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LitChat: Jenn Crowell, Author

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We are thrilled to have @jenncrowell with us today. Her latest novel is ETCHED ON ME. Please welcome Jenn to #LitChat

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Jenn Crowell
@jenncrowell

Thank you so much for having me on #litchat, Carolyn! Looking forward to chatting with you all! #LitChat

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Jorie Loves A Story

@JLovesAStory

Hallo, Ms. Crowell *waves happily*! I all but live in [#England](#) via [#BBC](#) serials & Briton Lit! [@jenncrowell](#) Serious Anglophile [#LitChat](#)

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While everyone is gathering (and lurking), [@jenncrowell](#), will you tell us a bit about your writing journey. Yours is quite unusual. [#LitChat](#)

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For the record, [@jenncrowell](#) is author of NECESSARY MADNESS, LETTING THE BODY LEAD, & ETCHED ON ME. [#LitChat](#)

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@jenncrowell You probably get tired of retelling this story, but it's fascinating. You sold your first book while still in HS. #LitChat

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I applaud the courage to write such thought-provoking context at such an impressionable young age! Brilliant focus! @jenncrowell #LitChat

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Another outstanding achievement is your continuing on to get an MFA, despite your literary success. What drove you on? #LitChat

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Jenn Crowell
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So glad to see you stop by, @erikadreifus! All of you should check out her blog and newsletter full of literary resources. #LitChat

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Grace Mattioli
@fixion4change

gracemattioli.com/hammonton-nj/ #roadtrip #mustread #litchat #NewJersey

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Marion Grace Woolley

@AuthorMGW

My top tips on entering #writing competitions: bit.ly/13kHEh8 #writetip #amwriting #litchat

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Isn't that the truth!? Doing my own 20 year cross-comparisons and I feel like, how do I have 20 years to compare? @jenncrowell #LitChat

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Unfamiliar with term "gallows humour" but concur! w/o humour we'd all lack sanity! RT @jenncrowell Gallows humor has saved my life! #LitChat

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@jenncrowell I've found most shy kids have a delicious sense of humor. They save it for special settings/people. #LitChat

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What books influenced you as a young reader, perhaps shaped the way you learned to craft your stories? #LitChat

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Jenn Crowell
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Yes -- we introverts save it up for special occasions, for sure! Or think of the funny thing to say after the fact! #LitChat

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Gaining knowledge is a lifelong pursuit; would think they'd realise this?
Hmm, always believed in following one's <3 [@jenncrowell](#) [#LitChat](#)

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Nicole Tone

@ntommasulo

Hanging out at [#LitChat](#) today. Can't wait to read [@jenncrowell](#)'s Etched On Me.

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Dan Holloway
@agnieszkasshoes

a little late checking into #litchat looks like a super discussion

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NLBHorton
@NLBHorton

God's Sense of Humor (a writer's journey): buff.ly/1kTWN1P #writing
#publishing #literarytips #litchat #author #PBWY #author

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Here's a link to it: telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/15... #LitChat

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@jenncrowell Wow, did that change! Was it an example of a side character (Lesley) breaking out and taking over Gloria's story? #LitChat

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Ah, your empathy for her plight led you to write a story to honour her custody battle! A story most would not tell. [@jenncrowell](#) [#LitChat](#)

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Yes. That's exactly what happened! [#LitChat](#)

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Kristin Fields

@writingkristin

Do you have any tips for new authors who want to market their first book?
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How much of the UK story did you draw from in shaping ETCHED ON ME?
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At first I thought, OK, I'll make that a subplot that adds some texture to the main story. but nope! #LitChat

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By "marketing," do you mean promotion after publication or marketing to agents, @writingkristin? Just want to be sure. :) #LitChat

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Lesley is similar to the real life person in that she was a survivor of sexual abuse who had self harmed & spent time in hospitals. #LitChat

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@jenncrowell Not for agents per se, but building up a following/audience of fans or potential readers before and after publication #LitChat

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Sara Monteagudo
@FictionLore

Nice to catch @LitChat today even if I'm late #LitChat

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There are other differences & things I of course don't know about Fran Lyon, the real life Lesley. Her plight was a springboard. #LitChat

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Gloria was the narrator of NECESSARY MADNESS, and I debated whether to bring her back. The response has been very positive! #LitChat

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Oh, I haven't read NECESSARY MADNESS to get to know Gloria there. Will need to look into it. #LitChat

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Let's talk about the self-harm thread of the book. It's no spoiler to talk about Lesley's coping of her abuse by cutting. #LitChat

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Sara Monteagudo
@FictionLore

Sounds like a powerful storyline @jenncrowell's ETCHED ON ME #LitChat

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...this sort of deep emotional intelligence is why fiction rings so "true" for me. #litchat

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Self-harm (cutting, hair pulling, etc) is like an addiction. Your portrayal of this is just wrenching. How did you keep her at it? #LitChat

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Jenn Crowell
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Whilst reading article on backstory, shocked at differences between the two countries! You're brave to tackle this! @jenncrowell #LitChat

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Thank you so much, @sarahgilbert! So glad to see you here. #LitChat

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release opioids in the brain. #LitChat

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Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

[@jenncrowell](#) Congratulations on recovering and on five years!! #LitChat

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[@jenncrowell](#) Congratulations. I can see why this thread is so very intense and believable. #LitChat

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Jenn Crowell
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So you can see how much the Fran Lyon case resonated with me! I was also a new mom at the time I read the article. #LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@jenncrowell Congratulations. May the anniversaries continue. #LitChat

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Jenn Crowell
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Thank you, @SusanSpann! I really do treat it like a sobriety date. #LitChat

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Jorie Loves A Story
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Did you find writing this story to be a cathartic release of emotion? Both for your own past & for the research? @jenncrowell #LitChat

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CM Riordan
@olivewildly

@jenncrowell When you wake up in the morning, what are some of the things you don't look forward to in terms of being an author? #LitChat

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My catharsis happens in therapy. But it did feel extremely empowering to give voice to Lesley. #LitChat

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Susan Spann
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@jenncrowell With good reason. It's a very real victory, and something to celebrate. #LitChat

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What is your dream for #EtchedOnMe as far as the audience at large? What do you hope its impact will be in the long-term? #LitChat

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Do you mind if we talk about that other aspect of Lesley's life? I don't want to spoil if you prefer to keep it a discovery. #LitChat

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Carole Blake
@caroleagent

Yay! - RT @jenncrowell Serious Anglophile here, yes! Wore Union Jack T-shirt to celebrate pub date. :) #LitChat

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What was turning point? RT @jenncrowell Honestly, I didn't think I would make it to 30. So everything else is fabulous gravy. #LitChat

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I'm not sure what you mean by other aspect of Lesley's life. Whatever it is, I'm OK with spoiling it. :) #LitChat

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The jacket copy doesn't reveal Lesley's sexuality. Because many people still haven't read the book, I don't like to give too much. #LitChat

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And I can stay a little past 5 if people are game. This is fun and going fast!
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Has anyone accused you of perpetuating the idea that homosexuality is a result of childhood sexual abuse? #LitChat

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Jenn Crowell
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Lesley has relationships w/ both men & women. Psychiatrists call her sexual identity unstable but she is proudly queer-identified. #LitChat

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Another important part of this novel's story. MT @jenncrowell I really hope ETCHED ON ME resonates w/LGBT youth. #LitChat

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Anita LeBeau
@Anitalovesbooks

@LitChat @jenncrowell Quick hi. Can't wait to read your book #LitChat your story sounds so good

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Jenn Crowell
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Yes, they have. And the idea that being gay is a result of abuse is total crap. (I say that as a queer trauma survivor.) #LitChat

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Jenn Crowell
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Does trauma make it hard to sort out your sexuality and come to a place of confidence? Sure. But that's different. #LitChat

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Thank you, @Anitalovesbooks! #LitChat

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Anita LeBeau
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@jenncrowell I didn't realize there was as lgbt aspect. My daughter is gay but not a reader. Maybe. #LitChat I love books that give light

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@jenncrowell I agree with @Anitalovesbooks - I can't wait to read your book. #LitChat

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RT @jenncrowell Does trauma make it hard to sort out your sexuality and come to a place of confidence? Sure. But that's different. #LitChat

@kbeanz · AN HOUR AGO



Susan Spann
@SusanSpann

@jenncrowell I'm so glad you're dispelling that myth. A person does not become gay just because he or she was abused. #LitChat

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Jorie Loves A Story
@JLovesAStory

I agree! I always seek out the 'light' in all the books I read! I might fall short, but I endeavour! @Anitalovesbooks @jenncrowell #LitChat

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@SusanSpann @jenncrowell So true. If childhood sexual abuse caused homosexuality, there would be many more queers in the world. #LitChat

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I would be really honored if your daughter were to read my book, [@Anitalovesbooks](#). Thank you for being an ally, everyone. [#LitChat](#)

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I saw "Squidlet" as a potential safeguard for Lesley. Like a touchstone to a new reality. Was this your intention? [#LitChat](#)

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Love will encircle the world one open-minded soul at a time. Empathy leads to compassion and compassion to acceptance [@jenncrowell](#) [#LitChat](#)

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Anita LeBeau
@Anitalovesbooks

@jenncrowell I'm so proud. She came out at 14 now she's 20. Your book is so powerful. excited to read and share Major kudos to you #LitChat

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I sort of picked up on your cue from earlier about your daughter! Best blessing to tether you to Hope! Blessings! @jenncrowell #LitChat

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I so need to come back to, London and have Pimms again and go shoe shopping, @caroleagent! #LitChat

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And yes, Squidlet (her baby) was totally a touchstone. #LitChat

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I think that is classically the best bit of writing! The journey takes us where we are not expecting to arrive! :) @jenncrowell #LitChat

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Carole Blake
@caroleagent

@jenncrowell Just say the word & I organise the Pimms & the shoe shopping! #LitChat

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Now that ETCHED IN ME is breathing on its own, are you working on anything new? #LitChat

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I have some ideas in my head, but right now I am firmly ensconced in what my agent @LitAgentMarini aptly calls "book hangover." #LitChat

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Our time with @jenncrowell is concluding. Before everyone checks out, let's give her a HUGE round of {{{APPLAUSE}}}. #LitChat

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Thank you so much for coming, everyone. This was such fun. #LitChat

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Chris Hollister
@iFightGiants

[@jenncrowell](#) Sorry, I'm just jumping in partway through but was curious. How did writing those devastating bits affect you? #LitChat

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Thank you for a great chat today, [@jenncrowell](#)! #LitChat

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[@LitChat](#) [@jenncrowell](#) Precisely. Also, there are plenty of gay people who weren't abused as children. #litchat

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