie @bookswim RT - What books did you think were going to be cliché but were not >>>>>The Legend of Jimmy Gollihue by George Lacas #litchat -1:52 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mdbenoit2 Is that how it works? Darn. :)RT @robynmcintyre: @giocclair Exactly! I can enjoy sex if it isn't my fault that I do. #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 16th, 2010

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| robynmcintyre @AuthorWilliam Dramatic irony is useful for destroying literary cliches. #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| GeneDoucette I'm out, gang. That was a fun 23 minutes. I'll have to find this chat sooner next time. #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| drewhslater Hey, anyone have any suggestions for a good author I could get in2 that writes like spy, adventure books. Similar to a Ludlam type? #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| Hayley_DM Many ppl read Dan Brown etc to see what the hype is - I was hugely disappointed!!! #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| katmagendie @bookswim There were familiar "themes" and the idea of "a quest" etc, but, from a fresh interesting perspective & literary writing #litchat -1:53 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| TeresaFrohock @katmagendie Blood Grove by @AlexBledsoe. #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| giocclair @robynmcintyre Yes. Fascination = seduction = not my fault (but also TRANSGRESSION) #LitChat -1:54 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| ScribeQuotes RT @LitChat: We love questions. If you want to pose a question to the whole group, send it to me w/o hashtag, I will add to the chat in Q order. #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| JSLion RT @robynmcintyre: @giocclair Exactly! I can enjoy sex if it isn't my fault that I do. #LitChat << I have NEVER understood that mind set. -1:54 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| valerievaldes @LitChat I thought Eragon wasn't going to be cliché but it was... does that count as an answer to the question? :-P #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| deberryandgrant @Hayley_DM I found the premise interesting, the writing appalling. #litchat -1:54 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| drewhslater @hayley_DM I haven't read Dan Brown's newest book but I definitely think Angel's and Demons is the best #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| DebraMarrs @GeneDoucette **waving goodbye** Come back on Fri. <a href="http://www.litchat.net">http://www.litchat.net</a> #litchat -1:55 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| drewhslater @valerievaldes I think the Eragon books are a fun series. The movie blew, but I can't wait for the final book! #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre I thought a book abt the Devil would be cliched - man, was it ever not! "The Master & Margarita" by Mikhail Bulgakov #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| LitChat Q fm @TheNewAuthor: Can an author's name lead to thoughts of cliches? For example, a Stephen King novel. #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| giocclair @drewhslater I agree (but it was also filled with lots of cultural/symbolic meesteaks, like all Dan Brown's books) #LitChat -1:56 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| robynmcintyre @valerievaldes That's interesting, because I thought Eragon was cliched. #litchat -1:56 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| mdbenoit2 Definitely RT @LitChat: Q fm @TheNewAuthor: Can an authors name lead to thoughts of cliches? For example, a Stephen King novel. #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| TeresaFrohock Good take on vamps here: <a href="http://downinluckytown.blogspot.com/2010/05/i-finally-answer-vampire-author.html">http://downinluckytown.blogspot.com/2010/05/i-finally-answer-vampire-author.html</a> #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 16th, 2010 |
| smolderingink Trying to catch up with #litchat. Don't love reading cliches but I do like talking about them -1:57 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| giocclair @robynmcintyre Eragon was the grandson of all clichés. #LitChat -1:57 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| katmagendie @LitChat @TheNewAuthor: RT Can an author's name lead to thoughts of cliches? For exp Stephen King >>>Buy SK; know what you're gtng #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |

mdbenoit2 Cliched names: Dick Francis, James Patterson, JK Rowlings, J. D. Robb, Dan Brown... #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robbyncintyre @JSLion It's the old mindset - if a woman has sex to procreate, she's Madonna. If she enjoys it, she's a whore. #LitChat -1:57 PM Jun 16th, 2010

valerievaldes @drewhslater I couldn't get past the first book. There's hero's journey, and there's Star Wars with dragons instead of ships. #litchat -1:57 PM Jun 16th, 2010

giocclair @TeresaFrohock Thanks. Followed link. Will read later. #LitChat -1:58 PM Jun 16th, 2010

TeresaFrohock @robbyncintyre Exactly! That is what keeps it fresh! #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 16th, 2010

drewhslater @giocclair haha I always compared it to Star Wars mixed with Lord of the Rings. I knew it was cliché as I read it, but it was fun. #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 16th, 2010

valerievaldes @giocclair @robbyncintyre I thought it WOULDN'T be cliched and it was. Boy, was it ever. #litchat -1:58 PM Jun 16th, 2010

valerievaldes @drewhslater Don't let me get in the way of your enjoyment, though. My dad loves the series, too! #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 16th, 2010

scgreen Q: I don't think Mr. King could be considered cliché. I know what to expect when reading his work, but not cliched. #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 16th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Example of raw writer falling into cliché trap. RT @giocclair: @robbyncintyre Eragon was the grandson of all clichés. #litchat -1:59 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs @LitChat @TheNewAuthor Oh, yeah, author name Stephen King intimates certain type of book. Labeled. Same 4 most top bestsellers #litchat -2:00 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robbyncintyre @mdbenoit2 I'd agree with all that. And add some of the "literary greats" from the 80s. #litchat -2:00 PM Jun 16th, 2010

drewhslater It'll be interesting to see what J.K. Rowling does after Harry Potter and see if she'll become cliched?? #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 16th, 2010

paperbridges I thought that was branding RT @LitChat: Can an author's name lead to thoughts of clichés? #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robbyncintyre @scgreen I don't read his books anymore because they ceased to interest me, but I never thought his work cliched. #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat Q fm @scgreen: Does it matter if the story is cliché if the reader is a new reader? I'm thinking YA audience here. #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robbyncintyre @CarolyBurnsBass Written by a 16 year old and read that way to me. #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 16th, 2010

katmagendie & face it, once you write 1 book a certain way & it sells well, publishers want MORE of Same, not something different....most times #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 16th, 2010

dosankodebbie @LitChat got up too early, then fell asleep again. now catching up with #litchat -2:01 PM Jun 16th, 2010

giocclair A raw writer is a raw reader. We have all been raw. We still are raw readers and writers when we wade in unknown genres. #LitChat -2:01 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @LitChat @TheNewAuthor Yes. Which is good from a business perspective. It's branding at this point for SK and publisher. #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs Once author hits bestseller list, difficult to break earliest book's niche. Author forever labeled as "that type writer" #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mdbenoit2 @LitChat Cliches for YA may not be the same. They live a different life. :) #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 16th, 2010



George9Writer #WW @katmagendie Kathryn Magendie, author of TENDER GRACES #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 16th, 2010

katmagendie RT publishers want MORE of Same, not something different....>>excp my publishers! bless them #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat Exactly! RT @robyncintyre: @CarolyBurnsBass Written by a 16 year old and read that way to me. #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 16th, 2010

gioclair @katmagendie Publishers want more of the same because the market does. #LitChat -2:02 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs @dosankodebbie Good morning! So good to see you. Perky :- ) #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robyncintyre @LitChat Eregon is one of the answers to tht. Someone told me he lovd bks abt elves until he discov. they were all rehashes of LOTR #litchat -2:02 PM Jun 16th, 2010

smolderingink RT @gioclair: A raw writer is a raw reader. We have all been raw. We still are raw readers and writers when we wade in unknown genres. #LitChat -2:03 PM Jun 16th, 2010

moonbridgebooks Cliche is not the same as branding is it? Branding helps develop followers. #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 16th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Absolutely. RT @gioclair: ... We still are raw readers and writers when we wade in unknown genres. #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant @robyncintyre Sad we're still wrestling with those outdated ideas about women and sexuality...the more things change the more... #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 16th, 2010

katmagendie @gioclair Publishers want more of the same because the market does >>>>yes! #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @katmagendie That's what readers want, too. Being a former librarian, I know they never want their favorite series to end... #litchat -2:03 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie RT @DebraMarrs Once author hits bestseller list, difficult to break earliest book's niche. Labeled as "that type writer" #litchat << Yes! -2:03 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie Incidentally... hello, #litchat! -2:04 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mpherndon @deberryandgrant I so agree. It is a sad statement, and women won't be truly liberated until that mindset changes. #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 16th, 2010

kdueykduey King's son uses Joe Hill to avoid being cliché'd by his dad's rep. [http://joehillfiction.com/?page\\_id=4](http://joehillfiction.com/?page_id=4) #litchat He LOOKS like dad!! -2:04 PM Jun 16th, 2010

drewhslater Do you think it is possible to ever write adventures about elves or space without being considered cliché? #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 16th, 2010

katmagendie @PeevishPenman know they never want their favorite series to end >>>>>comfort in that - I can understand it! #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mdbenoit2 Sorry, folks, but I have to go. It's been great chatting! Prob. won't make it Friday :( #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @DebraMarrs: Once author hits bestseller list, difficult to break earliest niche. Author forever labeled as "that type writer" #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @deberryandgrant I felt we've been in a major women/sexuality politics backlash the last 10 years #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 16th, 2010

smolderingink I agree, how can it be cliché if I've never seen it before? Doesn't matter if others have. One of many rsns YA so important #litchat -2:04 PM Jun 16th, 2010

Hayley\_DM @deberryandgrant aGREGED #LITCHAT -2:05 PM Jun 16th, 2010

RTpolitics RT @PeevishPenman @deberryandgrant i felt we've been in a major women/sexuality politics backlash the last 10 years #litchat -2:05 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie RT @PeevishPenman Being a former librarian, I know they never want their favorite series to end... #litchat << Precisely! Readers invest... -2:05 PM Jun 16th, 2010

katmagendie See y'all later - as always, enjoyed this informative fun chat! #litchat -2:05 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @DebraMarrs Once author hits bestseller list, difficult to break earliest books niche. Author forever labeled "that type writer" #litchat -2:05 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @katmagendie Best to you darling, again soon! #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 16th, 2010

mpherndon I have to run as well-phone calls to make. Enjoyed all comments! #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 16th, 2010

TeresaFrohock Lots of fun, folks, glad I could participate today! #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie @mpherndon @deberryandgrant I realize I'm jumping in here, but your line of conversation seems right up my street... May I ask?? #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robynmcintyre @smolderingink Cliche can be relative. If you hvn't seen it, it's new to you, but dsn't alter than in larger body of work, it is. #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat We have one more question from @DebraMarrs. Do stick around if you have time. #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 16th, 2010

kdueykduey @JoLynneValerie I write for kids and YA. They grow up loving series...and carry that into their adult reading. #litchat -2:06 PM Jun 16th, 2010

TeresaFrohock RT @giocclair: @katmagendie Publishers want more of the same because the market does. #LitChat -2:07 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robynmcintyre @katmagendie Bye! #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant @PeevishPenman @Hayley\_DM @mpherndon. And what to do? I was fighting this battle 40 yrs ago and it seems we're losing ground #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 16th, 2010

Hayley\_DM RT @mdbenoit2: Cliched names: Dick Francis, James Patterson, JK Rowlings, J. D. Robb, Dan Brown... #litchat - Oh yes - wide berth for me -2:07 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @katmagendie @mpherndon Take care! :- ) #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 16th, 2010

giocclair Readers fall in love with a set of characters. I can understand that because I love the characters I make up. #LitChat -2:07 PM Jun 16th, 2010

drewhslater Sorry I got here so late, I'll be here sooner next time! #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 16th, 2010

TeresaFrohock RT @giocclair: A raw writer is a raw reader. We have all been raw. We still are raw readers and writers when we wade in unknown genres. #LitChat -2:07 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @TeresaFrohock: RT @giocclair: @katmagendie Publishers want more of the same because the market does.<<hard one to argue. #litchat -2:07 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robynmcintyre @JoLynneValerie It's part of holding onto a moment in time. I didn't wnt the Beatles to break up, either. But life isn't stationery #litchat -2:08 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie @kdueykduey Sure. As a YA I know when I fell in love a/ an author - series or not - I also gobbled up everything they wrote. #litchat -2:08 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat Q fm @DebraMarrs: Is it possible to read too much so we become ultra-sensitive to cliché? then abort reading too early? #litchat -2:08 PM Jun 16th, 2010

smolderingink @deberryandgrant I agree, but let's hope that what goes around comes around and keep writing gender and female pos fiction #litchat -2:08 PM Jun 16th, 2010

EJ\_Knapp @TeresaFrohock I would question whether the industry even knows what the market wants. #litchat - 2:08 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LeftyWritey Doesn't it depend on the agents, being the gatekeepers, and what they believe about cliché? #litchat -2:08 PM Jun 16th, 2010

giocclair @mpherndon Bye! #LitChat -2:08 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robyncintyre @kdueykduey And like my friend, books like Eragon can lead them to LOTR and others. #litchat -2:09 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie @Hayley\_DM @mdbenoit2 There's another way to look @ it, too. And that's branding - for an author that is vital, can equate success. #litchat -2:09 PM Jun 16th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass >>>Waving<<< RT @EJ\_Knapp: @TeresaFrohock I would question whether the industry even knows what the market wants. #litchat -2:09 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @LeftyWritey Well that's the thing, are we writing for readers or agents/pubs.? #litchat -2:09 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant But despite cliché & bad writing, each time I open a book, I hope for surprise, wonder & something fresh. Will always hope... #litchat -2:09 PM Jun 16th, 2010

kdueykduey @JoLynneValerie And the loyalty as fans is astounding. Pop adult reading is more convenience I think. A \*brand\* you know you like...#litchat -2:09 PM Jun 16th, 2010

Hayley\_DM @JoLynneValerie Of course, but as a reader I want a different premise each time, not more of the same #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant @JoLynneValerie Sure what's your ? #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 16th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass Yes, yes, yes. @DebraMarrs Is it possible to read too much so we become ultra-sensitive to cliché? then abort reading too early? #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 16th, 2010

EJ\_Knapp @CarolyBurnsBass Waving back. I figured it out. #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie @robyncintyre Mmhhh, ♥series; the continuity & the idea in general. But as an author I like to change stuff up - w/ in my genre! #litchat -2:10 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman I still tear up when I come to the end of Cadfael series and know there is no more... #litchat. Because only one woman could write him. -2:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010

valerievaldes @LitChat Probably. When I was reading and critting a lot of amateur stuff, it made me ultra sensitive to repeated themes/images. #litchat -2:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant RT @EJ\_Knapp: @TeresaFrohock I would question whether the industry even knows what the market wants. <-NO. They don't. #litchat -2:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robyncintyre @LitChat When it's very obvious cliché, yes. Anything that takes me out of the story offends me. #litchat -2:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010

kdueykduey @robyncintyre YES! and Chris has, with editing and work, improved a great deal. His parents pushed that first book hard. #litchat -2:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @LitChat @DebraMarrs That's an interesting ? - Conventional thinking is that one must read to write and watch movies to script. #litchat -2:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010

EJ\_Knapp @deberryandgrant That's the truth. #litchat -2:11 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie @deberryandgrant Haha! :) Just wondering how your topic (women/sexuality/liberation) came up, was relating to today's #litchat. :) -2:12 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant @kdueykduey Like Jiff vs. Peter Pan!! #litchat -2:12 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robyncintyre @kdueykduey I figured. Parents can be like that. Glad he's sticking with it. #litchat -2:12 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie RT @Hayley\_DM ...as a reader I want a different premise each time, not more of the same #litchat << Yes! Keep it new, keep it moving. ♥♥ it! -2:13 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @deberryandgrant There must be "conservative" vs. "progressive" readers depending on how much change they need in their books :) #litchat -2:13 PM Jun 16th, 2010

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| robyncintyre @deberryandgrant Isn't that why we all keep reading - and writing? #litchat -2:13 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| deberryandgrant @JoLynneValerie We frequently meander off course and our wonderful moderator must rein us back in! No clue how we got there! #litchat -2:13 PM Jun 16th, 2010       |
| AuthorWilliam In a world where a few organizations hold the keys to a few gates, are we studying what readers want or what the keyholders want? #litchat -2:13 PM Jun 16th, 2010    |
| kdueykduey @robyncintyre I comb my own work for anything that interrupts that continuous dream of the story...#litchat -2:13 PM Jun 16th, 2010                                      |
| JoLynneValerie RT @kdueykduey @JoLynneValerie Loyalty as fans is astounding. Pop adult reading is more convenience... A *brand* you know you like. #litchat -2:13 PM Jun 16th, 2010 |
| DebraMarrs I tend to hv little patience once I bump into cliché in bks. Want fresh chars in fresh situations all way thru #litchat -2:14 PM Jun 16th, 2010                          |
| robyncintyre @PeevishPenman Ditto. And Hercule Poirot - I was so fond of that fussy little man. #litchat -2:14 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| giocclair I think the industry both knows the market and doesn't. The first filter is the big bookseller with slow or fast-emptying shelves #LitChat -2:14 PM Jun 16th, 2010        |
| AuthorWilliam @JoLynneValerie Hey there superstar, good to see you hangin' out. :- ) #litchat -2:14 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| JoLynneValerie @deberryandgrant Love it! :) Just wondered/was interested as women's empowerment is sort of my thing... #litchat -2:14 PM Jun 16th, 2010                             |
| PeevishPenman @CarolyBurnsBass I think you're on to something. Kids either read everything or nothing it seems to me. Some burn out. I did. #litchat -2:14 PM Jun 16th, 2010        |
| LitChat @deberryandgrant @JoLynneValerie We were talking about the cliché of women not free to express a desire for sexual fulfillment. #litchat -2:14 PM Jun 16th, 2010            |
| deberryandgrant @JoLynneValerie I picked up on a meme about women (in lit) not being "allowed" to enjoy their sexuality lest they be labeled #litchat -2:15 PM Jun 16th, 2010       |
| robyncintyre @valerievaldes How did you learn to see when a MS transcended its clichés? #litchat -2:15 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| kdueykduey @robyncintyre Me, too. He's a very nice young man. I do wish I got fewer letters from teens wanting agent referrals. :o) #litchat -2:15 PM Jun 16th, 2010                |
| Hayley_DM @AuthorWilliam: Often the keyholders control the locks! #litchat -2:15 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| JoLynneValerie RT @AuthorWilliam @JoLynneValerie Hey there superstar, good to see you hangin' out. :- ) #litchat << You're awesome! Soon to be editing! :-/ -2:15 PM Jun 16th, 2010 |
| robyncintyre @PeevishPenman And who are the teaparty authors? #litchat -2:15 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| JoLynneValerie @AuthorWilliam How are your sales and PR going on the recent release, my dear? #litchat -2:15 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| Hayley_DM RT @DebraMarrs: I tend to hv little patience once I bump into cliché in bks. Want fresh chars in fresh situations all way thru #litchat Yep! -2:15 PM Jun 16th, 2010      |
| deberryandgrant @LitChat @JoLynneValerie Thanks Carolyn! #litchat -2:15 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| DebraMarrs @AuthorWilliam Gr8 question RT: Well thats the thing, are we writing for readers or agents/pubs.? #litchat -2:16 PM Jun 16th, 2010                                       |
| robyncintyre @AuthorWilliam We're studying what the keyholders THINK the readers want. #litchat -2:16 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |

so\_you\_know @LitChat very interesting discussion. as always. #litchat :) -2:16 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @Hayley\_DM As an Indie Author I say "Phooey" on the keyholders controlling all the locks ;-) #litchat -2:16 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie @deberryandgrant Oh, damn... I can barely read that w/out heaving... #SoNotOkay #litchat -2:16 PM Jun 16th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass What brought you back? RT @PeevishPenman: .. Kids either read everything or nothing it seems to me. Some burn out. I did. #litchat -2:16 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs RT @AuthorWilliam: In world where a few orgs hold keys to a few gates, are we studying what readers want or what keyholders want? #litchat -2:17 PM Jun 16th, 2010

kdueykduey @JoLynneValerie Watch people in airport book shops. They locate their fave author, see what's there, buy one, DONE. #litchat -2:17 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robynmcintyre @kdueykduey That must be tough. Because of the quickness of communication, kids think lightning cn strike every 6 inches. #litchat -2:17 PM Jun 16th, 2010

Hayley\_DM @AuthorWilliam Amen to that #litchat -2:17 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant @JoLynneValerie Yes, it was the Madonna/Whore conundrum once again... #litchat -2:17 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant Must go--need to return to the task of learning my new phone... UGH! #litchat -2:17 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie @deberryandgrant <http://bit.ly/aOe9D9> << Check out the excerpt from Phoenix Rising for an example of women LOVING sexuality! #litchat \*wink\* -2:18 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @robynmcintyre haha, i'm thinking I don't know, but Palahniuk is party leader for NW anarchist writers :) #litchat -2:18 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam In the theatre world, artists can get so wrapped up in what they think is good that they forget how to connect to an audience. #litchat -2:18 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie RT @deberryandgrant @JoLynneValerie Yes, it was the Madonna/Whore conundrum once again... #litchat << Wow. It's like... let's get over it! -2:18 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs @CarolyBurnsBass @AuthorWilliam Thx for responding to my Q. Enjoy thinking abt these things #litchat -2:18 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie RT @kdueykduey: @JoLynneValerie Watch people in airport book shops. They locate their fave author, see what's there, buy one, DONE. #litchat -2:18 PM Jun 16th, 2010

deberryandgrant Before I need to use it that is! #litchat -2:18 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs Bye all. Going out to dinner. Need to get that promised shower now :) #litchat -2:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie RT @kdueykduey @JoLynneValerie Watch people in airport book shops. They locate fave author, see what's there, buy 1, DONE. #litchat <OMGYes! -2:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @CarolyBurnsBass My dirty secret...I read one fiction book a year and thousands of nonfiction, but I write SF #litchat shhhhh! don't tell. -2:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @DebraMarrs Thank you for asking it! Its a great question. We have to deal with the elephant in the room sometimes. #litchat -2:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat Here's a general publishing question from @justdworld: Should newbie writers get an agent or go to publishers with book proposals? #litchat -2:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010

kdueykduey @AuthorWilliam That is a day's-long topic. One thing is sure, the business of publishing is changing...#litchat -2:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010

DebraMarrs @LitChat B4 I run, what's on tap for Fri. 6/18? #litchat -2:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010

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| robyncintyre @deberryandgrant Is this why popularity off bodice rippers & devolution of Anita Grant vampire hunter to Anita Grant monster slut. #litchat -2:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010    |
| giocclair @PeevishPenman Women have always loved sexuality but weren't allowed to show the did (hence the saint/slut cliché). It's a non-dit. #LitChat -2:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010      |
| Hayley_DM @DebraMarrs Enjoy your meal #litchat -2:19 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| JoLynneValerie RT @kdueykduey @AuthorWilliam That is a day's-long topic. One thing is sure, the business of publishing is changing...#litchat << Well said! -2:20 PM Jun 16th, 2010 |
| giocclair @DebraMarrs Bye! #LitChat -2:20 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| DebraMarrs @AuthorWilliam You're bringing in gr8 elephants w/ur Qs. I love noodling ideas on how to keep those elephants tamed! #litchat -2:20 PM Jun 16th, 2010                    |
| AuthorWilliam @kdueykduey Yes it is. But it is in many ways the elephant in the room. #litchat -2:20 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| LitChat Great convo today and worth going overtime. Not like we're being charged or anything... it's just your time, friends. #litchat -2:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010                      |
| DebraMarrs @Hayley_DM Thx. Enjoyed chatting w/you today too :-)) #litchat -2:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| PeevishPenman @LitChat Newbies should volunteer writing and get some practice first ;). #litchat my blog is a great place to do that... -2:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010                     |
| JoLynneValerie To everyone ducking out of #litchat, though I was late to arrive, I enjoyed your tweets. Have a fabulous evening! -2:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010                            |
| deberryandgrant @LitChat @justdworld These days major publishers won't read material w/o agent submission. #litchat -2:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| kdueykduey @PeevishPenman My ratio fiction to nonfiction is very similar to yours. I write for kids and YA fantasy/ historicals/SF #litchat -2:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010                 |
| DebraMarrs @giocclair Nice to meet you. Hope to see you on Fri. 6/18 for #litchat -2:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| LitChat On Friday we'll have author @ADonnRowley join us to discuss her book, LIFE AFTER YES, a novel about the cliches in life. #litchat -2:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010                   |
| deberryandgrant Hope to be back Friday. Later... #litchat -2:21 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| Hayley_DM @DebraMarrs Great #litchat with great friends as ever -2:22 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| JoLynneValerie @PeevishPenman Amen to that. Newbies need to get seasoned and that comes only by writing - LOTS. Usually for free. Pay your dues! #litchat -2:22 PM Jun 16th, 2010   |
| giocclair @DebraMarrs Yes ma'am, sir! #LitChat -2:22 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| robyncintyre @LitChat My answer would be "yes." But I've never been published (in the traditional sense). #litchat -2:22 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| AuthorWilliam @giocclair @jolynevalerie Always good to see you, take care #litchat -2:22 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| DebraMarrs RT @LitChat: On Fri 6/18 author @ADonnRowley joins us to discuss her book, LIFE AFTER YES, a novel about the cliches in life. #litchat -2:22 PM Jun 16th, 2010           |
| LitChat Thanks everyone for another smart and savvy #litchat -2:22 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |
| Madison_Woods @GeneDoucette I've never read The Mummy, and left her after Lasher, lol. Not even tempted by the angel stuff she's writing now. #litchat -2:22 PM Jun 16th, 2010      |
| LeftyWritey @AuthorWilliam Not sure I like my own answer, another false dichotomy; I'd have to say in reality we're writing for both. #litchat -2:23 PM Jun 16th, 2010              |
| giocclair @AuthorWilliam Take care, hot indie ;-)) (en tout bien, tout honneur) #LitChat -2:23 PM Jun 16th, 2010  |

DebraMarrs @LitChat THANK YOU! {{applause}} gr8 job! RT: Thanks everyone for another smart and savvy #litchat -2:23 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robymcintyre @Madison\_Woods The Mummy was okay; showed some of her talent for writing porn, which she did under name "Roclair" #litchat -2:24 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie @AuthorWilliam @giocclair I agree, #Indie authors are hot! And often original as well as entrepreneurial. \*winks\* #litchat -2:24 PM Jun 16th, 2010

kdueykduey @deberryandgrant Publishers are INUNDATED with ms sent in. They use agents as informed, capable, free "first readers" now. #litchat -2:24 PM Jun 16th, 2010

giocclair @DebraMarrs What time? I'm on the other side of the Pond. #LitChat -2:24 PM Jun 16th, 2010

Azrael52 You guys are too darn quick, but I really enjoyed what I got out of today's #litchat. -2:24 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robymcintyre @LitChat Thank you for hosting. Great cat-herding job as usual. #litchat -2:25 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie RT @kdueykduey: @deberryandgrant Publishers are INUNDATED with ms sent in. They use agents as informed, capable, free "first readers" now. #litchat -2:25 PM Jun 16th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @justdworld: Newbie must go through the gatekeeper: agent. Make sure your MS is ready before approaching the gate. --> #litchat -2:25 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @kdueykduey You sound like an exceptional individual (I write YA Fantasy/Sci) and I'm now following you :) #litchat -2:25 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman RT @DebraMarrs: @LitChat THANK YOU! {{applause}} gr8 job! RT: Thanks everyone for another smart and savvy #litchat -2:26 PM Jun 16th, 2010

CarolyBurnsBass @justdworld: How do you know if MS is ready for agent? Join a writer's group where you can get some unbiased feedback. --> #litchat -2:26 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @kdueykduey: Publishers are INUNDATED with ms sent in. They use agents as informed, capable, free "first readers" now. #litchat -2:26 PM Jun 16th, 2010

kdueykduey @PeevishPenman thnx. But if I were exceptional, I would be writing now, instead of playing...!! #litchat -2:26 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam @giocclair :) #litchat -2:26 PM Jun 16th, 2010

WritingInCrayon @LitChat I just discovered #litchat and it's fascinating. Pls give me the #litchat timetable. -2:26 PM Jun 16th, 2010

so\_you\_know @kdueykduey real quick. what are you thoughts on having an editor prior to agent? must? #litchat -2:27 PM Jun 16th, 2010

kdueykduey @PeevishPenman Who asks for more of the same...Kids? or Adults? Or both...? #litchat -2:27 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robymcintyre @kdueykduey Maybe you're exceptionally unexceptional in that regard. We writers are all procrastinators. #litchat -2:27 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat RT @agentresearch: @justdworld For top flight publishers you must have an agent. worth struggle. A good one will make your career. #litchat -2:28 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AuthorWilliam RT @WritingInCrayon: @LitChat I just discovered #litchat & its fascinating. Pls give me the #litchat timetable. <<It's a gr8 thing #litchat -2:28 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robymcintyre RT @kdueykduey: Publishers are INUNDATED with ms sent in. They use agents as informed, capable, free "first readers" now. #litchat -2:28 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat Which answer? About agents/publishers? follow #litchat feed to see answers! RT @PenHandler: @LitChat Let me know what the answer is! -2:29 PM Jun 16th, 2010

kdueykduey @so\_you\_know Depends on the editor and how "close" your work is to marketable...useless answer, but true. Have you had feedback? #litchat -2:29 PM Jun 16th, 2010

PeevishPenman @kdueykduey (in 5 libraries, 15 years), both adults and children want the same, unless we get a direct trusted recommendation. #litchat -2:29 PM Jun 16th, 2010

giocclair RT @kdueykduey: Who asks for more of the same...Kids? or Adults?<<Both love familiar things, and only a few are true explorers? #LitChat -2:29 PM Jun 16th, 2010

kdueykduey @robynmcintyre I am an especially GOOD procrastinator, even when I have a deadline \*not so smart\* #litchat -2:30 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat We meet M-W-F, 4pmET. RT @WritingInCrayon: @LitChat I just discovered #litchat and it's fascinating. Pls give me the #litchat timetable. -2:30 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie Ok #litchat, I'm off! Here are my book trailers>> <http://bit.ly/6KAUp> and my releases to date (Paranormal Fiction)>> <http://bit.ly/47fAT5> ♥♥ -2:30 PM Jun 16th, 2010

LitChat See blog at <http://bit.ly/b7VwqF> RT @WritingInCrayon: @LitChat I just discovered #litchat it's fascinating. Pls give me #litchat timetable. -2:30 PM Jun 16th, 2010

so\_you\_know @kdueykduey no, very helpful answer, actually. very right on. about to start getting feedback for finding right fit for an editor #litchat -2:30 PM Jun 16th, 2010

JoLynneValerie Loved tuning in - such amazing energy and great topics, as usual. My compliments to the host! #litchat Have a great evening, everyone! :) ♥♥ -2:31 PM Jun 16th, 2010

so\_you\_know @kdueykduey just recently learned the difference between a development editor and copy editor #litchat -2:31 PM Jun 16th, 2010

kdueykduey @LilyOak I apologize, I lost the context. Do you mean New, indie publishers don't require agents? #litchat -2:31 PM Jun 16th, 2010

robynmcintyre @kdueykduey Must be prerequisite for writing then; I have the same trait. #litchat -2:31 PM Jun 16th, 2010

ScribeQuotes RT @LitChat: See blog at <http://bit.ly/b7VwqF> RT @WritingInCrayon: @LitChat I just discovered #litchat it's fascinating. Pls give me #litchat timetable. -2:31 PM Jun 16th, 2010

AudryT RT @LitChat: See blog <http://bit.ly/b7VwqF> RT @WritingInCrayon: I just discovered #litchat it's fascinating. Pls give me #litchat timetable. -2:31 PM Jun 16th, 2010

TeresaFrohock @EJ\_Knapp I know #litchat is over, but it's all about sales. The same thing happened when King it big in the '80s & '90s. Horror was big. -2:32 PM Jun 16th, 2010