



LitChat October 30, 2010

Topic of the Week: Frightening Fiction

Guest Host: Robert Jackson Bennett

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

Guest host: @robertjbennett

LitChat Are you ready for #litchat? Please join me in welcoming @robertjbennett, author of MR SHIVERS. -12:59 PM Oct 29th, 2010

LitChat Easiest way to follow #litchat is at <http://bit.ly/9JDsr0>. Login w/Twitter and you're ready to chat. -1:00 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robynmcintyre @LitChat Welcome @robertjbennett! #litchat -1:00 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robertjbennett Hi, everyone! Very weird to be standing at the front of the class, this time.. #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 29th, 2010

LitChat We have a guest host today, so please send him all of your questions and comments. He's @robertjbennett, author of MR SHIVERS. #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 29th, 2010

layersofthought RT @LitChat: Are you ready for #litchat? Please join me in welcoming @robertjbennett, author of MR SHIVERS. -1:01 PM Oct 29th, 2010

ZBooksTX Liz from Zumaya here—wish I could have gotten out of the ArmadilloCon ops office long enough to actually meet @robertjbennett. #litchat -1:01 PM Oct 29th, 2010

judyblackcloud Hi @robertjbennett, great to have you! #litchat -1:02 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robynmcintyre @robertjbennett Don't worry, I've eaten my bushel of summer tomatoes! #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robertjbennett @ZBooksTX Sorry I missed you! DilloCon was a ton of fun. Will attend again next year. #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 29th, 2010

LitChat While the moderated hour of #litchat is underway, please hold all your off-topic URLs, hashtags and personal pitches. Thanks! #litchat -1:03 PM Oct 29th, 2010

RichRennicks RT @LitChat: Are you ready for #litchat? Please join me in welcoming @robertjbennett, author of MR SHIVERS. -1:03 PM Oct 29th, 2010

LitChat We are particularly happy to have @robertjbennett here today. He's been a long-time participant and contributor to #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 29th, 2010

EJ_Knapp Hi all. #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 29th, 2010

IanDBarker @LitChat Good evening #litchat -1:04 PM Oct 29th, 2010

LitChat @robertjbennett While everyone is gathering would you give us a bit of background on your debut novel, the uber-spooky MR SHIVERS? #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robertjbennett I have a question that's been on my mind... When someone recommends a book to you, and you see it's horror... what do you think? #litchat -1:05 PM Oct 29th, 2010

GeneDoucette @robertjbennett that I have a good friend? #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 29th, 2010

LitChat We're also giving away a copy of MR SHIVERS by @robertjbennett later in the chat. Stay tuned for contest rules. #litchat -1:06 PM Oct 29th, 2010

GLHancock @robertjbennett I think, "Yahoo! Giveittome! Giveittomenow!" #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robertjbennett @LitChat Sure! It's a primitive, myth-laden story about a group of men hunting a killer across the Dustbowl in the Great Depression #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robynmcintyre @robertjbennett In the past, I might have hesitated. But now I would be curious. Think field is more open than in say, 80s. #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 29th, 2010

ZBooksTX @robertjbennett Horror was my very first love, but I prefer the psychological sort like MR. SHIVERS to the slice'n'dice variety. #litchat -1:07 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robertjbennett @LitChat I tend to think of it like The Seventh Seal told in reverse, or The Rite of Spring with hobos. #litchat -1:08 PM Oct 29th, 2010

kashicat Popping into #litchat for the first time in ages. -1:08 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robertjbennett @robyncintyre That's interesting. I didn't know this, but I've heard the genre is considered to have stalled out, a bit. #litchat -1:08 PM Oct 29th, 2010

kashicat That description of MR SHIVERS gives me goosebumps. :-) #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robyncintyre @ZBooksTX !! Think gory stories are why I shied away from horror for awhile. #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 29th, 2010

EJ_Knapp @robertjbennett "The Rite of Spring with hobos." I like that. Great log line. #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 29th, 2010

kashicat @ZBooksTX I agree, about psychological rather than slice'n'dice horror. The latter makes me roll my eyes & think "That again?" #litchat -1:09 PM Oct 29th, 2010

Girl_Who_Reads RT @LitChat: We're also giving away a copy of MR SHIVERS by @robertjbennett later in the chat. Stay tuned for contest rules. #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robyncintyre @robertjbennett Some tributaries, maybe - but the whole field? I don't think so. #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robertjbennett @robyncintyre @ZBooksTX Yeah, apparently splatter-fic is the predominant horror fic these days. Lots and lots of gore. #litchat -1:10 PM Oct 29th, 2010

GeneDoucette @robertjbennett that's certainly true of the movies with torture-porn. #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 29th, 2010

ZBooksTX @robertjbennett It's "14-25 demographic" syndrome, I fear. Everyone knows grownups don't read horror. #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 29th, 2010

deegospel hi, it's Dee Stewart. joining #litchat -1:11 PM Oct 29th, 2010

ZBooksTX Just like women don't read hard SF. #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robertjbennett @GeneDoucette Right. Less "The Shining" and David Lynch, more Saw and Hostel, generally speaking. #litchat -1:12 PM Oct 29th, 2010

judyblackcloud I agree the 'splatterpunk' is going strong. I think driven a lot by fans of more gory horror movies too. #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robertjbennett It's a bit funny... I feel a little inept talking about horror, because when I wrote Mr S I never thought it was a horror book. #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robyncintyre @robertjbennett Were you always drawn to horror? #litchat -1:13 PM Oct 29th, 2010

GeneDoucette @robertjbennett I know that feeling RE: urban fantasy #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 29th, 2010

judyblackcloud @robertjbennett I think some of the best horror novels are novels that never started out with the thought of being horror. #litchat -1:14 PM Oct 29th, 2010

ZBooksTX @robertjbennett I thought it was more an allegory, a sort of modern Pilgrim's Progress without the religion. #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robertjbennett @robyncintyre I read a lot of straight horror when I was younger. Recently, I read less and less straight horror, to be honest. #litchat -1:15 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robertjbennett Horror, though, is a very freeing genre - all that qualifies it is the emotion instilled in the reader. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 29th, 2010

kashicat @robertjbennett I think the best books always start out as simply good stories, & "genre" gets decided later. By someone or other. #litchat -1:16 PM Oct 29th, 2010

robynmcintyre @robertjbennett What do you like to read now? What inspires your writing? #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @kashicat That's the rule I'd recommend. Story first, genre later. #litchat -1:17 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deegospel @robertjbennett I read it. #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett The best horror, I think, gives you a sense of loneliness, helplessness, and confusion that's hard to shake off. #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 29th, 2010
judyblackcloud YES! @kashicat @robertjbennett I think the best books always start out as simply good stories, & "genre" gets decided later. #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 29th, 2010
ZBooksTX @robertjbennett I wish we could eliminate genre definitions altogether--they scare people off books they might otherwise love. #litchat -1:18 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @robertjbennett: Horror is a very freeing genre - all that qualifies it is the emotion instilled in the reader. #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @robynmcintyre I try and vary my reading as much as I can. To read only one thing would get a bit dull, I feel. #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 29th, 2010
judyblackcloud @ZBooksTX I agree! Genres can be really off-putting for readers, not to mention confusing. But I do understand why they exist. #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 29th, 2010
EJ_Knapp Yes! RT @ZBooksTX: I wish we could eliminate genre definitions altogether--they scare people off books they might otherwise love. #litchat -1:19 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deegospel @ZBooksTX I read SpecFic. #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @robynmcintyre Currently reading Random Acts of Senseless Violence. It's horror, too, but of a much more realistic sort. #litchat -1:20 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robynmcintyre @EJ_Knapp Genres should become more like tags - books should be tagged w/ all the elements that apply. #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @robynmcintyre Though it's ostensibly published as SFF. #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GeneDoucette Good idea RT @robynmcintyre: @EJ_Knapp Genres should become more like tags - books should be tagged w/ all the elements that apply. #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deegospel Oprah preempted #litchat -1:21 PM Oct 29th, 2010
EJ_Knapp @robynmcintyre I agree. Tags would make more sense. #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 29th, 2010
ZBooksTX @judyblackcloud I understand why, too, but like much the traditional publishing tropes I think they've outlived their usefulness. #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deegospel Oops I thought i removed the hashtag. sorry #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 29th, 2010
IanDBarker Definitely! RT @robynmcintyre: @EJ_Knapp Genres should become more like tags - books should be tagged w/ all the elements... #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett One good function of horror - it's more fun to be scared of things that aren't real, than those that are. #litchat -1:22 PM Oct 29th, 2010
ZBooksTX RT @robertjbennett: One good function of horror - its more fun to be scared of things that arent real, than those that are. #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deegospel @robertjbennett what author who doesn't write horror inspired your writing? #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 29th, 2010
judyblackcloud @ZBooksTX Absolutely. I really like @robynmcintyre suggestion of tags for books. Books can/should be multi-genre. #litchat -1:23 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @deegospel When I wrote Mr S, I was reading a lot of McCarthy and Hemingway. I loved the stark, harsh nature of their prose. #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 29th, 2010

ZBooksTX @judyblackcloud I try to cram as many of those into metadata as I can get away with. #litchat -1:24 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @deegospel That style fit the story very well. I wanted the prose to feel as starved as the characters were. #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robynmcintyre @robertjbennett Is that what led you to the dustbowl as a setting? #litchat -1:25 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deegospel @robertjbennett cool. thanks, robert. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett It was a lot of fun to write like that, but I'm not sure I'd do it again soon. That style belongs to a specific type of story. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deegospel RT @robertjbennett: One good function of horror - it's more fun to be scared of things that aren't real, than those that are. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robynmcintyre @robertjbennett I LOVE that! #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @robynmcintyre No, I'd been wanting to write a story about transients and the west for some time. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deepsouthmag Late to the chat, but hi, it's Erin from Deep South Magazine. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 29th, 2010
MerrieDestefano RT @robertjbennett: @deegospel That style fit the story very well. I wanted the prose to feel as starved as the characters were. #litchat -1:26 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @robynmcintyre I liked the idea of a primitive, savage culture that was indisputably American. #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deegospel @MerrieDestefano Hi, Merrie. :) #litchat -1:27 PM Oct 29th, 2010
DravenAmes New blog: "How to Write Fight Scenes" #horrorchat #writers #writing #Pubchat #litchat #takethat http://dravenames.blogspot.com/ -1:27 PM Oct 29th, 2010
MerrieDestefano @robertjbennett You did an awesome job creating prose that felt "as starved as the characters were" in Mr. Shivers. #litchat -1:28 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett You know, I think it was Michael Chabon who argued that Cormac McCarthy was actually a horror writer more than anything. #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock Edit of long, confusing report finished, soap opera interrupted by gov news conference on security, back to the horror of #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @MerrieDestefano Thank you! #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robynmcintyre @robertjbennett Everything you've said is making me want to read Mr. Shivers more and more. #litchat -1:29 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock @robertjbennett I found the road just sickening, not horrifying. #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robynmcintyre @robertjbennett Did you have any trouble w/ the title? B/4 you described it, I thought it might be YA. #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 29th, 2010
judyblackcloud Agreed! @robynmcintyre @robertjbennett Everything you've said is making me want to read Mr. Shivers more and more. #litchat -1:30 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @robynmcintyre I did. We changed the title several times. Mr. Shivers seemed the most functional. I'm quite bad with titles. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 29th, 2010
MerrieDestefano @deegospel Hi! Love the chat today. @robertjbennett's one of my fave authors. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deegospel @robertjbennett i agree. No Country for Old Men scared me more than anything. #litchat -1:31 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deegospel @deepsouthmag Hi, Erin. :) #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 29th, 2010

<p>robertjbennett @deegospel True! And the Coens themselves often border surreal horror in their movies. Another example. #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>GLHancock @robertjbennett Allusion to McCarthy's book -- THE ROAD. Cannibalism simply turns my stomach. It's nothing like weird monster #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>MerrieDestefano @robynmcintyre You should definitely read it! Chilling, stark, classic and beautiful. #litchat -1:32 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>deegospel @robertjbennett you're creeping me out in a good way, Robert. ;) #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>robertjbennett The most horrifying feeling in the world, I think, is insignificance. I wanted the story to examine that in depth. #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>deegospel @GLHancock you know A & E will begin airing a zombie series this weekend I believe. #litchat -1:33 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>deegospel RT @robertjbennett: The most horrifying feeling in the world I think is insignificance. I wanted the story to examine that in depth #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>robynmcintyre @deegospel It's Halloween at 10pm! I've got it Tivo'd! #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>robertjbennett Because the characters are not just fighting a preternatural killer, they're fighting a world that does not seem to care abt them. #litchat -1:34 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>GLHancock @deegospel LOL What's the symbol for "hate"? I X zombies! Wish I could afford cable TV, though. #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>robynmcintyre @robertjbennett That's one of my favourite themes! Glad I put this book on my "must read" list! #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>MerrieDestefano @robertjbennett You've probably already answered this, but why did you chose the Depression as the setting? (awesome decision) #litchat -1:35 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>deegospel @GLHancock lol #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>ZBooksTX @GLHancock I watch half my TV via Hulu and network websites these days. Barely need cable. :-P #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>winnie3k RT @robertjbennett: One good function of horror - it's more fun to be scared of things that aren't real, than those that are. #litchat -1:36 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>robertjbennett @MerrieDestefano I wanted something distinctly American, but also very dangerous, and very primitive. It felt a good fit. #litchat -1:37 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>deegospel @GLHancock It's called The Walking Dead. It airs on AMC not A & E. My bad. #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>GLHancock RT @ZBooksTX: @GLHancock I watch half my TV via Hulu ... Tks I keep forgetting ... spend too much time squinting into monitor! #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>MerrieDestefano Okay, this is one of my fave #litchat ever. @robertjbennett discusses writing and his book, MR. SHIVERS. -1:38 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>deegospel @robertjbennett when you say primitive and American, my simple brain gets confused. could you explain? #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>GLHancock RT @deegospel: @GLHancock Its called The Walking Dead. <--- How original! #litchat -1:38 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>MerrieDestefano @robertjbennett You nailed it with that setting. So metaphoric for what we are going through today. #litchat -1:39 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>
<p>deegospel @robertjbennett Never mind. My lightning bulb just went off. Great Depression, America, primitive. I get it. #litchat -1:40 PM Oct 29th, 2010</p>

robertjbennett @MerrieDestefano That was unintentional. The book was sold about 2 months before the world fell apart. #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock @deegospel American primitive = Grandma Moses for me! #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @MerrieDestefano I'm not sure if the similarities between the GD and the present hurt or helped it, really. #litchat -1:41 PM Oct 29th, 2010
Cinnamon_Quill *sneaks in* #litchat -1:42 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @deegospel Right. I wanted something part of our culture, but also very hand-to-mouth, and desperate. #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 29th, 2010
ZBooksTX @robertjbennett I felt the setting acted more as an external rendering of the characters' internal "wasteland." #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deegospel @GLHancock @merrieDestefano @robertjbennett I think of Grapes of Wrath #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 29th, 2010
MerrieDestefano @robertjbennett No way! Wow. How long did you do research time period, hobos, etc? Such a real setting and so unique. #litchat -1:43 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @ZBooksTX That, too. There's a sense that what Mr. S did to these men, he's also done to the very world. #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deegospel @GLHancock Grandma Moses. good deal. beautiful paintings #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock @deegospel Hmm. The Great Depression came long, long after America's primitive or primitif period... #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @MerrieDestefano There are actual books and letters written by hobos that were available. Reality was even worse than depicted. #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 29th, 2010
MerrieDestefano @deegospel I've never read Grapes of Wrath. Now must. Thanks! #litchat -1:44 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @GLHancock @deegospel I mean "primitive" as in desperate, tribal, struggling ways of life. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 29th, 2010
MerrieDestefano @robertjbennett You created a world that I overlooked and made it fascinating. One of the best things I think a writer can do. #litchat -1:46 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @MerrieDestefano Thank you! #litchat -1:47 PM Oct 29th, 2010
BrooklynRNR RT @DravenAmes: New blog: "How to Write Fight Scenes" #horrorchat #writers #writing #Pubchat #litchat #takethat http://dravenames.blogspot.com/ -1:47 PM Oct 29th, 2010
johanncarlisle @robertjbennett but on the other hand, things that are real are infinitely more scary. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock @robertjbennett Sounds like SK's Stand, Black Tower, et al. #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robymcintyre @robertjbennett The Depression took everyone bk to survival mode. My grandfather was a hobo then, to allow more food for family #litchat -1:48 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @johanncarlisle True. So, horror can either distract us from them, or try and encapsulate that greater terror. #litchat -1:49 PM Oct 29th, 2010
MerrieDestefano @johanncarlisle There were plenty of real, life scary things in Mr. Shivers. I think the addition of fantasy was perfect. #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock @johanncarlisle Damn right! I read horror, watch, too, to escape real life. I can control it in books and TV, not at all in life! #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 29th, 2010

deegospel @robertjbennett I get it now. Maybe I should try a short horror fic. I'm contracted for suspense. #litchat -1:50 PM Oct 29th, 2010
MerrieDestefano @robyncintyre That's fascinating! Have you talked to him about what it was like? #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @GLHancock People have referenced King a lot in reviews, and while I loved him, I never thought of him when writing it. Funny. #litchat -1:51 PM Oct 29th, 2010
ZBooksTX @robertjbennett I would have compared it more to Peter Straub, Dan Simmons than Stephen King. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deegospel RT @robertjbennett: @johanncarlisle True. So, horror can either distract us from them, or try and encapsulate that greater terror. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @robyncintyre Wow, neat! I have a friend whose family worked on the rails, and they have some genuinely horrifying stories. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 29th, 2010
ZBooksTX @robertjbennett Which reminds me, I must compose a review one of these days. #litchat -1:52 PM Oct 29th, 2010
johanncarlisle @robertjbennett Good horror can do the latter (but I was thinking of torture porn which is less horrifying than an @amnesty report) #litchat -1:53 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @johanncarlisle Oh yeah, definitely. Some types of horror are "fun," for lack of a better word. Like zombie movies, etc. #litchat -1:54 PM Oct 29th, 2010
MerrieDestefano I think the addition of horror/fantasy in Mr. S took the story, already suspenseful and deep, to a whole new mythic, classic level. #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock @robertjbennett Oh, all the "classic" horror movies are funny ... now. When they came out, they were terrifying! I would know! #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock Some day the "Saw" series will be classic, and hilarious. #litchat -1:55 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett Lovecraft did a very neat trick in using cosmic horrors to capture our very real fear of a large, empty, thoughtless universe. #litchat -1:56 PM Oct 29th, 2010
elizabethkarr #litchat RT @scifichat: Next #scifichat, Nov. 5, 2-4pm ET. Topic: Philip K Dick. Guests: @rfamovie & @elizabethkarr,filmmakers of #PKD adapt -1:57 PM Oct 29th, 2010
LitChat I think we're ready for a book giveaway. We'll give away a copy of MR SHIVERS by @robertjbennett to the 10th tweet following this. #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robyncintyre @robertjbennett I read him as a kid and never thought beyond the scary; thanks for that insight. #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock RT @LitChat: Well give away a copy of MR SHIVERS by @robertjbennett to the 10th tweet following this. #litchat -1:58 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @LitChat I hope it's not me, I already know the ending and everything. #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 29th, 2010
buffysquirrel RT @elizabethkarr: #litchat RT @scifichat: Next #scifichat, Nov. 5, 2-4pm ET. Topic: Philip K Dick. Guests: @rfamovie & @elizabethkarr,filmmakers of #PKD adapt -1:59 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robyncintyre @GLHancock And old people will ask bands at weddings to play "Baby Got Back" - their song! LOL #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 29th, 2010
indiepride #litchat ooh I hope I win -1:59 PM Oct 29th, 2010
LitChat @robertjbennett We won't count you or me. #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 29th, 2010
johanncarlisle @robertjbennett yes and no argument with that. But then Pan's Labyrinth pulled no punches, showed war more horrifying than monsters #litchat -1:59 PM Oct 29th, 2010

TonyNoland RT @LitChat: We'll give away a copy of MR SHIVERS by @robertjbennett to the 10th tweet following this. #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 29th, 2010
EJ_Knapp Did I make it? #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 29th, 2010
MerrieDestefano RT @elizabethkarr: #litchat RT @scifichat: Next #scifichat, Nov. 5, 2-4pm ET. Topic: Philip K Dick. Guests: @rfamovie & @elizabethkarr,filmmakers of #PKD adapt -2:00 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock Is this ten? I *heart* horror!! #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 29th, 2010
EJ_Knapp Nope, I think I missed it #litchat -2:00 PM Oct 29th, 2010
bitsyblingbooks I want to win #litchat. Rushing to get TChat up and running... -2:01 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robymcintyre @johanncarlisle Definitely. That was a beautiful, scary movie. #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @johanncarlisle Eh, I dunno. Depends on how horrifying you found The Pale Man. I felt one world colored the other. #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock RT @EJ_Knapp: Nope, I think I missed it No, I think I did #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock How about now? #litchat -2:01 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock Such a slow day #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 29th, 2010
LitChat @GLHancock If we count RTs and off-topic tweets you WIN! (It's time you won something anyway!) Congrats! #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 29th, 2010
EJ_Knapp I think we're way past 10 #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robymcintyre @GLHancock You funny! #litchat -2:02 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock Cover your ears: Yaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaay!!!!!!!!!!!! #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robymcintyre @GLHancock YAY! #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock RT @robymcintyre: @GLHancock You funny! Oh, irresistible -- my what? #litchat -2:03 PM Oct 29th, 2010
LitChat Though I'm not a horror fan, I'll chime in now on MR SHIVERS. Story was Poe-tic, prose was poetic. Altogether spooky. #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock @LitChat and @robertjbennett Thank you both very much. Oh, does this mean a review is needed? What's the protocol? #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 29th, 2010
judyblackcloud YAY #litchat This was an amazing one to just follow along with! -2:05 PM Oct 29th, 2010
LitChat We're over the hour now, not sure if @robertjbennett can hang around, though he's welcome. #litchat -2:05 PM Oct 29th, 2010
LitChat Before everyone scatters, though, let's give @robertjbennett a HUGE round of {{{APPLAUSE}}} for guest hosting today. #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robymcintyre @robertjbennett It was great talking to you and I didn't have to throw even one tomato! #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @LitChat Sure, I'll answer any questions. I'm happy to talk about anything. #litchat -2:06 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robymcintyre RT @LitChat: Before everyone scatters, though, let's give @robertjbennett a HUGE round of {{{APPLAUSE}}} for guest hosting today. #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett @GLHancock @LitChat It's up to you! I hope you enjoy it, but if you find it fits better as a coaster then more power to you. #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 29th, 2010
LitChat Thanks! RT @robertjbennett: @LitChat Sure, Ill answer any questions. Im happy to talk about anything. #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 29th, 2010

GLHancock @robertjbennett Claps! Claps! Claps! #litchat -2:07 PM Oct 29th, 2010
EJ_Knapp {{{APPLAUSE}}} #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robertjbennett Thanks everyone! #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 29th, 2010
LitChat @GLHancock How about sending me a DM with your postal addy and I'll forward it on. Congrats, again. #litchat -2:08 PM Oct 29th, 2010
deegospel @LitChat @robertjbennett Great chat. really great chat. Thanks, Robert. #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 29th, 2010
GLHancock @LitChat Will do! TY again ... must return to toil in the fields of edits. Groan! Oh, the weeds... #litchat -2:09 PM Oct 29th, 2010
LitChat Want to pump up next week's #litchat featuring @SaraGruen, author of APE HOUSE and WATER FOR ELEPHANTS on 11/5. #litchat -2:10 PM Oct 29th, 2010
EJ_Knapp @LitChat Great. Looking forward to that. #litchat -2:11 PM Oct 29th, 2010
robynmcintyre RT @LitChat: Want to pump up next week's #litchat featuring @SaraGruen, author of APE HOUSE and WATER FOR ELEPHANTS on 11/5. #litchat -2:11 PM Oct 29th, 2010
buffysquirrel RT @robynmcintyre: RT @LitChat: Want to pump up next week's #litchat featuring @SaraGruen, author of APE HOUSE and WATER FOR ELEPHANTS on 11/5. #litchat -2:11 PM Oct 29th, 2010
elizabethkarr .@LitChat writer/director John Alan Simon & I will be guests @scifichat on Nov 5 2 til 4 EST. Please join us! #litchat radiofreealbemuth.com -2:12 PM Oct 29th, 2010