

ThrillerChat Transcript for July 28, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

July 29, 2010

- [12:09 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Time for another [#thrillerchat](#) right now. Starting Topic: Just write it. [#thrillers](#) [#amwriting](#) [#writing](#) [#writechat](#)
- [12:11 am](#) **[jessrosenbooks](#)**: It's time for [#ThrillerChat](#). Have a taste for suspense & thrills in your [#writing](#)? The topic tonight begins with "Just write it." [#amwriting](#)
- [12:14 am](#) **[jessrosenbooks](#)**: High priority stuff kept me from writing the last couple of months. Finding it hard to get going. Just Write It - my mantra. [#thrillerchat](#)
- [12:17 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Had some comp issues. Sorry about that. [#thrillerchat](#)
- [12:18 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: @[jessrosenbooks](#) I find after a long time off it's hard to get back into the groove. [#thrillerchat](#)
- [12:19 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: I find that I second guess and doubt myself, even if it's just been a couple of weeks. [#thrillerchat](#)
- [12:21 am](#) **[jessrosenbooks](#)**: Good point, @[Selorian](#). I backslide into bad habits - procrastination, distraction, inner editor taking over if I've been away. [#thrillerchat](#)
- [12:23 am](#) **[jessrosenbooks](#)**: The only way I know to get back into the right headspace is to, you guessed it, Just Write It. Rebuild discipline & routine. [#thrillerchat](#)
- [12:25 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: I keep forgetting the tag for the chat. [#thrillerchat](#)
- [12:25 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: That's easy to do for me. Whenever I do, I get into a NaNoWriMo mindset. It's ok to write crap & then I get past the doubts. [#thrillerchat](#)
- [12:26 am](#) **[jessrosenbooks](#)**: The NaNoWriMo mindset is a good example. When I'm doing 1st draft, I Fast Draft (5k/day). Need to work as hard on rewrites. [#thrillerchat](#)
- [12:26 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Do you find plotting if you haven't or skipping ahead to another scene helps? [#thrillerchat](#)
- [12:28 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Good point. Rewrites is where I have the most trouble. I find it likes the excitement of the first draft and I go slower. [#thrillerchat](#)
- [12:30 am](#) **[jessrosenbooks](#)**: Absolutely, working in a more defined, short-term goal structure is a great way to building up to going full speed ahead. [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:32 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: If I keep notes during the first draft of ideas for the rewrite, I find it helps keep the excitement high. [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:33 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Sorry I'm so scatterbrained tonight. Even my grammar is suffering from it. [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:33 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: RT [@jessrosenbooks](#): Absolutely, working in a more defined, short-term goal structure is a great way to building up to going full speed ahead. [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:35 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: That's a good idea too. [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:37 am](#) **[IreneZiegler](#)**: Many writers say that outlines or synopses spoil "the ride." [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:37 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Another thing I do is to write pure dialogue. I find the pace and the liveliness of it gets me to going. [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:38 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: I thought that for the longest time. On some things, I still believe it. It depends on the story. [@IreneZiegler](#) [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:38 am](#) **[IreneZiegler](#)**: Dialogue cuts to the chase. Love it. [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:39 am](#) **[jessrosenbooks](#)**: [@IreneZiegler](#) I used to think that as well. Now I don't plan a scene list, more a detailed outline. Still get great surprises. [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:40 am](#) **[IreneZiegler](#)**: It's not easy catching all the balls you throw in the air in the early going. You have to know you'll be able to catch them. [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:40 am](#) **[jessrosenbooks](#)**: I think I write [#flashfiction](#) for the sheer fun of the unplanned ride. It gives me that fix so I have endurance for novel. [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:43 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: I think flash and some short stories written panster style helps me on the novel mindset of planning. [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:44 am](#) **[IreneZiegler](#)**: Have you ever abandoned something because you didn't plan it well enough, and now you're stuck? [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:45 am](#) **[jessrosenbooks](#)**: 1st pre-plotted novel still gave me huge surprises, exciting ideas added to the thriller side by sneaking up on me. [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:45 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Also, if it gets too hard, I'll take a break & write something else, like flash or a very short story, to get writing again. [#thrillerchat](#)

[12:46 am](#) **[jessrosenbooks](#)**: Oh, abandoned? Well... I prefer to say I've postponed the editing for a while. A *long* while. [#thrillerchat](#) [@IreneZiegler](#)

[12:47 am](#) **[IreneZiegler](#)**: [@mchanson714](#) talking about outlines and synopses! Join us at [#thrillerchat](#).

[12:47 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Definitely have. More than once. @[IreneZiegler](#) #[thrillerchat](#) (forgot tag)

[12:49 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: i also find writing a #[storystarters](#) prompt in the vein of where I'm at helps to get me moving again as well. #[thrillerchat](#)

[12:49 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Sometimes it even gives me some cool new idea for the story I hadn't thought of before. #[thrillerchat](#)

[12:50 am](#) **[IreneZiegler](#)**: @[jessrosenbooks](#) Thanks for the follow! #[thrillerchat](#)

[12:50 am](#) **[IreneZiegler](#)**: A #[storystarters](#) prompt. Will have to check that out. #[thrillerchat](#)

[12:51 am](#) **[jessrosenbooks](#)**: @[IreneZiegler](#) Thank you as well, nice to meet you. I'm looking forward to tweeting with you. #[thrillerchat](#)

[12:52 am](#) **[IreneZiegler](#)**: I'm off to Seattle/Portland at the butt-crack of dawn, so turning in, thriller friends. #[thrillerchat](#)

[12:52 am](#) **[IreneZiegler](#)**: If you have friends in the area, please have them stop by the mystery book store in either city. I suspect I'll be lonely. #[thrillerchat](#)

[12:53 am](#) **[IreneZiegler](#)**: Good night. #[thrillerchat](#)

[12:53 am](#) **[jessrosenbooks](#)**: Take care, @[IreneZiegler](#). Have a great trip. Glad you could join #[thrillerchat](#).

[12:53 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: I find them a way to try new directions while giving others some much needed inspiration when they're stuck. @[IreneZiegler](#) #[thrillerchat](#)

[12:54 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Nice to have you. Glad you dropped in. I'll spread the word for you. @[IreneZiegler](#) #[thrillerchat](#)

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[12:58 am](#) **[mchanson714](#)**: @[IreneZiegler](#) I do toss poor outlines or ideas all the time & rewrite entire books even- I broke one book into 2 or 3 #[thrillerchat](#)

[1:01 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Reworking sentences to perfection on the first draft slowed me down to a snail's pace. Glad I realized that's for rewrites. #[thrillerchat](#)

[1:02 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: The hour is already up, but we can continue on this subject or

[am](#) another if anyone wants to do so. [#thrillerchat](#)

[1:03 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Or feel free to throw out an idea for the topic of the next chat. [#thrillerchat](#)

[1:04 am](#) **[jessrosenbooks](#)**: .@[Selorian](#) Too right! When that inner editor goes berserk during a 1st draft, time to step back and find a gag and some rope. [#thrillerchat](#)

[1:05 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Ha, definitely. @[jessrosenbooks](#) [#thrillerchat](#)

[1:12 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Think we'll call it a night then. Fun chat with some interesting strategies mentioned to Just Write It. [#thrillerchat](#)

[1:13 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: We'll do another [#thrillerchat](#) same day and time next week. If there's a topic you'd like to discuss, let me know. [#thrillerchat](#)

[1:13 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: I'll post the pdf transcript of tonight's [#thrillerchat](#) on my site tomorrow morning and tweet the link. [#thrillerchat](#)

[1:14 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Thanks for a fun chat! [#thrillerchat](#)

[1:14 am](#) **[jessrosenbooks](#)**: Enjoyed it as always, @[Selorian](#). Thanks for hosting [#thrillerchat](#).

[1:16 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: .@[jessrosenbooks](#) Thank you. It's a pleasure to do! I learn so much doing it. [#thrillerchat](#)

[1:18 am](#) **[Selorian](#)**: Remember that you can find the [#thrillerchat](#) archive with 20 past chats to read in pdf format @ <http://bit.ly/53V5r7> [#thrillerchat](#)