



LitChat September 21-23

Topic of the Week: THE CREATIVE BATTLEGROUND (Open chat on Monday and Tuesday)

MONDAY Open Chat: SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

LitChat Welcome to Monday's #litchat. We're talking this week about THE CREATIVE BATTLEGROUND. Please join us. #litchat -1:03
mdbenoit2 Hi everyone. Glad to join #litchat after a week and some away. #litchat -1:03 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Maidenfine This will be my first #litchat in weeks! Oh, how I missed it so. #litchat -1:03 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LitChat If you have questions to post to the chat, please send them to @litchat w/o hashtag. I will post to group. #litchat -1:04 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LitChat Who's with us today? Please introduce yourself and let's begin. #litchat -1:04 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 SF Mystery writer, way out there in... Canada. #litchat -1:05 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LaurenBaratzL How are we defining "creative battleground"? #litchat -1:06 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblasers Heading to #litchat. Excessive chatter warning. I'm Mariana and this is my second participation. Hello all! -1:06 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM WriteGirlDSM here - DSM for Des Moines. Mystery writer, blogger, poetry; ready to go. #litchat -1:06 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Debs1 I'm here :D Aspiring Fiction Novelist, Deb Shinegarden #litchat -1:06 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mmj5170 Hello. I'm trying to fend off staff so I can follow today. #litchat -1:06 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 @LaurenBaratzL Hi Mariana! #litchat -1:06 PM Sep 21st, 2009
scgreen Hello #litchat. I'm a writer from the heart of the desert ready for an epiphany. So give it over. -1:07 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @thejohnkeenan *knock knock* Room service! This is your #litchat wake up call :) -1:07 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LitChat @LaurenBaratzL The creative battleground is everything that happens when you sit down to write and what keeps you from it. #litchat -1:07 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG all sorts of fiction writer here in Nashville TN by way of Nassau, Bahamas... Im in school in Nashville before neone asks WHY? #litchat -1:07 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 @LaurenBaratzL Sorry, Lauren, the page moved as I clicked. Hello to you too! #litchat -1:07 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pirateannie #litchat Hey the pirate is in da house. Author of naughty books. Nearly finished 1st YA novel. -1:08 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblasers @mdbenoit2 Hi! Took me a second to recognize you, lol. Welcome here. :) #litchat -1:08 PM Sep 21st, 2009
scgreen @LitChat It a constant battle between me and life. #litchat -1:08 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead will be on tweetchat for about 50 mins so I may miss some tweets. Feel free to join me on #litchat if you like books -1:09 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke Hello Hello, I'm here, I'm here, sorry was finishing off dinner! #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccacantrell Heck, what keeps me from writing? Eating, sleeping, regular life, a sneaking suspicion the plot is wrong... #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LaurenBaratzL @mdbenoit2 No worries. I'm happy to be greeted, no matter what the circumstances. #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LyndaDW I haven't written anything yet but I love to read and really enjoy Litchat #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM Writing @ home keeps me from writing. The laundry, dishes, any little speck of dust distract me. #litchat -1:10 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LitChat I've taken THE CREATIVE BATTLEGROUND as a nod to @SPressfield's THE WAR OF ART. Steve will be guest host on Friday. #litchat -1:10 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pirateannie #litchat What keeps me from writing? the worry that it's not good enough. must.get.over.that. -1:10 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM I make much more progress at a cafe or library but that is not always feasible, especially as snowy weather approaches. #litchat -1:10 PM Sep 21st, 2009

mariblaser Huge name confusion here. Sorry about that... @mdbenoit2 @LaurenBaratzL #litchat -1:10 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 Every time I start to write a book, it's like the first time I tried. Have to conquer fear. #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @scgreen Im in a constant battle with dog ... who also happens to be the gateway to my muse #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead Hi everyone - am on tweekchat now *waves* I'm an author-in-waiting have been trying to trend #peace today #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke RT @CDominiqueG: @scgreen Im in a constant battle with dog ... who also happens to be the gateway to my muse irony much?! #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 My bad in the 1st place. RT @mariblaser: Huge name confusion here. Sorry about that... @mdbenoit2 @LaurenBaratzL #litchat -1:12 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Maidenfine SF/Fantasy writer from Kansas here. Looks like an awesome group today. #litchat -1:12 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead Creative battleground - recently it's been being overwhelmed by poverty. Hard to focus on creative endeavours when struggling. #litchat -1:12 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccacantrell @mdbenoit2 So true. You would think we'd build up some confidence. #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LaurenBaratzL Not to be contrarian, but I don't have a creative battleground. All I see are creative opportunities. #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pirateannie @rebeccawoodhead hi :) i can be here for another 10 mins & then home ... to write! #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Maidenfine I would say that the majority of my creative battleground comes in the form of a 2-yr old. #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Debs1 @litchat My full time job, my dog, my family, the phone, sleep . . . #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead I think hardship can actually be helpful to a point but there's a point where it tips over and you just panic. Panic's not creative #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 21st, 2009
danish_novelist @scgreen I often find that being disturbed can work for you. Having too much time can be a problem as well, strangely enough #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccacantrell And let's not forget the Internet as a creative drain. #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour The only thing that defeats me is that I haven't done my research properly and I should bloody well knuckle down. #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @LaurenBaratzL You are a glass is half-full kind of girl. A glass half-full has room for more, no? #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @pirateannie yarr! Pirate friend! Grab some cheddar and scrumpy and lets talk creative battlegrounds! #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 @rebeccacantrell And then my fear translates into procrastination... tweets, blog reading, reading, even cleaning house :(#litchat -1:14 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblaser @mdbenoit2 From my part, no probs! Let's head to #litchat then? :-)-1:14 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw RT @pitchparlour: The only thing that defeats me is that I havent done my research properly and I should bloody well knuckle down. #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass I know. I'm annoying, aren't I? #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw (Hello, by the way.) #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @LaurenBaratzL lucky you. #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM Ahh, yes, research: that's a big bad for me, too. #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 RT @rebeccawoodhead: Hardship can actually be helpful but theres a point where it tips over and you panic. Panics not creative #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Debs1 @pitchparlour Yes, research is the most fun and the biggest obstacle to my writing too! #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @danish_novelist I agree, I allow myself to be distracted by twitter because, keeps my flow going whenever i get back to work #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LitChat Q1 In THE WAR OF ART, @SPressfield personalizes Resistance as the enemy to every creative endeavor. Discuss. #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 21st, 2009

<p>mdbenoit2 @danish_novelist I agree that sometime too much time is worse than not enough. #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>rebeccacantrell RT @Debs1: @pitchparlour See, I can trick myself into saying research is essential since I write historicals. #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>mariblaser Agree on that part. Where to go? RT @danish_novelist: @scgreen (...)Having too much time can be a problem as well, strangely enough #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>virginiagee Lurking @ #litchat and #amwriting till I figure out what it's all about -1:16 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>mdbenoit2 RT @rebeccacantrell: And lets not forget the Internet as a creative drain. <---No kidding. #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>hprw Sometimes all you can do is sit down and write, because worrying about it is a way to avoid that blank page. #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>scgreen Do we have any questions today or is it just a free-for-all? #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>LexxClarke My battleground is the fact that I need to read, research, and categorise before I can write anything significant #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>pirateannie @rebeccawoodhead Arr lass. :) i'll be back at 6-ish. my constant battle is with Time, of which I have not enough. #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>CDominiqueG @LexxClarke lol hursh Lexxy, He's a Youzer, double terrier mix #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>WriteGirlDSM Often, meeting a goal proves an obstacle as well, oddly enough. Worry over not being able to repeat abounds. #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>scgreen Tweeted too soon. #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>nicolamorgan ooh, it's #litchat - I had forgotten! What we talkin bout? Is @hprw here? If so, trouble ahead #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>rebeccawoodhead once I'm in the flow of writing nothing distracts me. #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>rebeccacantrell @pirateannie Maybe a little keel-haulin' will keep ya focused! #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>pitchparlour Trollope (apparently) used to to time himself to 1000 words an hour. Then revise later. Not bad words, all told. #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>Debs1 #Litchat I also have to fully visualize the scene from each character's perspective before I can write it -1:17 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>hprw There's nothing like the spur of a deadline for soemthing I've already been paid for to get me writing. #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>WriteGirlDSM RT @rebeccawoodhead: once Im in the flow of writing nothing distracts me. You're very lucky! :) #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>nicolamorgan @rebeccawoodhead lucky you - I used to have that "flow" thing but it's gone with all the deadlines #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>rebeccawoodhead @nicolamorgan creative battle grounds - what stops you writing. #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>pitchparlour @nicolamorgan The 'Creative Battlefield' apparently. Yes, she's here. Take cover. #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>hprw @nicolamorgan I'm here. We're talking about the creative battleground, but it seems to have moved on to movitation already. #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>danish_novelist @CDominiqueG Yup. Writing blogs, tweets shouldn't be seen as "bad". It gets your juices flowing. Let them be appetizers to the meal #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>rebeccacantrell Agreed. Fingers must keep moving. RT @hprw: Sometimes all you can do is sit down and write, because worrying is a way to avoid... #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>nicolamorgan everything stops me writing if I let it, which I do. #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>mdbenoit2 @LexxClarke Do you write fic or non-fic? #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>pitchparlour @hprw Hahaha. Absolutely. Paid for and spent makes it even quicker. #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>pirateannie @rebeccacantrell LOL. Well if I didn't have this *&^%^\$ fulltime job ... #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>hprw @rebeccawoodhead @nicolamorgan Susan someone or other wrote a good book about writing in flow--worth reading. #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>
<p>nicolamorgan I blogged about things that stop us writing the other day - we get into bad habits, think only certain envrionments are poss #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 21st, 2009</p>

mariblaser Also, sometimes family don't understand the time you spend researching, or even writing. Mine is at least trying to, so I'm lucky. #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pirateannie @nicolamorgan Oooh you're here! I like you! *makes fangirl noises* #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @mdbenoit2 non-fic #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pussreboots @pirateannie Then you'd be worrying about looking for work just like I am (instead of using time to write) #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccacantrell Plenty o' time for breaks when yer between ships. RT @pirateannie: @rebeccacantrell if I didnt have this *&^%^\\$ fulltime job ... #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan Stops you so much that you've written and published all those books... can't imagine what you'd be like w/discipline! #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @hprw I write really well once I'm in it but the stuff I write before that is very, very poor - bin fodder. My bin gets very fat #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat Lurking on #litchat for now. -1:20 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw RT @nicolamorgan: blogged about things that stop us writing - we get into bad habits, think only certain environments are poss #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour @nicolamorgan I loved the fact you put a scarf on the door. Mr P had a few days off recently; I thought I was going to kill him. #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan family used to stop me but I negotiated untouchable space - sacrf on doorhandle = no entry except in case of imminent death #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @pirateannie Don't make fangirl noises at @nicolamorgan, it only encourages her.... #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Maidenfine @pirateannie I actually got more writing done when I was working. Now I'm home w/ the kid all day. And she doesn't nap. #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @hprw Susan K. Perry, "Writing in Flow" - excellent book! #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 21st, 2009
danish_novelist @mdbenoit2 I always write the best stuff when I'm on my way out of the door. It frees me up knowing I don't have all day #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @pitchparlour u wait till Mr P has SIX MONTHS OFF - could create good plot though? #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @rebeccawoodhead I routinely discard first few pages each day when writing fiction. Non-fic isn't cutie so wasteful. #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @nicolamorgan I'm scrabbling around for the writerly flow to kick in at the mo - too many stresses. Need to ignore it all & write. #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 21st, 2009
scgreen The most difficult Resistances are the ones I love... family. #litchat+ -1:22 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 @kashicat Hi! #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @hprw ooh, who was making "fangirl" noises?? do it again pleeeese #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblaser Brilliant! RT @nicolamorgan: family used to stop me but I negotiated untouchable space - sacrf on doorhandle (...) #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @pitchparlour @nicolamorgan Scarf on door sounds like a signal for sex to me. Room for horrible confusion there, I think. #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour @hprw I can only manage about 500 words a day, but I write heavily end-noted non-fiction. @rebeccawoodhead #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @pirateannie ooh, thank you - I didn't see you there! Obviously I like you too! (Whoever you are...) #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke Greetings @kashicat :o) #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw It was the lovely @pirateannie RT @nicolamorgan: who was making "fangirl" noises?? do it again pleeeese #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pirateannie @hprw but i want to encourage her. :P #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 21st, 2009
dlschubert My own random wanderings stop me. Checking blog, twitter, etc. Actually, it delays me, doesn't stop me. I check in & out! #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @hprw LOL, same thought here. :) But, whatever works for you, use it! #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 21st, 2009

HoodedMan I sit in the silence of the forest or turn on music. Both approaches work #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @pitchparlour I have been known to write 10k non-fic in a day when book deadline looms. Not lots of footnotes, though. #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @nicolamorgan Hubby made me 'writing do not disturb' and 'blogging do not disturb' signs for the door #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pirateannie @nicolamorgan hahaha. Ive been dressed down by @hprw ... *slinks away* #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw Oh, no. We're in for a rough ride tonight. RT @pirateannie: @hprw but i want to encourage her. :P #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccacantrell Not if you're writing about sexRT @nicolamorgan Scarf on door sounds like a signal for sex to me. Room for horrible confusion there #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblasers @hprw Maybe it depends on the color of the scarf? #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat I find that sometimes when I make myself sit & write, the "boring" stuff from that day becomes most interesting the next day. #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour @nicolamorgan Oh no. I get irritated when he forgets his lunch/keys/contact lenses and has to come back after five minutes. #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan Joking apart (if poss) don't u think if easy 2 write we wldn't have obstacles? It's cos it's so bloody hard. Emails easy to wrtite #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 @hprw How many fingers do you have and how fast do you type? #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @hprw wow! Never beat 5000 words in a day #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan Writing my blog is a distraction that works. So is the focusing coming to me when I'm playing poker #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblasers RT @LitChat: Welcome to Monday's #litchat. We're talking this week about THE CREATIVE BATTLEGROUND. Please join us. #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @pirateannie I can't keep up - way too slow at typing! #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @nicolamorgan you may be right. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour @hprw *Groveling* No, doesn't happen for me, but I've done 7k outline in a day. Once. It wasn't very good. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LitChat Q2 @SPressfield says that rationalism is Resistance's right hand man. What do you rationalize that keeps you from writing? #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 21st, 2009
dlschubert @nicolamorgan Good point. Humans are naturally undisciplined beings. Becoming disciplined is like becoming patient. It's a goal. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Maidenfine I've only ever hit 5k in a day during NaNoWriMo. The rest of the year, I struggle to hit 5k in a week. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 @kashicat Same here. It's usually when I've struggled through that the writing is best. When it flows well, it sucks. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @rebeccawoodhead oooh, I wrote (non-fic) 11,000 words a day of non-fic, including researching as i went. Nearly died #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @mariblasers If scarf was polyester I'd leave in a huff anyway, regardless of what it signified. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead my problem is I'm never properly distracted. My characters are with me all the flaming time once they know I want to write #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @mdbenoit2 I have horrible RSI now. Serves me right. Still write the odd 5k day, but longhand and dictation, not typing. #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @LitChat Do you mean in the sense that we find ourselves saying, "I have to do this first, and then write"? #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @hprw you're very fixated on this sarf thing. Look, it could have been a leather tie or ANYTHING long and twisty #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pussreboots @LitChat Right now I'm rationalizing the fact that I need to find a job. I need to schedule writing into the job seeking time. #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour @nicolamorgan And that is why you are a brilliant author, and I am a little wiener. 11k? *Expires* #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @pitchparlour None of mine is very good, though. Volume I can do, quality I can't. #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 21st, 2009

mariblaser @hprw Not sure I understand the polyester reference... #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 21st, 2009
scgreen The family is only "understanding" when it doesn't encroach on their time. #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @nicolamorgan Physically I could do that but mentally I'd be a mess by the end of it - 11k in one day? Was it any good? #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan I'm totally undisciplined, except in two things: writing and poker #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM RT @hprw: @pitchparlour None of mine is very good, though. Volume I can do, quality I cant. That's what revision is for! #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan That's how I did it too. A whole book in under a fortnight. Eugh. Got paid, AND was told it was good but hmmm. #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @danish_novelist now if I can just post on my blog regularly. #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour @hprw Mine is like like wringing out a vaguely damp J-cloth. But it pays the bills! #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @mariblaser Silk scarves lovely; polyester not nearly so nice. I'm a fabric snob. #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @mdbenoit2 Oh no, I love when it flows. Thing is, hardly ever does now. I blame internet (but it's FUN +lovely 2meet pple) #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @nicolamorgan Do you suppose there's ever an element of being undisciplined that actually helps the creativity sometimes? #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 My rationalization is the internal voice, the internal editor that tell me what NOT to write. It's not very productive. #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @rebeccawoodhead Well it was non-fic, which i don't mean to be disparaging, but it was just me talking #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @hprw being paid might increase my productivity. If I can do 5,000 words a day for nothing what could I do for magic beans? #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke I try and make shorthand notes if inspiration strikes at work lol #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan Flow is different the more I write: I expect it more now, so am not so surprised when it arrives. #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM I find that praise for work I didn't put my whole self into is an obstacle in and of itself. Makes me think I can do it again-NOT! #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan RT @kashicat: @nicolamorgan Do u suppose theres ever element of being undisciplined that actually helps creativity sometimes? YES! #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @nicolamorgan still bloody impressive. I was wearing a hat but now it is off. #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblaser @hprw Totally understand you. ;-) #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pussreboots @LexxClarke I used to send emails to myself w/ ideas. #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @hprw I am envious, honestly. I crave that flow back again. Narrative transportation #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Maidenfine I rationalize that I need to do whatever for my hubby or the baby before I can write. But I often don't want to do that either. #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan @kashicat No discipline often leads to flowery writing, though, so it's its own problem. #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM Flow on command usually comes when you have a solid process & schedule. Not a hard a fast rule but tends toward truth. #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LitChat @mdbenoit2 Can you give an example of what you mean by the internal voice telling you what not to write? #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @pussreboots ahh that's a great idea,I'll have to try it :o) #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 @nicolamorgan I also find the Internet disruptive to concentration. Sometimes I have to shut it down completely so I can work. #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan @CDominiqueG @danish_novelist I postpone my blogging and other things, not writing. Writing is my goal every night #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Debs1 @pussreboots I'll record voice clips on my phone with new ideas #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @hprw @nicolamorgan Yes, I'd agree. Non-discipline should likely only occur in short doses. #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 21st, 2009

hprw @nicolamorgan Hypnosis puts you in the trance state that flow requires. Wonderful. Especially if you learn to go there yourself. #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 21st, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @hprw me too - it's like there's 2 'me's - the me that talks about writing & the one that writes. The writing one's pretty kick ass #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 21st, 2009

LexxClarke I've thought of using a dictaphone too, does anyone else do that? #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 21st, 2009

kashicat @WriteGirlDSM Do you think "process & schedule" might work better for some temperaments & not for others? #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 21st, 2009

nicolamorgan @pirateannie hope you're still there and that I wasn't rude to you?? #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 21st, 2009

WriteGirlDSM RT @Debs1: @pussreboots Ill record voice clips on my phone with new ideas | Same here! Ideas come while I'm driving no writ notes. #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 21st, 2009

LitChat @WriteGirlDSM Do you feel differently about praise that you put your heart into? #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 21st, 2009

hprw The more you write, the more you know what your'e doing so the better your non-flow writing becomes. #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 21st, 2009

deberryandgrant @kashicat Since we can't schedule thinking, yes, there are ways that ignoring the discipline can help work- at least it does mine #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 21st, 2009

pirateannie @nicolamorgan I'll be back at 6. You'd better still be here. #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 21st, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @hprw you're so full of great info today! That's true. It is a kind of trance state but a super-productive trance #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 21st, 2009

WriteGirlDSM Absolutely. Everyone has his own writing style; the point is to figure out what that is for you and work it like crazy! #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 21st, 2009

hprw @nicolamorgan I was the one who told @pirateannie off, but I think she knew it was a joke. Hope so. Are you there, @pirateannie? #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 21st, 2009

kashicat @LexxClarke I once did considerable plotting of story while wearing voice recorder around my neck & tossing files in a basement. #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 21st, 2009

LexxClarke I think I rationalise by working out the level of guilt by what doesn't get done if I write #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 21st, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @nicolamorgan she's fine - she had to go :) #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 21st, 2009

Debs1 @WriteGirlDSM Me too! i get the best ideas when driving, or sleeping #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 21st, 2009

nicolamorgan @rebeccawoodhead I have 2"me"s - totally controlled one that every1 sees in street, + completely mad one that writes fiction #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 21st, 2009

mdbenoit2 @LitChat Internal voice says don't write this, it's too raw, harsh, silly, (insert any self-controlling verb you want) #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 21st, 2009

hprw @LexxClarke I use digital voice recorder then d/load it into Dragon NaturallySpeaking. Works well, v productive but distracting #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 21st, 2009

WriteGirlDSM @kashicat Multitasking-cool! So much writing happens when we aren't at the keyboard. #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 21st, 2009

nicolamorgan @pirateannie 6? Is that American? It's 9.30 here. We no understand #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 21st, 2009

panhistoria There is no one size fits all when it comes to writing process. #litchat - that would be like finding the magic bullet. -1:35 PM Sep 21st, 2009

pussreboots I need a schedule to give myself permission to write. #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 21st, 2009

LexxClarke @kashicat Is it a technique you use often though? #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 21st, 2009

Debs1 @rebeccawoodhead I have 2"me"s - totally controlled one that every1 sees in street, + completely mad one that writes fiction #litchat YES! -1:35 PM Sep 21st, 2009

kashicat @WriteGirlDSM Heh. My best ideas always seem to come in the shower. Can't record them, & have to ensure I remember them. <g> #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 21st, 2009

hprw @nicolamorgan That mad you breaks out more often than you realise, sweetie...! #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 21st, 2009

deberryandgrant @Debs1 @WriteGirlDSM both of us do as well. Sometimes you have to step away, let your mind float. Love a road trip for story help #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 21st, 2009

DaveT100 RT @LexxClarke: I've thought of using a dictaphone too, does anyone else do that? #litchat >>use your mobile like everyone else!! -1:35 PM Sep 21st, 2009

WriteGirlDSM @mdbenoit2 Write like you're not going to let anyone else see it-ever. It's a very freeing exercise. #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @deberryandgrant That's what I thought. I find sometimes the unscheduledness makes ideas happen, & sometimes more structure does. #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 21st, 2009
deberryandgrant RT @WriteGirlDSM: @kashicat Multitasking-cool! So much writing happens when we aren't at the keyboard. #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 @LexxClarke I find "speaking" ideas hinders the process. Writing and talking don't seem to use same portion of brain #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan Really important moment 4 me was accepting most writing happens in head when not at desk - permission 2 LEAVE desk and THINK #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pirateannie @hprw yes i'm still here, just leaving work. geez i'm not that sensitive! :D back at 6. #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour RT @hprw The more you write, the more you know what your'e doing so the better your non-flow writing becomes. #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @rebeccawoodhead Process of writing is an obsession of mine: I've researched lots of sides of it. #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @LexxClarke I think I'd use it much more often if I remembered to take my voice recorder with me when I'm out! Ha! #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @DaveT100 haha, touche! #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @nicolamorgan me too except the every day me is a bit mad too and the writer-me is super focused #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @hprw Oh no, Jane, surely you have never seen me anything other than totally ordinary? #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @pirateannie Glad to hear it. See you soon. #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @linc0lnpark Hee! So do you manage to sit down and write in a disciplined way, once you've gotten all inspired? #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @nicolamorgan think you've summed me up as well.now I am me but then when I write I feel possessed like some1 is in my brain #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @rebeccawoodhead Now THAT is cool - I should try for that #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour @nicolamorgan Application of brain whilst not writing is the most important thing. Often find first five minutes at desk best. #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblasier @mdbenoit2 I write it even if it's harsh (etc. etc). Then I cut it off on the editing if it feels to much. #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM RT @pitchparlour: RT @hprw The more you write, the more you know what youre doing so the better your non-flow writing becomes. #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 21st, 2009
DaveT100 @LexxClarke Sorry, bit of an old gag but I couldn't let that one go!! #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan I write in my head all the time. A machine recording thoughts would have been nice, in this context only #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @CDominiqueG Yes, + it's feeling of someone possessing your brain that's the totally cool thing about writing? THAT's wot I've lost #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @nicolamorgan :) lol! #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw Everyone considering voice recorder: if you want to use it w Dragon, you'll need a v good one: mine's Olympus DS4000 and cost £££££ #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @kashicat my best ideas come when Im sitting in class trying to pay attention to the lecturer #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LitChat Q3 "It's not the writing that's hard. What's hard is setting down to write." (@SPressfield). Discuss. #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Debs1 @kashicat ... I remembered to take my voice recorder with me when I'm out! Ha! #litchat, mine is in my phone, and now my ipod too -1:38 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @kashicat but then the person in my head wants me to write #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @pirateannie toodles - see you later :) #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 @WriteGirlDSM Yes, I've been trying to do that. Still, the editor is clamoring. #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 21st, 2009

kashicat @Debs1 My ideas come in the shower, but also on the bus. At least on a bus, I can write them down. If you call it "writing." #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw Hearing your own voice is v distracting at first but you soon get over it if you can access flow state reasonably well. #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @CDominiqueG That's b/c your subconscious is getting a chance to work out your writing issues w/o feeling pressured. #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @hprw Jane, I have that too. I lent it to student daughter. Bugger. BUT I now have iphone and iphones actually write novels, u know #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 @nicolamorgan I've done my best thinking of plot while taking walks in the park. #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @nicolamorgan you'll get it back. Try writing something you'd never write - do it badly - you'll offend your inner writer into life #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @kashicat my ideas come when ironing and Hoovering but please don't tell husband #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @hprw Accessing flow state. Explain how you do this? #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblaser The other day a story popped out but the screen was blank. I could only write it by hand. Technology-block? #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @nicolamorgan you broke up with the person in your head? #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @mdbenoit2 definitely me too - dog gives me ideas cos I sure as hell didn't talk to anyone else #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @CDominiqueG Isn't that just the way! My own most recent (unpubd) novel was written on lunch hours bc I always got inspired at work. #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan I have Dragon v8 going spare... email me your address and I'll send it up. #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour @nicolamorgan Oh no!!! Get it back. How can you get it back? #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @kashicat Cool! Wrote 1st draft of my first book same way! #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Maidenfine We bought tub crayons for my daughter and I love them. I write on the shower wall, then copy it down when I get out. #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @CDominiqueG just that can't seem to get into flow writing any more. Still seem to be able to write (says agent) but it FEELS bad #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mmj5170 Q3- If I miss my early morning time to write, I never seem to recover. #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @WriteGirlDSM write fast - your conscious doesn't have time to get in the way - write for the bin #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @pitchparlour She's in the house just now so i could sneak into her room ... #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @WriteGirlDSM You almost feel like putting the company in the acknowledgements. ;-) #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @WriteGirlDSM Flow state is nearly same as hypnotic trance. Focussed relaxation. I learned from a hypnotherapist. #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Q3 Establishing a specific writing time--early mornings for me--resurrected my writing life. I am devoted to my morning writing. #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Debs1 @Maidenfine Tub Crayons! Awesome!!! #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @Maidenfine AWESOME IDEA!!! #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Ilunalila RT @virginiagee: Lurking @ #litchat and #amwriting till I figure out what it's all about That makes 2 of us :) -1:42 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @WriteGirlDSM It's just deep breathing and focus, really. Works well once you know how. Not foolproof, but better than nothing. #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pirateannie @nicolamorgan bawahahahaha yes i'm in canada. (exiled brit) so add 5 hours. which means you'll probably be in bed. O.o #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat RT @mdbenoit2: I find "speaking" ideas hinders process. Writing/talking don't seem to use same portion of brain #litchat [Fascinating!] -1:42 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 @nicolamorgan Dogs have great ESP :) #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @mmj5170 Yes! I used to be a night owl who thought my creative time was at night, but I never got real work done at night. #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 21st, 2009

nicolamorgan @hprw oh yes, I remember it and it was so beautiful. Ok, tomorrow I AM going to do it again, I AM #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 21st, 2009
deberryandgrant DG & I find other writers' processes interesting, but nothing we would ever try to copy. I think process is unique to the individual #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead genius! rt @Maidenfine bought tub crayons for daughter and I write on the shower wall, then copy it down when I get out. #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @hprw True; I'll try anything once. ;) #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan writing at night always helps. The darkness is beyond inspiring #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @Maidenfine I sometimes use chinks too #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mmj5170 @CarolyBurnsBass 5:30 to 6:30 every morning. Family has learned (if they awake) to leave me alone during that time. #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan What about using loud music? I find that REALLY important. Has to be the right music. Very loud, very anthemic. Muse, K Chiefs ... #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LitChat @llunalila @virginiagee We're discussing THE CREATIVE BATTLEGROUND, breaking through the blocks. #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @HoodedMan Darkness works for me too, except then I'm not alone in house - need to be alone really #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan You go deep within yourself. There are several ways of doing that #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mmj5170 @CarolyBurnsBass I only write well in the evenings IF I am spring boarding from the morning. #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblaser Ditto. RT @pusreboots: @LitChat Right now I'm rationalizing the fact that I need to find a job. (...) #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM RT @kashicat: RT @mdbenoit2: I find "speaking" ideas hinders process. Hemingway believed talking abt your work diluted its power. #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat RT @nicolamorgan: @kashicat my ideas come when ironing and Hoovering but please don't tell husband #litchat <cackling madly> -1:45 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @nicolamorgan love typing/writing to something with a good strong beat #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan Also getting up really early is good (well, bad too, but good flow-wise) - no emails, phones, very cocooning + u feel a bit dopev #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @nicolamorgan have you tried reading other author's works or perhaps just something new altogether? #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Debs1 @nicolamorgan oh, I can't write w/ music on -- I need quiet #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 21st, 2009
deberryandgrant When stuck, we do like thrift & antique stores. Everything there has a story-has had a life. It's great stimulation for story. #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM "A Moveable Feast" is actually quite a good book on process and writing in the midst of a life lived. #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @nicolamorgan I absolutely can't write fiction with music that has lyrics. Classical or music in another language, yes. Weird, no? #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 @CarolyBurnsBass I also write in the morning. I turn into a pumpkin around 9pm #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @mariblaser I have some stories that MUST be hand-written, while most are fine on keyboard. #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @LexxClarke @nicolamorgan No! Have to have silence to write, music distracts me. #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @nicolamorgan Not a morning person; I've tried it and failed dismally! :(#litchat -1:46 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @LexxClarke yes, strong beat! Can't be new to me tho or I'll listen 2 carefully. I play same album over +over when i get it write. #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan @nicolamorgan at least alone in the room and not too noisy elsewhere. Silence is good. #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pusreboots RT @WriteGirlDSM: "A Moveable Feast" is actually quite a good book on process and writing in the midst of a life lived. (seconded!) #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan Early morning is other-worldly and good for fiction writing. bloody awful for headaches, though. #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 21st, 2009

scgreen Searching for a life raft of meaning in this sea of #litchat tweets. -1:46 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @CarolyBurnsBass Weird, yes! But all different. I must have lyrics. can even sing to them while writing #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @kashicat Agreed! Brain to hand connection is primal, organic - I always feel more connected to my ideas when writing by hand. #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 21st, 2009
ggSpirit RT @HoodedMan: I write in my head all the time. A machine recording thoughts would have been nice, in this context only #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Maidenfine I write better on paper, faster on the computer. I think they end up evening out. But I have had blocks that needed paper to break. #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Debs1 @kashicat I don't hand write anything anymore #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @hprw silence for non-fic, loud pumping music for fiction #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblaser @kashicat Did you get to categorize which ones need handwriting and which go well on keyboard? This was my first time. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @deberryandgrant Great idea about the thrift and antique stores for inspiration. Absolutely. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @nicolamorgan I use music - wrote about it - http://bit.ly/2fQBX #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour @nicolamorgan Loud anthemic music is EXCELLENT, like the Cranberries. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 @Debs1 I always write to music. Classical, mostly. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan @nicolamorgan but almost any mood or state of mind works for me, really, at one time or another #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @kashicat But I don't get as much done that way, either. Have to compromise. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @WriteGirlDSM And I thought it was just that my lecturer was boring. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
scgreen @CarolyBurnsBass Not weird at all. I'm the same way. I believe it's b/c we're in tune w/ what's going on around us. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Maidenfine I find that different stories/characters need different music. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw Fiction is handwritten and not planned; non-fic planned in detail and typed. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @WriteGirlDSM I actually have to overcome embarrassment at my own voice saying certain things I'd never say myself. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @hprw yes, may need to sleep later in day! used to be able to do it often when younger, now too old (as in 4 months older than u!) #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan @nicolamorgan inspiration may come from a pressure shift in the air or anything catching my attention. It feels great! #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 21st, 2009
deberryandgrant @Debs1 @kashicat Never hand wrote any part of any book. Donna used to. I composed term papers at a typewriter so computer was easy #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 21st, 2009
webook #litchat @webook created a virtual notebook on twitter...a place for all writing ideas on the run. check out @writersnotes -1:48 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan Nope, silence for non-fic and more silence for fiction, thank you! #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour @nicolamorgan @hprw I find I only listen to the first minute anyway, then it's just white noise, and I'm away. #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @pitchparlour love the Cranberries #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @kashicat YES! but it gives me something constructive to do in class instead of forwarding text messages! #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM RT @CDominiqueG: @WriteGirlDSM And I thought it was just that my lecturer was boring. I'm not ruling that out! :) #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexClarke I think I might get a USB socket for my brain #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @pitchparlour YES, and REM, Franz Ferdinand, Manic Street Preachers? #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 21st, 2009

HoodedMan Being half asleep may help, too. automatic writing and all that. You proofread in the morning #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @mariblaser My 1st stories were fantasy.Orig world, started by hand, has to stay by hand,2nd world typed.New non-fantasy now typed. #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour @hprw My planning is meticulous, almost overtakes the writing, then I have to give it a bit of oomph. #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @kashicat That is tough. The voice of my narrator never matches my own voice so it does sound odd to "speak" my work. #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan You're sounding younger than me now. This is not right. #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead I touch type so I write better on the computer. Also, you use more of your brain if you touch-type rather than write #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM RT @LexxClarke: I think I might get a USB socket for my brain Glad to hear I'm not the only one who thinks that is a good idea!! #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @WriteGirlDSM I find the quality and feel of writing differs when by hand. Almost more depth bc more time to think, in some ways #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblaser @hprw My shorts are not planned either, but the novel was outlined before the first word went to screen. #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @pitchparlour Planning is good for non fic but doesn't work for me, for fic. #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @rebeccawoodhead How so? #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @WriteGirlDSM plug in a 1T external harddrive and review at leisure! #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @hprw No planning for me either, horrible #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @deberryandgrant I loved when I got my 1st word processor, and use it for almost everything. So I'm not anti-typed, definitely #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour @nicolamorgan Yes, sometimes Arctic Monkeys. #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @mariblaser If I plan fiction I feel like I've already written the story out, and it's all old. Can't do it with a plan. #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan My beyond inspiring music of choice http://bit.ly/u6eDc #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @hprw get down with the kids, woman #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 21st, 2009
llunalila @hprw I find it more difficult to write non fiction than fiction. Maybe bc I like it more, but non fic gets too dull sometimes #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @WriteGirlDSM I read some scientific research on it then promptly forgot the details. You might find it on google. #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 21st, 2009
BenRubinstein @pitchparlour Meticulous planning in fiction writing? #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @mariblaser I also write my own soap opera, just for my own private entertainment. It also needs to be hand-written. ;-) #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @kashicat Me, neither-just want to make that clear. Have nothing against hand or typed writing. Whatever works for the writer. #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 Same here RT @kashicat: I find the quality and feel of writing differs when by hand. More depth bc more time to think, in some ways #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @pitchparlour Oh, stop being so damn trendy in your music choices. What's wrong with showtunes? #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 21st, 2009
cupofjava1961 @utahsavage What do you like to read in fiction? and non-fiction? #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @kashicat I have to type, thinking long had is sometimes far too hard! #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 21st, 2009
BenRubinstein @rebeccawoodhead Uhh, what is touch-typing vs writing? #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Debs1 @deberryandgrant my handwriting stinks and it takes me too long. I much prefer to type. Kudos to longform writers #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan I think you mean "girl friend". Not "woman", which is decidedly middle-aged. #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @rebeccawoodhead LOL-how many times have I done same thing? #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 21st, 2009

HoodedMan Manfred Mann's Earth Band - Mighty Quinn 1978 live version from the album Watch - a Journey of the mind #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @pirateannie What part of Canada? (I'm in Toronto.) #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @llunalila I get paid more for non-fic, though, so it's always good to write. #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LaurenBaratzL When I 1st started writing, I used 2 tell myself, "If u don't write x amt of pgs 2day, you'll die." Death: it's a great motivator. #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @hprw you mean you still listen to the record-player? Do you wind it up or does the electricity sometimes work? #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 21st, 2009
deberryandgrant @Debs1 need to be able to write almost as fast as I think. pen and paper doesn't work for me. never did. #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblasers @hprw Completely understand. In my case though, it's changing as I write. It's really interesting to let the story oppose me, lol. #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Maidenfine I always have to outline. But then I shake things up by not always writing in order (hence the importance of the outline). #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @nicolamorgan I sometimes use music to create mood. I love loud music for writing, but lately it has to be w/o lyrics. #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LitChat Q4 If there is a creative battleground, who is the enemy, what is the conflict and how do we win? #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan We stick the kids in a giant hamster wheel and don't let them out until the gramophone's finished. #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @hprw It's such a shame that modern life is passing you by. #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 @kashicat @pirateannie I'm in Ottawa #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 21st, 2009
deberryandgrant @kashicat We wrote first novel on typewriter that had 6pages of memory. no computer. it was the first thing we bought w/advance! #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblasers @kashicat That should be fun, lol. Maybe it can be made into a book, or play, or movie someday? Who knows.. #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke Q4 I am my own enemy! #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @WriteGirlDSM LOL! #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LitChat @LaurenBaratzL Do you still use Death as a Motivator? #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @kashicat Great advice from a fellow tweeter: he writes to Alfred Hitchcock scores. #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @kashicat I always use music to create mood. I also switch the music off when I stop writing to do something mundane. #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 21st, 2009
llunalila @hprw yeah I know! Same happens to me :) But my fiction is what I really love. Non fiction is what I get paid to do yet #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @deberryandgrant Oh boy. I did one on typewriter like that too. All that retyping if you get it wrong or edit later! #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan Don't be silly, we've got inside plumbing and EVERYTHING now. #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mmj5170 Q4- Creative enemy: imagining others reading. Is it good enough? #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour @hprw @nicolamorgan I'm sure. But surely fiction shouldn't be planned? #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @llunalila Fiction is what I love to write, Non-fic is what pays for me to write fiction. Usually. #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LaurenBaratzL @LitChat No. Now I just have a datebook that functions as a tyrant. #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan I'm also inspired, in a backwards way by injustice and ignorance and intolerance and political issues in general #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @mmj5170 "If you intend to #write as truthfully as you can, your days as a polite member of society are numbered." ~Stephen King #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @mariblasers I've been working on it so long that I've decided to start putting the soap opera on my website so SOMEONE can see it.#litchat -1:57 PM Sep 21st, 2009

nicolamorgan @pitchparlour I agree, but most fiction writers I know do plan, and it makes me feel a) a bit guilty but b) really really daring #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG Does anyone find that their best ideas show themselves in times of despair? #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan Steaming is a great fuel and can keep me going all night sometimes #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @mmj5170 Just one of my fav writing quotes that a fellow tweeter happened to post today. #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 21st, 2009
purtheil @utahsavage I'm reminded of my own old quip, "First I had a vision and now all I have revision." #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @BenRubinstein touch-typing - 'proper' typing without looking at the keys - engages more of the brain than hand-writing #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @pitchparlour @nicolamorgan There's a tentative link between planning and genre-writing, and not-planning and lit fic writing. #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 Q4 Creative enemy: thinking about/doing marketing. It just kills my creativity. I'm just lousy at mktg #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour RT @hprw @llunalila Fiction is what I love to write, Non-fic is what pays for me to write fiction. Usually. #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat Silence can be a problem for ADD person (me). Sometimes music helps slow my mind down to 4 tracks instead of 100 at once. #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @CDominiqueG No, my best ideas come unpredictably #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @nicolamorgan As a mystery writer I have to plan; two stories in one isn't something I can wing or keep track of in my head. #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 21st, 2009
SonyaMonica my bad mood doesn't hinder my writing abilities...in fact, it improves them :) #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan You are really daring. Look what you did to the tree. #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour @nicolamorgan I have to plan everything to get a proposal through, so it's already done when I actually start to write anyway! #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblasers @kashicat That's a great idea! (and good for mkt too - free stuff ;-) #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan @pitchparlour @nicolamorgan I started out just writing, not knowing where I was headed. I plan a little more more these days #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @LaurenBaratzL Oh yes. I remember the date book as drill sergeant. Deadlines are called DEADlines for a reason. #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mmj5170 @WriteGirlDSM I'm not sure if that's a good thing or a bad one! #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblasers @deberryandgrant That was a wise purchase! :) #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @WriteGirlDSM I'd imagine so, but my last novel was a v complex mystery/crime/whodunnit and I didn't plan at all #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan @pitchparlour @nicolamorgan It feels very natural, now, to imagine the entire story as i go along #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @hprw The tree came out of it a hell of a lot better than i did #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM RT @SonyaMonica: my bad mood doesnt hinder my writing abilities...in fact, it improves them :) Yes-use that anger, pour into story. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 21st, 2009
recordersdotcom @hprw @LexxClarke I use digital voice recorder, d/load it into Dragon NaturallySpeaking. Works well, v productive but distracting #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @mmj5170 Sounds like your creative enemy is fear. Have you read THE WAR OF ART? #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LaurenBaratzL *snort* RT @CarolyBurnsBass: @LaurenBaratzL Deadlines are called DEADlines for a reason. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @nicolamorgan Just goes to prove there's not right or wrong way. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @nicolamorgan my moods are unpredictable but I find that when Im in a dark mood, I get my best ideas perhaps b/c im pensive then? #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan Damn. I shall send Big Dave up with chainsaw number two to deal with it for you. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 21st, 2009

mariblaser @nicolamorgan Why guilty? Each writer has their own creative process. You shouldn't, really. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 21st, 2009
deberryandgrant @LitChat Our biggest conflict is time. Deadlines are both motivating & crippling if you are not comfortable churning out a bk every #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 21st, 2009
TheMuffinMom @SonyaMonica agreed--I channel bad moods into writerly energy. Get better tension and angst onto the page that way! #litchat -2:01 PM Sep 21st, 2009
deberryandgrant 9 months to a year like publishers want-and expect. #litchat -2:01 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @jeffparks jeffy you should come to #litchat sweetie , and you are right, writing sometimes helps me face those problems -2:01 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead creatively, the 'enemy' is the unknown agent or editor disapproving of my work. If kick-ass writer-me is in flow I win #litchat -2:01 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mmj5170 @CarolyBurnsBass I have not read it but I keep seeing it referenced. #litchat -2:01 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @TheMuffinMom So you've got the ADD problem too? Or just need something to focus your concentration? #litchat -2:01 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @mariblaser I know, but I guess it's when I go into schools +8 times out of 10 the teacher asks me to talk about planning ... #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 21st, 2009
SonyaMonica @TheMuffinMom funny how you can tell what mood you were in when you go back and read some of the stuff. there's always more passion #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblaser LOL! RT @CarolyBurnsBass: Oh yes. I remember the date book as drill sergeant. Deadlines are called DEADlines for a reason. #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 21st, 2009
deberryandgrant @kashicat Was a nightmare-but still a long way from a candle and quill pen. So will not complain too much. #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @rebeccawoodhead How do you define "win"? Win as in getting published, getting an agent, or just satisfaction w/ writing? #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat RT @LexxClarke: I think I might get a USB socket for my brain #litchat [Talk to William Gibson] -2:03 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan Gah, the things schools teach 'em... my sons have been told to use lots of adjectives and adverbs. #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan For me deadlines essential. Can't function without. Today was reminded that was asked to write short story - I demanded deadline #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 21st, 2009
linc0lnpark @kashicat No. Once inspired, I write with great urgency & LACK of compsure -- the "power of Christ compels me" 2 write, so2spk LOL #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan and when I got the deadline it all felt real and easy. No deadline = excuse to prevaricate #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw I WANT ONE! RT @kashicat: RT @LexxClarke: I think I might get a USB socket for my brain #litchat [Talk to William Gibson] #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mdbenoit2 Sorry, people, need to go. This was a great --and lively-- chat. Will try to make Friday. #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblaser @nicolamorgan Then it's a good thing you have friends who plan; you can ask them what to say! lol ;-) #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @hprw poisonous things, schools #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @nicolamorgan Deadlines are my friend. If I don't get a hard deadline from editor, I have to make one for myself. #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @mariblaser good idea! Yay for the answer to all my probs! #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @linc0lnpark LOL #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan @CarolyBurnsBass Exactly! Also, when i get a deadline I alter it to be tougher, so i will get it done early #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG I have no deadlines :(#litchat -2:05 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LitChat Lots of good stuff about overcoming the creative blocks today. We're continuing the topic on Wednesday, so do come back. #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblaser @rebeccawoodhead Yeah, fear of being disapproved sometimes block me too. Then I go read so good stuff for inspiration. #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mmj5170 I am pushing myself to finish my current WIP by the end of September for no other reason than to avoid heckling myself. #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 21st, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @CarolyBurnsBass not published yet so it's not that. By 'win' I mean write something I want to read. #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LaurenBaratzL Excellent! RT @CarolyBurnsBass If I don't get a hard deadline from editor, I have to make one for myself. #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 21st, 2009
MGrantauthor Does any one have recommendation for writing software beyond MS Word? Frustrated with all things Microsoft right now. #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblasers @nicolamorgan Glad to have been of assistance, heh. ;-D #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 21st, 2009
nicolamorgan My husband has just given me a deadline so I'd better go ... Good night all and thanks for the good chat #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @MGrantauthor OpenOffice by SUN #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @MGrantauthor Liquid Binder is excellent! #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM @nicolamorgan Ciao. #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @nicolamorgan night night #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 21st, 2009
hprw @nicolamorgan I'm off too. thanks all for the chat. Might see you wednesday. #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG Is #litchat going to spontaneously combust? -2:08 PM Sep 21st, 2009
WriteGirlDSM Enjoyed chatting with you all. Bye for now. #litchat -2:08 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @rebeccawoodhead The best kind of win, in my opinion. Getting published is a whole other thing. #litchat -2:08 PM Sep 21st, 2009
Ilunalila @LitChat Sorry couldn't be much around, Kid still awake nervous & have to work on my non fic so I've got time for my fic tomorrow #litchat -2:08 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan @CDominiqueG I have no deadlines either :):) #litchat perhaps a little one I give myself would be useful? -2:08 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LitChat If you've never read THE WAR OF ART, pick it up today so you'll have good questions for @SPressfield on Friday. #litchat -2:08 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LaurenBaratzL Or a liquid bender when writing/publishing gets depressing! RT @WriteGirlDSM: @MGrantauthor Liquid Binder is excellent! #litchat -2:08 PM Sep 21st, 2009
pitchparlour Bye all. #litchat -2:08 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @HoodedMan shoot... #litchat -2:09 PM Sep 21st, 2009
MGrantauthor @WriteGirlDSM and@LexxClarke thanks for the suggestions! #litchat -2:09 PM Sep 21st, 2009
rebeccawoodhead Brilliant chat! Thanks everyone :) BTW I've put up an award for writers/readers on http://wordnerdarmy.blogspot.com #litchat -2:09 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke RT @LaurenBaratzL: Or a liquid bender when writing/publishing gets depressing A woman after my own heart!! #litchat -2:09 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @LaurenBaratzL Liquid bender, indeed. Now look who's doing the *snort*. #litchat -2:09 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @MGrantauthor yw :o) #litchat -2:09 PM Sep 21st, 2009
mariblasers Thanks guys for the excellent chat! #litchat -2:09 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @pitchparlour night o) #litchat -2:10 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LaurenBaratzL Or your bottle! RT @LexxClarke A woman after my own heart!! #litchat -2:10 PM Sep 21st, 2009
HoodedMan It feels fantastic sitting there with you finished book in your hand. You know you've done it once and can do it again #litchat -2:10 PM Sep 21st, 2009
agnieszkasshoes Good night. Sorry to miss #litchat but Boyd was on top form. Lovely day in London & thanks again to @camdenlockbooks -2:10 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LaurenBaratzL @CarolyBurnsBass The *snort* can be addicting. May need to stop before others wonder about me. #litchat -2:11 PM Sep 21st, 2009
CDominiqueG @LitChat and I just left Border's :(#litchat -2:11 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LexxClarke @LaurenBaratzL rather pleasant NZ Merlot tonight ;o) #litchat -2:11 PM Sep 21st, 2009
SonyaMonica #litchat <--love this. But I'm not going to plug up everyone's RT. I hate that. But it was nice chatting/reading all of your suggestions! -2:11 PM Sep 21st, 2009
LaurenBaratzL @LexxClarke Too much Shiraz here yesterday. #litchat -2:11 PM Sep 21st, 2009
kashicat @pitchparlour Re: planning fiction. I tend to have idea where I'm going, then need to get the characters there. Don't plan *too* much #litchat -2:12 PM Sep 21st, 2009

SonyaMonica #litchat <--love this. But I'm not going to plug up everyone's TL. I hate that. But it was nice chatting/reading all of your suggestions! -2:12 PM Sep 21st, 2009

CarolyBurnsBass @HoodedMan Yes! That's exactly the feeling I had when I completed Novel 1. #litchat -2:14 PM Sep 21st, 2009

WEDNESDAY Open Chat: SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

LitChat It's time for #litchat. If you've got the time, we have the topic: THE CREATIVE BATTLEGROUND. Join us for the next hour of great convo. -1:02 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

webook RT @LitChat: What are your CREATIVE BATTLES? Swing by #litchat today to discuss and take aim at the enemy of creative productivity. 4-5 p/et -1:02 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

GLHancock How does "creative productivity" differ from the productivity we talked about last time? #litchat -1:04 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

George9Writer #litchat | Creative battles? You mean like procrastination, surfing the net, self-doubt, rage vs sorrow, caffeine crash, fear of agents? -1:04 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

LitChat @GLHancock "Creative productivity" is simply a turn of phrase in twitterdom. We're talking about productivity of creative endeavor. #litchat -1:05 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

wwwgalelaurecom #litchat My creative battles are having enough time to put all my thoughts down. Having the imaginative thoughts are easy. Gale Laure, Author -1:06 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

pitchparlour @pirateannie Exactly. I'm not losing *my* mind then? #litchat -1:06 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

Eugenia_Kim It's writing vs. tweeting, blogging, facebooking etc. for me. #litchat -1:06 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

Trishryan RT @LitChat: It's time for #litchat. The topic: THE CREATIVE BATTLEGROUND. Join us for the next hour of great convo. -1:06 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

George9Writer In case you missed it: "Goodbye Mr WIP! *waves*" BLOG POST <http://tinyurl.com/krrhtk> #litchat #writechat #editing #writing -1:07 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

GLHancock I see. We're working backwards from all the productivity tips we shared to ... the needs for them? #litchat -1:07 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

maggiedana How many here have other creative outlets (and battlegrounds) as well as the writing one? #litchat -1:07 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

LitChat EXACTLY! RT @George9Writer You mean procrastination, surfing net, self-doubt, rage vs sorrow, caffeine crash, fear of agents? #litchat -1:08 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

wendykwebb My big one is time. I'm editor of a lifestyle magazine and have a family, and writing a novel on top of that is tough. #litchat -1:08 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

wendykwebb Hi Maggie! Hi Eugenia! #litchat -1:08 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

LitChat On Monday we discussed the battleground (just summed up well by @George9Writer), today we're discussing the fight. #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

pirateannie @maggiedana *raises hand* photography, songwriting, poetry, gardening, cooking ... #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

GLHancock @maggiedana I have painted watercolors for about *mumble, mumble* years. Gourmet food. Fine sewing. Gardening. Herbs. Onandon #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

Trishryan Creative battle? Writing down ideas in full paragraphs when they come (rather than on 1000 indecipherable post-its) for one. #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

maggiedana Give up sleep? RT @wendykwebb: Im editor of a lifestyle magazine and have a family, and writing a novel on top of that is tough. #litchat -1:09 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

Melwyk Agree! @George9Writer You mean procrastination, surfing net, self-doubt, rage vs sorrow, caffeine crash, fear of agents? #litchat #litchat -1:10 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

wendykwebb I do find myself awake in the wee hours. RT @maggiedana Give up sleep? RT @wendykwebb: I'm editor of a lifestyle magazine... #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

Eugenia_Kim Ah, the actual fight. Forging ahead even if you think it's crap, knowing you'll revise. [hi wendy!] #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

maggiedana @pirateannie @GLHancock Gardening, sewing ... two of my creative outlets. Long as I'm *making* something, I'm content. #litchat -1:11 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

pitchparlour Nothing stops me writing. If my husband insists on speaking to me, I put my headphones on. #litchat -1:12 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

maggiedana Gardening, sewing, cooking, etc., don't provoke such horrendous creative battlegrounds, though, as does writing. #litchat -1:12 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

LitChat Q1 What tactics have you employed that effectively targets your productivity? #litchat -1:12 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mciddangelo as in the battle I had today chiseling words out on a paper that read like garbage anyway? #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
GLHancock @pitchparlour You know what it's all about! Yes! The writing must come first for the writer to be a success. #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
pirateannie Why do I suddenly have "Battlefield" by @therealjordin going round in my head? #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
PDXsays @LitChat structure in my day #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
ficwriter RT @pitchparlour Nothing stops me writing. If my husband insists on speaking to me, I put my headphones on. #litchat (Here, here!) -1:13 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mciddangelo Q1: alcohol. #litchat -1:13 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
pitchparlour Set word count per twenty minutes. Has to be done. Can be revised, can be scrapped, but must be set down. #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Q1: She said it best: RT @Eugenia_Kim: Ah, the actual fight. Forging ahead even if you think its crap, knowing youll revise. #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
Eugenia_Kim Reading a good book inspires good writing I believe. Returning to the classics and studying a single craft element in it. #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
webook #litchat write in a clean space. and that space is only about writing. -1:14 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
wendykwebb Focusing on tasks at hand and committing to them. If Oprah can find time to exercise, so can I. Same for writing. #litchat -1:14 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
Trishryan So true that other creative types don't seem to have these battles...do chefs ever get cooking block? #litchat -1:15 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Q1 My enemy is procrastination. I get sucked into side projects--like fascinating research on the web. --more--> #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
Eugenia_Kim @wendykwebb Please. Oprah can find time for those things since she's got a cook and an exercise coach... and no kiddos or husband #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rj_anderson Productivity tips: Give yourself a deadline AND an incentive for meeting. My current deadline: Oct. 11. If I meet: new laptop. #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
llunalila Q1 Working on project I love, setting a goal for the day, and commenting in twitter my achievements! #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
pirateannie Having enough chocolate & caffeine readily available works well for me. #litchat -1:16 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblaser After good dinner, heading to #litchat. Warning for lots of tweets. -1:16 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
wendykwebb Madeline L'Engle said "If you wait for inspiration to hit, you'll never write. Just do it." Good advice I don't always heed. #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass --> Q1 My tactic is to write in the morning when my creative vibe is highest (no internet allowed), research at night. #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
JenniferWeltz RT @wendykwebb: My big one is time. I'm editor of a lifestyle magazine & have a family, & writing a novel on top of that is tough. #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rj_anderson Another incentive: I'm not allowed to buy or even READ any new books, until I finish my own. Desperate times, etc. #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
wendykwebb Ha! True. RT @Eugenia_Kim @wendykwebb Please. Oprah can find time for those things since she's got a cook and an exercise coach. #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
pirateannie @rj_anderson Better: have someone else give you a deadline. and whip for use if you miss it. #litchat -1:17 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @pirateannie I've added red wine to the chocolate and caffeine ritual. #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblaser Great strategy! RT @Eugenia_Kim: Ah, the actual fight. Forging ahead even if you think it's crap, knowing you'll revise. #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mciddangelo sometimes things get stuck and no matter what you do, they don't get unstuck until they unstuck. #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass I do this too! RT @rj_anderson: Another incentive: I'm not allowed to buy or even READ any new books, until I finish my own. #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

<p>rj_anderson @pirateannie I prefer if an editor gives me the deadline, but if it's an uncontracted book, I have to motivate myself somehow... #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>pirateannie @CarolyBurnsBass This is why my writing laptop is not connected to the evil Internetz. #litchat -1:18 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>pitchparlour RT @mariblasers Great! RT @Eugenia_Kim: Ah, the actual fight. Forging ahead even if you think it's crap, knowing you'll revise. #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>rebeccawoodhead Late to litchat. Am author-in-waiting, founder of Word Nerd Army and winner of Ms Twitter UK. I eat porridge. What's today's chat? #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>wendykwebb Being a longtime journalist, I love deadlines. Without them, I procrastinate. #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>2weddings RT @MCidDAngelo: sometimes things get stuck and no matter what you do, they don't get unstuck until they unstuck. #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>pirateannie @rj_anderson I know. I meant family/friends. Anyone other than you. Because if it's you, you'll cheat. #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>maggiedana <-- got more productive when made Google her browser's home page rather than Twitter. #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>lizarnold Ah, some entertaining thoughts happening on #litchat right now: writers managing their time/deadlines/caffeine consumption. I'm not alone. -1:19 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>Eugenia_Kim The fight: Not giving in to the beguiling fun of LitChats (sorry!) and unplugging the DSL. Ergo, shall I go...? #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>pitchparlour Lovely recent followers, I am taking part in #litchat so I will be tweeting for the next hour! #litchat -1:19 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>herstorian Q1 My tactic for productive writing is NaNoWriMo. That, and writing weekends - short timeframes with clear goals. #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>mariblasers Also good for inspiration. RT @Eugenia_Kim: Reading a good book inspires good writing I believe. Returning to the classics #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>rj_anderson If I forge ahead regardless, I run into a creative brick wall. I have to be content with what I've written before I can go ahead. #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>maggiedana Oatmeal. RT @rebeccawoodhead: I eat porridge. Whats today's chat? #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>LitChat @rebeccawoodhead Topic of the week is THE CREATIVE BATTLEGROUND. We're talking about tactics in fight for productivity. #litchat -1:20 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>GLHancock @maggiedana "Google her" what? #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>ficwriter Blogging has helped to keep me focused between chapter because I have a deadline to finish a piece. #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana thanks for translating! LOL porridge=oatmeal #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>mciddangelo and today is a very apt day for the subject matter, I tell you. I got nowhere with my chapter! #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>maggiedana @rj_anderson Sophie's already loving your book. Thanks again for the sig. plate. She was THRILLED with it. Very special. #litchat -1:21 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>wendykwebb Ha! I just spent several minutes trying to get my "nerds who eat porridge" joke to fit. RT @maggiedana Oatmeal. #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>Eugenia_Kim Tactics: Research. Reading aloud. Going for walk. Music, and no music. Allowing time to think. #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>GLHancock @LitChat Productivity is not a problem if you are committed to writing and make it the top priority in your life. All have 24 hrs. #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>mariblasers @CarolyBurnsBass @rj_anderson Curiously enough, if I don't pause and do some reading I get stuck. Need to divert the mind. #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>rj_anderson @maggiedana Oh, thank you! How lovely to hear. So glad she's enjoying it. #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>nicolamorgan I get stressed on weds evening because the week is more than half way thro and all I've done is tasks, no real writing #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>
<p>girlwithapuck i get in a chat room with some other writers from the RWA FF&P chapter and we do timed writing sprints. quite productive at times #litchat -1:22 PM Sep 23rd, 2009</p>

maggiedana Yeah, but I still call it porridge. Yanks give me odd looks. RT @rebeccawoodhead: thanks for translating! LOL porridge=oatmeal #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblaser This is wise! RT @maggiedana: got more productive when made Google her browser's home page rather than Twitter. #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @LitChat thanks. I'm on my own timetable at the mo. If I were being paid I'd work to deadlines but til then I write when it's cold. #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
George9Writer Yes, like @ficwriter said, blogging is very important, helps keep my head in the (writing) game. #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
webook agree here. depends on the mood. @Eugenia_Kim Research. Reading aloud. Going for walk. Music, and no music. Allowing time to think. #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
llunalila RT @GLHancock: @LitChat Productivity is not a problem if you are committed to writing and make it the top priority in your life. #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
GLHancock @nicolamorgan The "tasks" i.e., housework, will always be there. Write first. #litchat -1:23 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
LitChat Q2 Commitment and priority are two words sprinkled all over this chat. How do YOU set the priority and commit to it? #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
girlwithapuck me too @rebeccawoodhead #litchat -1:24 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
wendykwebb I also get bogged down with tasks. Just today asked husband to take over the bills. One less headache for me. #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead during my 'writing months', once I've decided it's writing time, I make sure I'm at my comp by 8.30am every day. 2,000 min a day #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana Productivity also tied to creative urge. If not inspired, I can't write. If inspired, I can write in chaos. #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rj_anderson If I start the day off in a self-disciplined way -- getting up early, dealing w/necessary tasks quickly -- then writing is easier. #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
pirateannie This Pirate is out of time. By time I get home, chat will be over. *sadface* Take care all ! @nicolamorgan *pokes you & runs* #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
nicolamorgan @GLHancock no, the tasks not housework - tasks that writers (published) have to do - eg editor nagged me for blurb and others #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
George9Writer @GLHancock Agreed - writing must be the top priority, always #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
Eugenia_Kim Wish I could stay, but I'm off to write (kidding). Manicure appt. How's that for productivity and commitment! My priority is clear. #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Q2 Commitment is establishing a writing ritual, setting down to do it at the same time (or near) every day. #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
GLHancock RT @maggiedana: Productivity also tied to creative urge. If not inspired, I cant write. If inspired, I can write in chaos. #litchat -1:25 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rj_anderson I try to set a firm goal but keep my daily requirement flexible. Some days are just better than others. Good days make up for it. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana that's why I set the 8.30 rule. I HAVE to be at my comp until I have 2000 words even if I just write for the bin. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
wendykwebb By Eugenia! #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat @rj_anderson You really ARE evil! I've missed half of #litchat. Heehee! -1:26 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblaser Q1 Sometimes I need to shut all internet related programs. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @Eugenia_Kim Do take a good book to the mani appt. Enjoy! #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana <-- has commitment-phobic WIP. RT @LitChat: Q2 Commitment and priority are two words sprinkled all over this chat. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
yumopress RT @ficwriter: RT @pitchparlour Nothing stops me writing. If my husband insists on speaking to me, I put my headphones on. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana after a few days of fighting it, my brain gets the idea and the 'muse' hits at 8.30 on the dot every day. #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
nicolamorgan RT @maggiedana: Productivity also tied to creative urge. If not inspired, cant write. If inspired, I can write in chaos. [exactly] #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mciddangelo sometimes other people's successes make me so envious I begin writing just to show 'em up! ;-) #litchat -1:26 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

llunalila @LitChat Q2 in my case it isn't difficult as I love to write. I can leave dishes or bed and commit to writing. Only exception kid #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
pitchparlour The chat required to get the work is a time-suck. All the more important to work more quickly. #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat RT @herstorian: Q1 My tactic for productive writing is NaNoWriMo. Mine too! #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
George9Writer @LitChat re Q2 When I am actively working on a specific draft, I make sure I get my writing done for the day before FIRST. #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @pitchparlour I'm the same. When I'm writing, I'm writing. End of! #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Q2 Priority is sticking to the commitment by eliminating the hindrances. Family and jobs must mesh with the writing priority. #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
George9Writer @LitChat re Q2 When I am actively working on a specific draft, I make sure I get my writing done for the day FIRST. #litchat -1:27 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
nicolamorgan I have too many deadlines, I think, so I have to do the short things first, eg articles+stories, so novel gets back-burnered #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rj_anderson One helpful tool is Temptation Blocker (Freedom, for Mac users) -- shuts me out of the Internet so I HAVE to write. #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat @maggiedana Canadians use both porridge & oatmeal. </peacemakers> #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @kashicat Never done NaNoWriMo but want to do it this year. Not sure how it works or if I should write bk 3 in series or new thing #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mciddangelo Q2: usually boredom. I mean, there's nothing on daytime television! ;-) #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana My tactic for productive writing is get involved in something else, i.e., covered with house paint. That's when the muse strikes. #litchat -1:28 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
alisonwells Hi all. Tried the twitter carrot approach. Can only tweet if reach target word count. Defying my own rules right now #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
Troy_McMullan @LitChat writing is what I do, I use everything else to break up my time at the PC. #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblasier @Eugenia_Kim Sorry you have to go. I related a lot with your contribution to #litchat. -1:29 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
nicolamorgan @rebeccawoodhead I did a NaNoWriMo with friends - fabulous. See the website - lots of tips #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat I'm usually quite good at making myself get down to work/writing. I have shorter deadlines right now, so that helps. #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
pitchparlour @nicolamorgan Exactly. Me too. The short stuff gets done first. Bad habit for me. End up facing 10k report with no time! #litchat -1:29 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @nicolamorgan I have this problem too. I use my mornings for fiction, then move on to the non-fic assignments. #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat RT @nicolamorgan: Have too many deadlines, so have to do short things first, eg articles+stories, novel gets back-burnered #litchat me too -1:30 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @kashicat English people use both too (oatmeal for finer milled) but I think that's quite recent #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
wendykwebb I find most of my inspiration at the keyboard. It's making the time to sit down that's hard. #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblasier Ditto! RT @maggiedana: Productivity also tied to creative urge. If not inspired, cant write. If inspired, I can write in chaos. #litchat -1:30 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
nicolamorgan All this litchat is making me feel bad about what I didn't do today - must go and do it! #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
wendykwebb Ditto! RT @kashicat RT @nicolamorgan: Too many deadlines, so I do short things first, eg articles+stories, novel gets back-burnered #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana If you want it to rain, wash your car; if you want to write, get in the shower. #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
herstorian @rebeccawoodhead: For NaNoWriMo, bk 3 in series is OK, as long as you start ms on Nov. 1. Write 50k words in one month = rough dft. #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

GLHancock @maggiedana The muse slaps me upside o' the head when my hands are idle (seldom). #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @HilaryWagner1 why not join us on #litchat ? You can just type it into search or go to tweetchat.com which is easier. 10k is impressive!! -1:31 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kateblogs @maggiedana I can relate to that. If I'm in that bubble, I can write no matter what's happening. #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @nicolamorgan Still, as much as I love my morning fiction routine, I allow myself to get sucked into the deadline drama. #litchat -1:31 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat RT @maggiedana: If you want it to rain, wash your car; if you want to write, get in the shower. #litchat [That's me! Or bus.] -1:32 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kateblogs Eating soup and enjoying #litchat :-)) -1:32 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
George9Writer The act of writing seems to create inspiration, for me: I can't wait for "inspiration" or I wouldn't write much. #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
latta @litchat you also must bear in mind that while you may pin your priorities to heaven, actual hell may keep you from them. #litchat -1:32 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
marisabirns RT @wendykwebb I find most of my inspiration at the keyboard. It's making the time to sit down that's hard. #litchat [yes, exactly] -1:33 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblaser Q1 Also get bored too easily, so I have to change between projects. Q2 Inspiration tends to determine priority. #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat @herstorian @rebeccawoodhead Is there a #nanowrimo hashtag? I've done NaNo frequently, & learned lots of things for tips #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
alisonwells @girlwithapuck Writing sprint thing sounds good. Signing up for @inkyelbows word count challenge and weekly report. #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead totally forgot about the followers I've gained since last litchat. Sorry. I'll be on #litchat for about 30mins. All word nerds welcome :) -1:33 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat @George9Writer I do find that starting writing does get me inspired sometimes. & sometimes not. #litchat -1:33 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass I also use a tactic I call "Planned Negligence." I allow the dishes to pile up in the sink and the papers to multiply on my desk. #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @kashicat I don't know - you can always set one up. It'll probably trend as the time approaches and people would appreciate it :) #litchat -1:34 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
herstorian @kashicat: Yes, there's a #nanowrimo hastag. Never used Twitter for NaNo before; this yr will be interesting! This is my 4th NaNo. #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
alisonwells Have four young kids so trying early morning stint 4 short stories novel, evening for blog. Need to find head space outside 4 ideas #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblaser Oh, I envy you so... RT @George9Writer: The act of writing seems to create inspiration, I can't wait for inspiration. #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana @herstorian Has Nano worked well for you? #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
GLHancock @CarolyBurnsBass You're a woman after my own heart. Housework will always be there. Writing may be ephemeral. #litchat -1:35 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @CarolyBurnsBass 'Planned Negligence'? Excellent. That would defeat my Aggressive Apathy #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
George9Writer @kashicat Yeah, not all writing is inspired writing ... including the stuff I write when I think I'm inspired! #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @latta: Yes, the pinning priorities to heaven/hell attacks is universal. #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat @alisonwells I just can't imagine writing with 4 kids around! I get distracted enuf w/2 cats. :-)) #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
RuthanneReid Best quote I ever read on this: "I can fix a bad page, but I can't fix a blank one." - Nora Roberts #litchat -1:36 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana @GLHancock Housework can be ephemeral, too. Misty, not quite there ... vacuuming via imagination. #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass RT @RuthanneReid: Best quote I ever read on this: "I can fix a bad page, but I cant fix a blank one." - Nora Roberts #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

rebeccawoodhead RT @RuthanneReid Best quote I ever read on this: "I can fix a bad page, but I can't fix a blank one." - Nora Roberts #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

herstorian @maggiedana:Yes, v. well. I write a lot. But I admit it's been hard to go from that to every-day writing. Still struggling w/ that. #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

kashicat I'm at computer all day writing,so if I ease myself in for a few minutes (email, chat on forums etc), I'm prep'd to write after #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

George9Writer @mariblasers Envy? Just takes a cup of coffee and a sense of compulsion. I mean a sense of mission. *ahem* #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

mariblasers I feel kind of stupid here but I know nothing about nanowrimo. I know it's off topic, but could anyone explain, please? #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

marisabirns Problem I have is editing as I go. Must learn to write everything, then go back and fix everything! #litchat -1:37 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

maggiedana @pitchparlour Niters. #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @pitchparlour Goodnight :) #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

kashicat @RuthanneReid Love that quote! #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

George9Writer RT @RuthanneReid: Best quote I ever read on this "I can fix a bad page, but I can't fix a blank one" - Nora Roberts #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

alisonwells @kashicat Yeah it can be crazy when the baby escapes from Dad and comes to twirl me around on my office chair :) #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

maggiedana Same here. RT @marisabirns: Problem I have is editing as I go. Must learn to write everything, then go back and fix it! #litchat -1:38 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

wendykwebb I get very caught up in that. Must break habit. RT @marisabirns Problem I have is editing as I go. #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

mariblasers @George9Writer Great idea! All I need now is discipline. Easy eh? lol #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

maggiedana I wrote faster with typewriter. Computer makes it too easy to edit as I go. #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

George9Writer @mariblasers National Novel Writing Month - you crank out a draft of a novel in a month - Google it #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

mariblasers @marisabirns Is this really a problem? Each writer has their own creative process. Mine very alike to yours. #litchat -1:39 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

herstorian Do NaNoWriMo! No editing. RT @marisabirns: Problem I have is editing as I go. Must learn to write everything, then go back and fix it! #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

kateblogs RT @marisabirns: Problem I have is editing as I go. Must learn to write everything, then go back and fix everything! #litchat (Same here) -1:40 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @herstorian thanks :) That's helpful. I know the characters & have a feel for the plot but am holding off writing until I decide #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

GLHancock If you feel that your children, s.o., housework must come first, maybe it is not the right time in your life to try writing. #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

LitChat Q3 Another enemy of creative endeavor: the blank page. How do you defeat this kind of fear? #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

alisonwells @maggiedana @wendykwebb I think you have to learn to feel the fear/tinge and move on. I usually bold or bracket what I will change #litchat -1:40 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @herstorian is the rule that you must finish it and it must be 50k or is it just to write 50k? Is it true u can scramble it too? #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

maggiedana Scribble on it? RT @LitChat: Q3 Another enemy of creative endeavor: the blank page. How do you defeat this kind of fear? #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

kashicat RT @maggiedana: I wrote faster with typewriter. Computer makes it too easy to edit as I go. #litchat Yes! Need to be careful. -1:41 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

herstorian Must run to my poetry workshop now. Happy chatting! #litchat -1:41 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

maggiedana @rebeccawoodhead Nobody's checking your work with Nano. Just your own inner editor. #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

mariblasers @George9Writer Thanks! That answered two questions in one. :-) #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana I agree with that. Once I decide to write it remains blank for about 1 second #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

wendykwebb I vow to try this. alisonwells @maggiedana @wendykwebb Feel the fear/cringe and move on. Bold or bracket what I will change #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
GLHancock @LitChat Q3: Fear of the blank page is an expression of perfectionism, fear of failure. Give yourself permission to fail. #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
llunalila @LitChat Q3 not sure if I ever feared it but I guess the knowing no one has to read 1st draft & you can edit later is best of all #litchat -1:42 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
alisonwells Ask myself 5 dilemmas, 5 interesting people, places, phenomenon, emotion. Usually stirs up something. Dilemmas good plots #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana so you just have to put in 50k? Doesn't matter if it's finished or not? #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
caitlinconstan I just write. No matter how bad it is, I can always revise it. @LitChat: Q3 The blank page. How do you defeat this kind of fear? #litchat -1:43 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
George9Writer RT @GLHancock re Q3: Fear of the blank page is an expression of perfectionism, fear of failure. Give yourself permission to fail. #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana @rebeccawoodhead I think so. 50K not long enough for fiction, anyway. #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
marisabirns Q3 Once I sit, I have some idea and just write the words. Then I edit, heh. #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
ficwriter Nearly burned dinner while enjoying #litchat. A good example of how easily I get distracted. -1:44 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
GLHancock Q3: Fear of the blank page is counterproductive. Make a mess! Screw it up! How will you learn if you never make mistakes? #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblasers Q3 Recently I have that with a computer screen, then I changed to paper. Generally I just switch projects. No fear for me. #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
caitlinconstan @GLHancock Love that. We often forget that great reward usually involves risk, and that risk entails the possibility of failure. #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @maggiedana I know - that's what worried me. I can't write that book in 50k #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana Nanomowri = pact with the devil. [signed, Mephistopholes] #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat I don't think I've ever feared the blank page, unless I don't have a writing idea to begin with. #litchat -1:44 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Q3 @maggiedana Good advice! I babble on page to get brain in sync with fingers. Eventually begin producing good stuff. #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblasers Ops, recently *had*. ugh... #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
foxfeatures It seems if I'm ever going to finish my novel I need to listen to all the good people at #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
brownies1 How do YOU set the priority and commit to it? I usually have to write a list, or at least have a log of tasks listed in some form. #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
wendykwebb I don't fear the blank page, I fear the second novel not living up to the first. I am getting mired in perfectionism. #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @CarolyBurnsBass me too! #litchat -1:45 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
alisonwells RT @GLHancock @LitChat Q3: Fear of blank page expression of perfectionism, fear of failure. Give yourself permission to fail #litchat YES! -1:46 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
George9Writer Re Q3 - You can't defeat the fear of a blank page: you must fill it up with words, which then destroy the fear, and the blankness. #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Q3 Fear of blank page is tied with fear of rejection. You think it's good, others think it's tripe. Reflects on your self-worth. #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
webook @george9writer yes! best advice: don't be afraid to fail. (right before went to college, on a post-it note, from a friend) #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana Do you also EDIT this list? RT @brownies1: HI usually have to write a list, or a log of tasks listed in some form. #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @wendykwebb urgh! I hate perfectionism. The evil editor on the shoulder saying 'Beyonce could do better' - except prob not Beyonce #litchat -1:46 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblasers And for ideas I read. RT @kashicat: I don't think I've ever feared the blank page, unless I don't have a writing idea to begin with. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

kateblogs @maggiedana Have you signed up for #nanowrimo? #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat @brownies1 I sometimes make lists too. "Must do at least 5 articles today, plus blog post." That sort of thing. Harder w/novel. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
GLHancock If you love to write, you won't be able to keep away from writing tools. Consider them toys you have permission to play with. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
caitlinconstan How do YOU set the priority and commit? I make sure my husband is on board with my writing. Uncooperative spouse can be a problem. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
brownies1 Q3 Another enemy of creative endeavor: the blank page. How do you defeat this kind of fear? You should go with the flow. #litchat -1:47 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana Or destroy the page? RT @George9Writer: Re You must fill it up with words, which then destroy the fear, and the blankness. #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
wendykwebb I use lists for tasks and duties to get them out of the way. #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana No, but am considering it. Depends on work\$work schedule. RT @kateblogs: @maggiedana Have you signed up for #nanowrimo? #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @kateblogs I have. #litchat -1:48 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat RT @maggiedana: Do you also EDIT this list? [Ooooooh, bite your tongue! <g>] #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
George9Writer @webook Like my professor used to say "Don't get it right, get it written!" #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
LexxClarke *peeks round room door sheepishly* #litchat -1:49 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
alisonwells @caitlinconstan Yes spouse makes huge diff esp with kids. Now even my kids know that I am writing and its important. #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kateblogs @maggiedana NaNoWriMo do say 50k is too short, the idea is people who keep promising to write a novel make a start on a first draft #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @kateblogs a friend of mine likes the idea of writing but hasn't tried it and I have 2 books in my brain I need to lance - WriMo! #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
brownies1 Q1 What tactics have you employed that effectively targets your productivity? #litchat A visual idea. Something outside. A person, etc. -1:50 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblaser @LexxClarke Hey, welcome here! :-) #litchat -1:50 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @LexxClarke come in! #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
GLHancock @George9Writer Fears best aren't destroyed as much as understood. Courage is not the lack of fear, it is acting anyway. #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
LitChat Q4 Does anyone out there worry that their story/novel is bigger than their ability to tell it? #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
LexxClarke @mariblaser thanks, sorry to be tardy to the party :P #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
caitlinconstan @alisonwells You have four kids? How do you deal? Writing is one of the reasons I am reluctant to get into the world of mommyhood #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
wendykwebb A nice thank-you on dedication page will do wonders. RT @alisonwells @caitlinconstan My kids know that my writing is important. #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
LexxClarke @rebeccawoodhead :o) #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
alisonwells @LexxClarke Come in! I'm new and no-one has bitten me yet. #litchat -1:51 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat @alisonwells It's good that kids recognize your writing's importance. That has to help a bit. #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
George9Writer @LexxClarke Hi Lexx, you're here almost in time to sweep up the joint! #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat RT @LitChat: Q4 Does anyone out there worry that their story/novel is bigger than their ability to tell it? #litchat Yes yes yes! -1:52 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
ecurbmp Although I'm kind of distracted at work, I'm getting to watch great answers on the current discussion, so thanks everyone at #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
LexxClarke Q4 constantly #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblaser @LitChat Absolutely yes! That's why I'm working so hard on learning, researching, reading and [obviously] #writing. #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat @LexxClarke Hi there! #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

rebeccawoodhead @alisonwells @LexxClarke is a litchat addict he's just being shy for some reason :) #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
caitlinconstan @wendykwebb @alisonwells That is so awesome It gives me hope #litchat -1:52 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
llunalila @caitlinconstan I've got 1 kid & she's great. She wants to be a writer herself so she sits by my side & types on her laptop #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
LexxClarke @alisonwells I'm a recent addict, I'm just reeeeeeeally late! #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
wendykwebb Regarding writing with kids: I waited until son was in school. Too tired before. #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
George9Writer @LitChat Q4 - Without any undue humility, I must say that I never doubt my ability to tell the story. #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
caitlinconstan RT @LitChat: Q4 Does anyone out there worry that their story/novel is bigger than their ability to tell it? #litchat YES. ALL THE TIME. -1:53 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
GLHancock Q4: When someone sends me a ms to edit & says it is first of trilogy or more, I know it will be awful. *ducks* #litchat -1:53 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead Q4 absolutely!! Have many examples of that. Huge series of books for older kids that I tied myself in knots with for example. #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
alisonwells @caitlinconstan #litchat I guess my writing 'career' (Ha!) has stalled/slowed 4 last 8 yrs but I'm finding my way through now. -1:54 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
caitlinconstan @llunalila I think my ovaries just squealed at the image #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
marisabirns @GLHancock Yes, you are certainly right: courage is not the lack of fear, it is acting anyway. #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
LexxClarke @George9Writer thank you for those few kinds words..... #litchat -1:54 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
_ilo @LitChat There's a line from a bikini kill song I always think of: "I can't say everything about it...in just one single song" #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @GLHancock why? #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
alisonwells @LexxClarke I'm on time tonight but a stalled writer (see 4 kids) #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
LexxClarke RT @GLHancock: Q4: When someone sends me a ms to edit&says it is first of trilogy or more,I know it will be awful.*ducks* I harsh/tru #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
llunalila @caitlinconstan she's 9 now. But been drawing my stories since she was 6 or so. And she's the best fan as I write kid's lit mostly #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana @caitlinconstan Motherhood is great fodder for fiction, inc. murder. #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblaser Also on Q4: Doubting ourselves makes us seek improvement. That's not a bad thing unless it prevents us from writing. #litchat -1:55 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass Q4 There are a half-dozen stories in my head that are awaiting their worthday. This is my biggest block--feeling inadequate. #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
GLHancock @marisabirns TY In 12-Step groups, they call fear False Education Appearing Real and to "act as if". #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kateblogs Q4 Yes, much so. I think a project which needs so much research was a bad idea & I think the structure may be too complex for me #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
caitlinconstan @maggiedana HA. I totally loled at that #litchat -1:56 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead why is that? rt @GLHancock: Q4: When someone sends me a ms to edit&says it is first of trilogy or more,I know it will be awful #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
caitlinconstan @llunalila So she's kind of like a test audience? #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
alisonwells @caitlinconstan @wendykwebb Doing what can 4 now More sh stories. Just had breakthro with ss award nomin. so all enthusiastic now #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblaser @LexxClarke That was harsh on sequels... There are some pretty good out there, aren't there? #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana Am talking self into stepping outside comfort zone for next novel. #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
GLHancock @rebeccawoodhead If you need three books to tell a story, it is padded, full of side-tracks, redundancies and usually bad writing. #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat RT @maggiedana: @caitlinconstan Motherhood is great fodder for fiction, inc. murder. #litchat -1:57 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

brownies1 Q4 All story/novels can be bigger to tell when written. Variety of factors can alter or change a story, you never know w/o trying #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblasers @CarolyBurnsBass I this case I just put the outline on paper. I too have stories I don't think I'm up to writing (yet). #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblasers @kateblogs Ohhh, I love the research part! #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
LexxClarke @mariblasers oh yes but I think that @GLHancock may have a point too,perhaps it's the intention? #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
caitlinconstan @alisonwells Congratulations! That must feel so validating. #litchat -1:58 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @GLHancock even if the three stories are distinct but linked? Series always = bad writing to you? Everyone else agree with this? #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
ficwriter Q4 Yes! Every day. But that worry is what propels me to work harder and to revise and revise until I get it right #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat @latta I see you! <grabbing latta & swinging around room> #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
marisabirns @maggiedana Stepping outside of comfort zone helps in every area of life. #litchat -1:59 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
GLHancock @rebeccawoodhead No, of course not. A sequel is a new, standalone story. You don't need to have read the first to understand it. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblasers @LexxClarke @GLHancock You both may have a good point. But what about Tolkien? (yes, too much description, but the story flows) #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
CarolyBurnsBass @rebeccawoodhead I do not agree. I'm thinking of the HARRY POTTER books, yes, many sidetracks, but the series is brilliant. #litchat -2:00 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
alisonwells RT @maggiedana: @caitlinconstan Motherhood is great fodder for fiction, inc. murder. #litchat 'SO TRUE!' -2:01 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
LexxClarke @kashicat oh please be care with @latta because I'm certain you've not done a risk assessment! #litchat -2:01 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
GLHancock A series is a set of related stories. A trilogy is one story told over three books. Few can pull it off excellently. #litchat -2:01 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @CarolyBurnsBass agreed #litchat -2:01 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
caitlinconstan @rebeccawoodhead I don't know. The Lilith Trilogy by Octavia Butler was pretty fantastic, but then again, it's Octavia Butler. #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana @alisonwells I wrote first book with 3 teens underfoot, a full-time job, while building new house. Must've been potty. #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblasers @rebeccawoodhead Not in the least. I believe that to have a good series the writer must be *really* creative + the craft. #litchat -2:02 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
George9Writer @GLHancock Re Courage vs Fear: Yes, but to over-analyze fears and causes is often to postpone writing indefinitely. Action needed. #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
kashicat @mariblasers Tolkien was only split into 3 because publisher didn't think they could sell it as single book. But it's one story. #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
mariblasers RT @GLHancock: A series is a set of related stories. A trilogy is one story told over three books. Few can pull it off excellently. #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
LexxClarke @mariblasers It's more about how the writer is able to 'get away' with a lot of description rather than it seeming showy and verbose #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
rebeccawoodhead @GLHancock Fair enough. With the books I'm writing at the moment I knew they'd be a series but also needed them to stand alone #litchat -2:03 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
caitlinconstan This has done the impossible and inspired me to work on my book. I was at a hard chapter, avoiding it. Now I'm all excited. #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
GLHancock @George9Writer Over-analyzing anything is another form of procrastination/perfectionism. It happens during research, too. #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
LexxClarke @maggiedana: *been* potty?? *ducks* #litchat -2:04 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
alisonwells @maggiedana This is the kind of triumph over adversity story that the reading public love so much! You are a true writer #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
maggiedana Orig. version of WINDS OF WAR was 1500 pages. Little Brown made Wouk split in two, hence sequel. #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 23rd, 2009
wendykwebb Yay! RT @caitlinconstan This has done the impossible and inspired me to work on my book. #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

mariblaser @kashicat Yes, and I believe he did it marvelously. Perhaps series are easier to write than trilogies? #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

rebeccawoodhead Great chat. Thanks everyone #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

LitChat Thanks for joining in today; a special thanks to all who joined us for the first time. Our hour is over, but do continue. #litchat -2:05 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

llunalila @caitlinconstan yes, best beta tester than hubby (who also writes) bc he keeps saying he doesn't understand YA or kids behavior #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

lovesofaLDNgirl @foxfeatures looks like ure getting the hang of twitter woohoo!!! Will have to go and have a look at this #litchat x x -2:06 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

George9Writer @kashicat @mariblaser Yes, Tolkien was a world-builder, using his own mythology. Book not supposed to be chatty, short, concise. #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

mariblaser @LexxClarke I actually love Tolkien's descriptions. Just mentioned it because so many people critique it. But agree w/ you. #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

maggiedana @alisonwells Thank you. #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

alisonwells Read something about don't write book about themes write about something that happens. Themes can make book seem overwhelming #litchat -2:06 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

mciddangelo RT @maggiedana WINDS OF WAR - 1500 pages. Little Brown Wouk split in 2, hence sequel. <Shogun was almost as long and kept whole #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

LitChat Be sure to join us on Friday at 4-5 p/et when @SPressfield joins us as guest host to talk more about THE CREATIVE BATTLEGROUND. #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

caitlinconstan @llunalila Aw, that's too bad. I love good YA/kids lit. Don't think you need to be a kid to enjoy it. #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

kashicat @mariblaser The thing is, even Tolkien didn't write a series. So he's not even best example. #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

maggiedana Good one. RT @alisonwells: Read something about dont write book about themes write about something that happens. #litchat -2:07 PM Sep 23rd, 2009

George9Writer Another great #litchat everyone. Now give me 50 pushups and another 1000 words! Darken that page! Make those characters sing! -2:08 PM Sep 23rd, 2009