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LitChat: Barry Lancet, Author

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Who's with us today in [#litchat](#)? Please introduce yourself and let the convo begin.



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Great to have you, [@barrylancet](#). I've been eager to have you here in [#LitChat](#) for some time. [#LitChat](#)



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Simon & Schuster
@simonschuster

Don't miss the chance to talk [#thrillers](#) w/ [@barrylancet](#), author of [#TOKYOKILL](#) & [#JAPANTOWN](#) @LitChat starting NOW! Follow [#Litchat](#) hashtag



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Barry Lancel
@barrylancet

Thanks for inviting me! [#LitChat](#)



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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

Hello [@barrylancet](#) ! Great to meet you in [#LitChat](#)! [#LitChat](#)

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Barry Lancel
@barrylancet

And same here. [#LitChat](#)

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Today's guest host, [@barrylancet](#), is author of JAPANTOWN and TOKYO KILL. Please welcome Barry to [#LitChat](#)

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Barry Lancel
@barrylancet

Hi [@SusanSpann](#). Great to see you here, too. [#LitChat](#)

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[@SusanSpann](#) I'm so glad you're here to chat with [@barrylancet](#). The 3 of us could go on and on about Japan and never get to writing. [#LitChat](#)

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Crime Book Club
@crimebookclub

Hello [@barrylancet](#) nice to tweet with you [#LitChat](#)

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

@LitChat Yep, I'd been looking forward to this chat. @barrylancet #LitChat

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While everyone's gathering, let's get some background from @barrylancet. Why did you move to Japan and how old were you then? #LitChat

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Janet Ursel
@JanetUrsel

@LitChat @SusanSpann @barrylancet Don't you dare! LOL! #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

That's true! @SusanSpann , You have some swords on your twitter feed. Very appropriate for TOKYO KILL. How deadly are you? ;) #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

HI @crimebookclub . Good to see you here, too. #LitChat

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

@barrylancet I'll hold my own :) My own novels are set in 16th century Kyoto, rather than present day - so I'm long-dead-deadly. #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

I went to Japan on a fluke. I decided to go to Europe the "long way around" after some said I should go. #LitChat

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Angela Anglais
@Angela_Anglais

OK, here I am. Good to be here to talk with @barrylancet. #litchat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

Hello to newcomers! #LitChat

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

@barrylancet I love the cross-continental elements of JAPANTOWN. Looking forward TO TOKYO KILL. #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

16th century Kyoto. Interesting times, but far enough removed from the present so none of us have to worry too much. :) #LitChat

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

[@barrylancet](#) Which is why mine are mysteries rather than thrillers :) I love modern thrillers with a Japanese edge though. [#LitChat](#)

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

Thanks [@SusanSpann](#). Part of what I wanted to do besides telling a good story was introduce the Japan I know. [#LitChat](#)

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

[@barrylancet](#) Ditto - though obviously my lenses are a little dustier than yours. LOL. [#LitChat](#)

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

Both books are definitely thrillers, but with a mystery there as well. [#LitChat](#)

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

[@barrylancet](#) What inspired you to use San Francisco as your "scene of the crime" and jumping off point? [#LitChat](#)

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Sarah Snell-Pym
@Saffy

It's #litchat time with @barrylancet

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

(That question obviously relates to JAPANTOWN rather than TOKYO KILL)
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@barrylancet

I'm looking for places with a cultural edge and SF has it, so it seemed the perfect place. A place w/ a little more. #LitChat

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Barry Lancel
@barrylancet

Hi @Saffy #LitChat

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Authorwritis
@authorwritis

I imagine a thriller with Japanese characters involves the yakuza. Am I right?
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@barrylancet Agree about San Francisco. @SusanSpann, aren't you based there (or nearby)? #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

Ah, the \$64 question. In TOKYO KILL there is a yazuka, but he plays a minor role -- and comes in on Jim Brodie's side #LitChat

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

@LitChat I'm about 90 minutes out of S.F., east of Sacramento, but yes, I get there often. @barrylancet #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

I'm based in Tokyo, but when I'm Stateside I bounce back and forth between LA and the Bay Area. Family and friends in both places #LitChat

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How about giving us a bit of summary for both of the books, as they are 1 and 2 in series. #LitChat

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I've got a brother in Davis, CA, and I'll be there at the Avid Reader later this month. Great indie bookstore, btw! #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

JAPANTOWN opens with the perfect murder in San Francisco's Japantown, with one clue no one can read - a Japanese kanji character... #LitChat

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

@barrylancet What date are you at Avid Reader? My son's at college in Davis and I can easily get out there for a signing. #LitChat

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The SFPD call in Jim Brodie, an antiques dealer and Japan expert. [#LitChat](#)

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

[@barrylancet](#) Gives me a good excuse to pick up TOKYO KILL and get it signed at the same time. [#LitChat](#)

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

No complaints here. ;) At Avid Reader in Davis on Friday, October 24, 7:30 p.m. [#LitChat](#)

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To continue on about JAPANTOWN. Brodie follows what little he can find and that leads him from SF to Tokyo to the Japanese... [#LitChat](#)

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Dorothy Hearst
@DorothyHearst

I'm in and out due to some phone meetings, but hello, [#litchat](#)

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Barry Lancel
@barrylancel

...countryside and beyond. It also leads him into ancient secrets of the deadliest order that have him running for his life. [#LitChat](#)

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Kiki Weingarten
@WriteCoachKiki

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Hey, Dorothy. RT [@DorothyHearst](#) I'm in and out due to some phone meetings, but hello, [#LitChat](#)

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Barry Lancel
@barrylancel

Hi [@DorothyHearst](#) . Glad you could stop by, if only briefly. [#LitChat](#)

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

[@barrylancel](#) excellent! Not only am I in the area that day (I have an appearance that Sunday) but I'll be in Davis that evening. [#LitChat](#)

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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

Hi -- sorry to be late -- had a family résumé crisis! [#LitChat](#)

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

[@barrylancel](#) Will be nice to meet you in person and get those books signed!
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Barry Lancel
@barrylancel

That's great. Stop by. And stick around. We'll probably go out for a drink afterwards. [#LitChat](#)

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Hey, Patricia! RT [@Pendare](#) Hi -- sorry to be late -- had a family résumé crisis! [#LitChat](#)

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

Résumé crisis - could be worse! #LitChat

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Susan Spann
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@Pendare Yikes! I hope it's resolved now. #LitChat

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TOKYO KILL is the second mystery/thriller in the Jim Brodie series, after JAPANTOWN. This time Brodie, art dealer and... 1 #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

...Japan expert, heads to Tokyo for a vacation with his daughter after the rigors of the Japntown case. He stops in at... 2 #LitChat

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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@SusanSpann Sort of -- emergency and then my printer acted up!! #LitChat

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Kiki Weingarten
@WriteCoachKiki

Big fan of @barrylancet and #JapanTown - can't wait to read TOKYO KILL.
Wanted to say hi! #LitChat

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Angela Anglais
@Angela_Anglais

What kind of writing routine do you keep? #litchat

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Barry Lancel
@barrylancet

Hi @WriteCoachKiki. Good to see you here. Are you on the East Coast at the moment? #LitChat

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Barry Lancel
@barrylancet

Here's the rest of the TOKYO KILL bit...quickly! #LitChat

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Barry Lancel
@barrylancet

... Brodie Security, the PI & VIP security firm founded by his father. With his father's passing, he's now half-owner and...3 #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

... feels an obligation to maintain the connection. An elderly Japanese WWII veteran shows up unannounced begging for... 4 #LitChat

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Kiki Weingarten
@WriteCoachKiki

@barrylancet - Yes - are you Stateside? #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

...protection. Both the staff and the police think he's just a paranoid old man, but Brodie takes a liking to him and out of... 5 #LitChat

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...respect assigns a security detail for what they all think is an easy job. Very shortly thereafter an unexpected and brutal... 6 #LitChat

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...murder rocks Brodie and his crew, dragging Brodie away from his daughter and vacation and into a world of Chinese Triads,...7 #LitChat

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...spies, WWII secrets, rare art, lost treasure, and blood-thirsty killers. Brodie finds himself attacked from all sides. 8/8 #LitChat

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TOKYO KILL has lots of cultural nuggets as well, which I love to write.
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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@barrylancet Sounds brilliant and a book I would like to bury my nose in!
#LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

Writing routine. #LitChat

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Authorwritis
@authorwritis

@barrylancet How does a man go from art dealer to PI? This seems like a far stretch. #litchat

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Kiki Weingarten
@WriteCoachKiki

@barrylancet I love how you mesh the culture, the feeling & the relationships besides writing a great story! #LitChat #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

Thanks @Pendare. I tried to raise the bar from JAPANTOWN. Same characters, new material, faster pacing. #LitChat

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

@barrylancet For those who haven't read JAPANTOWN: do you recommend reading the books in order? #LitChat

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

@barrylancet Those are often my favorite parts of books, especially when done well and subtly #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

Good question [@authorwritis](#). In the case of Jim Brodie, very reluctantly! He can handle the rough and tumble because he studied.. [#LitChat](#)

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Barry Lancet
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..martial arts and more, but he wants to get lost in the art. Then he inherits half of the PI/security firm his father started... [#LitChat](#)

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@barrylancet

..up in Tokyo after the father left the military and his MP job, as an officer. [#LitChat](#)

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Authorwritis
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[@barrylancet](#) So there's a family business, but he still must get PI certification, right? [#litchat](#)

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Kiki Weingarten
@WriteCoachKiki

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[@SusanSpann](#). Books can be read separately. That was my intention, but you can go in order too. There's only two at the moment. [#LitChat](#)



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He gets one b/c he grew up in Japan for 17 years, knows the language and culture. [#LitChat](#)



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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

[@barrylancet](#) How difficult is it to get a PI license in Japan? [#LitChat](#)



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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

PI license. You know, they regulate everything there so there are hoops to jump through, but it is usually easier if you come in.. #LitChat

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

@barrylancet Mine are written that way too, though character development makes it helpful to read in order. Same with yours? #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

..as an owner. When Brodie's father starts up, it's still uncharted territory. Now, there are a handful of actual foreign-owned PI #LitChat

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Dorothy Hearst
@DorothyHearst

. @barrylancet Did you study martial arts as part of your research? #litchat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

..firms in Tokyo. Mostly small. #LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@barrylancet Did you enjoy your research for these books? #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

@SusanSpann . There is character development but it is linked to events, so they stand-alone as well as work as group. #LitChat



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@barrylancet

In JAPANTOWN, the "love interest", for example, is Brodie's deceased wife. She's there as a presence and inspiration. In TOKYO KILL #LitChat



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Brodie has something of a harrowing past. Tell us about his wife and how it connects to the story. (W/O spoiling... ha!) #LitChat



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... a new potential love interest emerges, so the trials and tribulations and learning curve are different. #LitChat



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Martial arts... I edited a number of books on the subject, and have friends who study. Sometimes I tagged along. So I picked up... [#LitChat](#)



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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

...points in those ways. [#LitChat](#)



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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

Research.. Yes, I enjoyed it - and still enjoy it - very much. Especially the travel part. #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

Haven't forgotten the routine question. Will get to that... #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

ABOUT RESEARCH: I do deep research because I want to catch not only the facts but also the nuances of the culture and mindset. #LitChat

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Janet Ursel
@JanetUrsel

@barrylancet And that writing routine? ;o) #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

I edited some 200 books on Japanese subjects from art to history to Japanese gardens to martial art to Zen so... #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

...all of that is lodged in my brain. And I know where to find what I don't have at my fingertips. #LitChat

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Angela Anglais
@Angela_Anglais

Thanks. I was waiting for it. RT @barrylancet Haven't forgotten the routine question. Will get to that... #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
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I do basic research before starting and detailed research ****as**** I'm writing and ****after**** I've blocked out the scene. #LitChat

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That is a great WRITER'S TIP, if you can master it. It will save you loads of time! #LitChat

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Keeps forward momentum going. RT @barrylancel That is a great WRITER'S TIP, if you can master it. It will save you loads of time! #LitChat

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Barry Lancel
@barrylancel

WRITING ROUTINE> Now that I write full time, I divide my day in two, 9-12 and 2-7. The long break... #LitChat

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

@barrylancel I research exactly the same way! #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

allows me to return v fresh for 2nd round... #LitChat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

When I had day job, I wrote at lunch & during commute, scrounging up every minute I could. Full story here:

thethrillbegins.blogspot.com/2013/10/what-i... #LitChat

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Same here. Morning write/evening research. RT @SusanSpann @barrylancet
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I learned that research tip the hard way. Did 3x as much research as necessary for JAPANTOWN b/c I didn't know that. #LitChat



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Barry Lancet
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It's also good practice to WRITE AROUND what you can't write at the moment and keep going. You can *always* go back & fill in! #LitChat



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@LitChat - I like that "Morning write/evening research." #LitChat



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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

@barrylancel LOL! Totally. My current MS still has some [insert kimono pattern] moments. #LitChat



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Sarah Snell-Pym
@Saffy

@LitChat @SusanSpann @barrylancet I tend to have to write whilst "watching films" with the kids or waiting outside their clubs #litchat



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Susan Spann
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@LitChat Bigtime. More than 80% of my research never makes it into the actual novel. #LitChat



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Barry Lancet
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@SusanSpann. Yes, finer details can wait, but site research should come in an earlier draft. #LitChat



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James Schneider
@a_f13nd

@LitChat Well put. Hate that every non-fic book is 8x longer than needed. Thanks, Internet. #LitChat



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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

[@barrylancet](#) Exactly. All my set pieces and major elements are researched and in place in advance. [#LitChat](#)

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

[@SusanSpann](#) At least you know to cut it. [#LitChat](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Sarah Snell-Pym
@Saffy

[@LitChat](#) [@SusanSpann](#) [@barrylancet](#) research is in the bath or on a smart device whilst travelling to workshops (my work) [#litchat](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Greer Macallister
@theladygreer

SO true RT [@LitChat](#): Problem w/ over-researching is hunger to use all of it. Often leads to info-dumping, like over-salting a dish. [#LitChat](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

[@Saffy](#) Sounds like you've got a good handle on when each part works best. [@LitChat](#) [@barrylancet](#) [#LitChat](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

[@Saffy](#). Keep the devices away from the bath water. ;) [#LitChat](#)

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

[@robynmcintyre](#) Most of it just informs the characters' POV as much as anything. We react differently based on our knowledge. [#LitChat](#)

AN HOUR AGO



RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

[@barrylancet](#) Has your life changed significantly since you became a full-time writer? [#LitChat](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

[@Saffy](#). Seriously, though, it looks like you're finding precious minutes of time to work between all the daily things you must do.. [#LitChat](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

Unless you want to experience truly electrifying research. RT [@barrylancet](#) [@Saffy](#). Keep the devices away from the bath water. ;) [#LitChat](#)

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Angela Anglais
@Angela_Anglais

How do you create characters? Do you write backstories in advance, or discover them as you go? [#litchat](#)

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

[@barrylancet](#) What's your favorite bit of research you couldn't include in TOKYO KILL? Can you share? [#LitChat](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Sarah Snell-Pym
@Saffy

[@barrylancet](#) hee - I did try dictating whilst in the bath but the transcribing was hell plus cat bath and tablet... = doom [#litchat](#)

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

(I love hearing about the tasty research bits that ended up on the cutting room floor, so to speak.) [#LitChat](#)

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

[@robynmcintyre](#). Yes, my life has changed. I've had to learn new habits, among other things. No complaints though. [#LitChat](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

@Saffy. Transcribing takes ages. Did it for an interview I did once for an article. Never again. #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Sarah Snell-Pym
@Saffy

@SusanSpann @LitChat information dumps = flash fictions set in the same world/with the same characters #litchat

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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

Research I didn't use? I ate at a few esoteric places that didn't make the cut. And had a great scene at a major Tokyo police.. #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

...station I later axed. #LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@Saffy Great idea. Give the readers a reason to hang out on your website. #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Authorwritis
@authorwritis

Do you plot out your crime from backwards? #litchat

 AN HOUR AGO



LitChat
@LitChat

@barrylancet Did you ever eat okonomiyaki with the raw egg on top?
#LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

@authorwritis. No. From front to back usually. Gives me more flexibility.
#LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Authorwritis
@authorwritis

Do you plot out the novel before writing? Or does it evolve as you write?
#litchat

 AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

Have okonomiyaki all the time (a sort of grilled pancake/pizza with veggies and bits of meet). The egg gets cooked but is raw... #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Janet Ursel
@JanetUrsel

[@barrylancet](#) That blog post is inspirational. And scary. #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Sarah Snell-Pym
@Saffy

[@SusanSpann](#) [@LitChat](#) [@barrylancet](#) it's taken me a while to work out what works and the ground often shifts I find! #litchat

 AN HOUR AGO



LitChat
@LitChat

We have only 15 more minutes with [@barrylancet](#), author of JAPANTOWN and TOKYO KILL. Join us nurph.com/litchat. #litchat

 AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancel
@barrylancet

..in the plastic food models they show you in the display windows. But a number of dishes do have raw egg. I've had them all... #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancel
@barrylancet

...but I'm a bit more cautious about that now. #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



LitChat
@LitChat

@barrylancet Lucky you. I have never mastered the art of okonomiyaki. Must be in the batter. #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

@JanetUrsel. The "writing on the train" blog? #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Sarah Snell-Pym
@Saffy

@barrylancet thanks :) In desperation I sometimes organise creativi-teas at mine with other writers and artists #litchat

 AN HOUR AGO



RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@LitChat @barrylancet My fave fall dish is Nabeyaki udon. #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

@Saffy. The ground often shifts. That's natural. Go with it and save the old bits for the next book or the one after... #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Janet Ursel
@JanetUrsel

@barrylancet Yes, that one. :o) #LitChat

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Sarah Snell-Pym
@Saffy

[@barrylancet](#) I've been wondering about speech to text software but it seems a tad pricey still [#litchat](#)

 AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

[@JanetUrsel](#). I had noooo time whatsoever, so that's what it took for me.
[#LitChat](#)

 AN HOUR AGO



Chuck Grantham
@ChuckGrantham

Hi. I confess I spent most of JAPANTOWN thinking "Not Ninja, but, yeah, ninja". Pop culture... [#LitChat](#)

 AN HOUR AGO



LitChat
@LitChat

Good, good, good. RT [@robynmcintyre](#) [@LitChat](#) [@barrylancet](#) My fave fall dish is Nabeyaki udon. [#LitChat](#)

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Sarah Snell-Pym
@Saffy

[@robynmcintyre](#) also I've ended up giving talks on some of the stuff I've researched [#litchat](#)

 AN HOUR AGO



RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@Saffy Very cool. #LitChat

AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

Nabeyaki udon - very good. And there's a great new udon place in LA's Little Tokyo, if you get down there. #LitChat

AN HOUR AGO



RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@barrylancet I'm from L.A., though I live in Santa Cruz now. #LitChat

AN HOUR AGO



Sarah Snell-Pym
@Saffy

@barrylancet a literary mend and make new! Great advice :) #litchat

AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

@LitChat. "Never mastered..." Yeah, I think it's one of those dishes that looks v simple but isn't. #LitChat

AN HOUR AGO



LitChat
@LitChat

Have either of your books been sold to Japanese publishers? If so, what has been the acceptance with Japanese readers? #LitChat

AN HOUR AGO



Sarah Snell-Pym

@Saffy

[@robynmcintyre](#) its a bit strange - I have accidently ended up with a patchwork career made of bits you wouldn't think would mix [#litchat](#)



AN HOUR AGO



RobynMcIntyre

@robynmcintyre

[@Saffy](#) That's the best. I envy your 'bits' LOLOL [#LitChat](#)



AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet

@barrylancet

Japanese publishers - Not yet, but they have sold to 8 foreign publishers. "Western books" go in cycles of popularity in Japan... [#LitChat](#)



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Barry Lancet

@barrylancet

They are now in a down cycle, so I'll probably have to wait for an upward swing before they sell in Japan. Besides, Japan being ... [#LitChat](#)



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@LitChat

What Western authors are currently selling now in Japan? [#LitChat](#)



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Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

...Japan, I prefer to wait until after the series gathers a bit more prestige. It'll get more attention that way. #LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@barrylancet Likely because of the economic situation; they're more open when things are going well. #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

@Saffy. "The best laid plans..." Sometimes things work out better when those plans get sidetracked. #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

@robynmcintyre. Santa Cruz - nice area. And there's a great indie bookstore I like there. Name escapes me at the moment.. #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@barrylancet Couple of 'em Bookshop Santa Cruz and Logos are downtown #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Angela Anglais
@Angela_Anglais

Did you see my question about how you develop characters? #litchat

 AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancel
@barrylancel

@robynmcintyre. Good point. Western books cost more & need translation.
#LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



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@LitChat

#litchat RT @AurittComms: @LitChat @robynmcintyre @barrylancel
Nabeyaki Udon is the best!

 AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancel
@barrylancel

@Angela_Anglais. No, sorry, missed it. Could you repeat? #LitChat

 AN HOUR AGO



Angela Anglais
@Angela_Anglais

It was, @barrylancel How do you create characters? Do you write backstories
in advance, or discover them as you go? #litchat

 AN HOUR AGO



Sarah Snell-Pym
@Saffy

I'm afraid I only discovered Japanese food in my last year of uni with a not so funny incident with the green dip... #litchat

 AN HOUR AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

BTW, my great SM pr person at S&S asked me to pass this along: they can win a signed copy of the book here: bit.ly/1nMzERm #LitChat

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@LitChat

@Saffy Did you mistake the wasabi for guacamole? A friend of mine did that. Disastrous to the tongue! #LitChat

 44 MINUTES AGO



Barry Lancet
@barrylancet

Back to regular programming! #LitChat

 44 MINUTES AGO



Sarah Snell-Pym
@Saffy

@barrylancet :) #litchat

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