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@swirlinc: There's still time to read The Girl Who Fell from the Sky before our **#swirlchat** with @hdurrow this Friday at 3pm EST! http://t.co/gj0gznRY

January 23, 2012, 1:45 am





@hdurrow: Yay! RT @swirlinc: Still time to read The Girl Who Fell from the Sky for our **#swirlchat** w/ @hdurrow Fri @ 3pm EST! http://t.co/q5r5l29D

January 23, 2012, 1:46 am





@heididurrow: Yay! RT @swirlinc: Still time to read The Girl Who Fell from the Sky for our **#swirlchat** w/ @heididurrow Fri @ 3pm EST! http://t.co/pLFH4tvq

January 23, 2012, 1:47 am





@euphorialuv: RT @swirlinc: Join us at 3 pm on Fri for next **#swirlchat** w @hdurrow - author of The Girl Who Fell from the Sky! http://t.co/exFdQd2H

January 24, 2012, 9:55 pm





@heididurrow: Interested in writing? How to publish the first book? Join me for @swirlchat tomorrow, Fri. at 3pm Eastern.
#swirlchat

January 26, 2012, 11:44 pm





@joebfoster: RT @heididurrow: Interested in writing? How to publish the first book? Join me for @swirlchat tomorrow, Fri. at 3pm Eastern. #swirlchat

January 26, 2012, 11:45 pm





@edessenb: RT @heididurrow: Interested in writing? How to publish the first book? Join me for @swirlchat tomorrow, Fri. at 3pm Eastern. **#swirlchat**

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@LoriTharps: RT @heididurrow: Interested in writing? How to publish the first book? Join me for @swirlchat tomorrow, Fri. at 3pm Eastern. #swirlchat



January 27, 2012, 12:29 am





@reelsistas: RT @heididurrow: Interested in writing? How to publish the first book? Join me for @swirlchat tomorrow, Fri. at 3pm Eastern. **#swirlchat**

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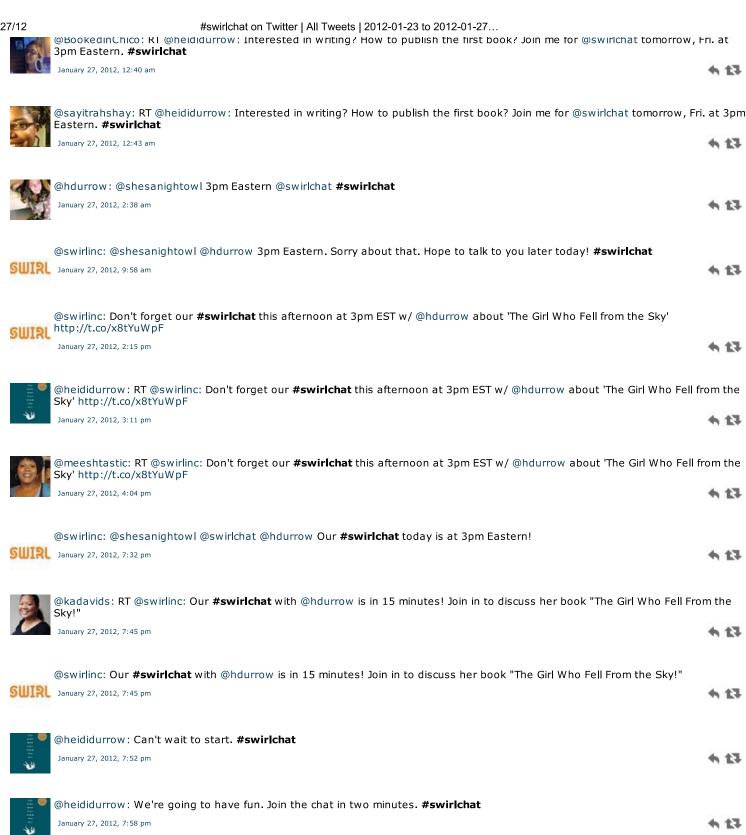


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@FilmTVDiversity: RT @reelsistas RT @heididurrow Interested in writing? How to publish the first book? Join me for @swirlchat Fri. at 3pm Eastern. #swirlchat

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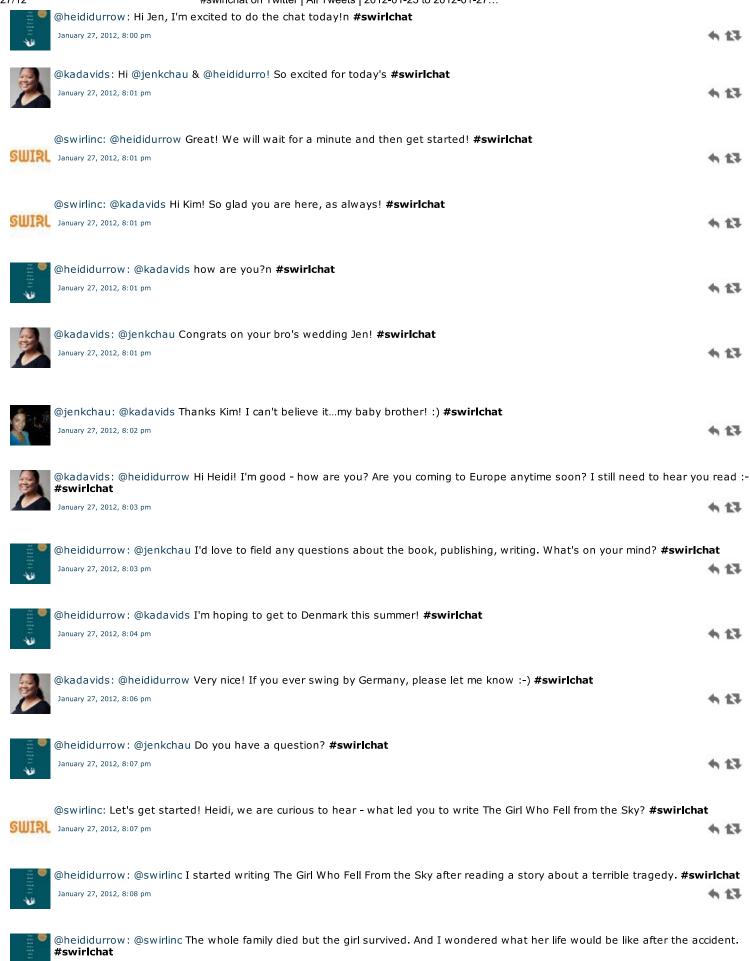
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@jenkchau: Hi @heididurrow! Thanks for joining us for a #swirlchat today! Hi everyone - it's Jen Chau - actually in Jersey for my bro's weddina!

@swirlinc: @heididurrow We are excited to start too! Everyone who is here for the chat, chime in with your name & location!

January 27, 2012, 7:59 pm 4 17



January 27, 2012, 8:08 pm



@reelsistas: RT @heididurrow: @swirlinc I started writing The Girl Who Fell From the Sky after reading a story about a terrible tragedy. #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:09 pm



@heididurrow: @swirlinc I also wanted to write a story that challenged the "tragic mulatto" trope. #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:10 pm



@swirlinc: Sorry for the delay. We are having some tech difficulties but we are back. #swirlchat #swirlchat

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@kadavids: Interesting RT @heididurrow: I started writing The Girl Who Fell From the Sky after reading a story about a terrible tragedy. #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: How much would you say your own experiences impacted the story, Heidi? #swirlchat #swirlchat

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@reelsistas: RT @heididurrow: @swirlinc I also wanted to write a story that challenged the "tragic mulatto" trope. **#swirlchat**

January 27, 2012, 8:11 pm



@swirlinc: @heididurrow Can you say more about challenging the tragic mulatto trope for those who aren't familiar with that storyline? #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:11 pm





@heididurrow: @swirlinc My experiences are not the experiences of the characters--but the touchstone emotions are mine. #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:12 pm





@kadavids: Hi @reelsistas! Welcome to #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:12 pm





@jenkchau: @heididurrow That makes sense about the touchstone emotions. **#swirlchat**

January 27, 2012, 8:12 pm





@swirlinc: @reelsistas Thanks for joining! Jump in with any comments or questions for @heididurrow anytime! #swirlchat

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@kadavids: Understood! RT @heididurrow: My experiences are not the experiences of the characters--but the touchstone emotions are mine. #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:13 pm





@heididurrow: @swirlinc "Tragic mulatto" stories have promoted the idea that the mixed-race character is doomed-- #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 8:13 pm

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@heididurrow: @swirlinc I decided to start the book with the tragedy. The tragedy is outside of the character. And end the book w/triumph. #swirlchat



January 27, 2012, 8:14 pm





@cardenie: Hi everyone! hopefully I can stay for the whole #swirlchat





@reelsistas: @swirlinc @heididurrow I loved the book and think it would be great on either the big or small screen! #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:15 pm



@jenkchau: @heididurrow I love that aspect of the book! Thank you for challenging "tragic mulatto!" It's very much needed. #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:15 pm



@swirlinc: @cardenie Thanks for joining! Glad you are here. #swirlchat



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@heididurrow: @cardenie hey! great to see you here! #swirlchat

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@reelsistas: RT @heididurrow: @swirlinc "Tragic mulatto" stories have promoted the idea that the mixed-race character is doomed--#swirlchat

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@kadavids: @heididurrow Was it painful for you to write the book at any point? I felt a wave of emotions when I was reading it. #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: @reelsistas @heididurrow What do you think about that? Any moves to try and get it on the big screen?? #swirlchat

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@kadavids: Hey @cardenie! How are you and the boys? #swirlchat

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@heididurrow: @swirlinc It's been rewarding to see that readers connect with the book in many ways. #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: @heididurrow Can you talk more about the reactions you have gotten to the book? #swirlchat

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@heididurrow: @kadavids I love to know that. The book is very much abt grief--how do we live with both the necessary and unimaginable losses. #swirlchat

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@heididurrow: @kadavids I did find it difficult to write sometimes. A lot of my own grief and heartache is in the book. #swirlchat

@heididurrow: @swirlinc It's been exciting that young people have found it; and also people who are not in the Mixed experience.

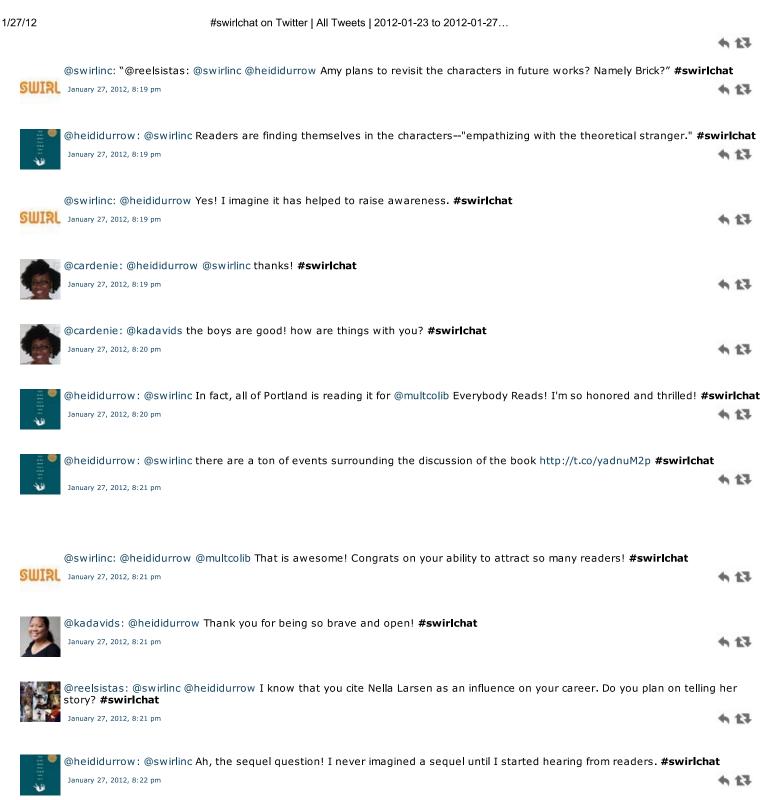
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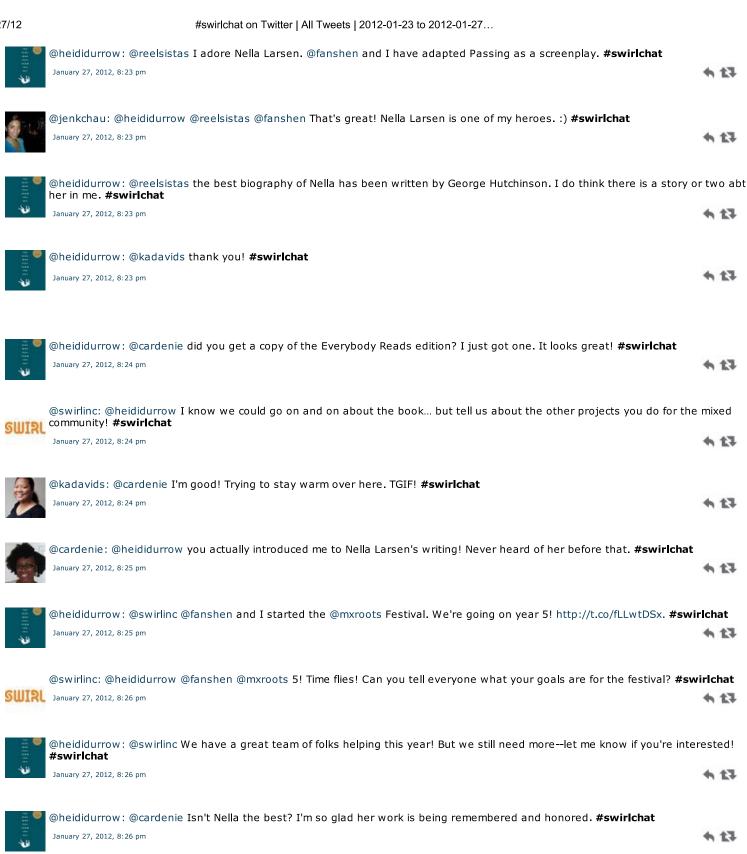


@kadavids: Cool! RT @heididurrow: @swirlinc there are a ton of events surrounding the discussion of the book http://t.co/EMZVdj8l #swirlchat

@reelsistas: @swirlinc @heididurrow either a historical novel or biography about Nella? **#swirlchat** January 27, 2012, 8:22 pm 4 17

@heididurrow: @swirlinc I've been taking notes on a Brick follow-up. I love that dude. But it's not next book. **#swirlchat** January 27, 2012, 8:22 pm 4 17

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@heididurrow: @swirlinc @mxroots celebrates stories of the Mixed experience w/films, readings, performance & family event. And it's free! #swirlchat

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@cardenie: @heididurrow no I haven't gotten a copy of that ed. have to look into that #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 8:27 pm 4 t3 @swirlinc: @heididurrow @mxroots You had a huge turnout last year, right? #swirlchat



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@kadavids: Spread the word! @mxroots is looking for volunteers this year. Check it out: http://t.co/0BUMpLKD #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: RT @kadavids: Spread the word! @mxroots is looking for volunteers this year. Check it out: http://t.co/0BUMpLKD #swirlchat

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@heididurrow: @cardenie it's free. but it's a limited edition. #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:28 pm





@kadavids: @heididurrow @jenkchau @cardenie I'm embarrassed to say I've never heard of Nella Larsen. Thanks for the recommendation. #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:28 pm





@heididurrow: @swirlinc Our mission is to encourage emerging storytellers and celebrate the storytellers we have. @mxroots #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:28 pm





@heididurrow: @swirlinc Last year we 1500 people @mxroots! It was amazing. And we got some great press mentions too! #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:29 pm





@jenkchau: @kadavids @heididurrow @jenkchau @cardenie Read Passing NOW. It's so powerful. Danzy Senna's Symptomatic was inspired by it too. #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:29 pm





@cardenie: @heididurrow has the willamette week written anything on @mxroots? I think a lot pdx mixed fams would love know about this #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:29 pm



@swirlinc: @heididurrow @mxroots That's amazing! Of course, we saw the NYT article you were featured in! #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: RESOURCE 1: http://t.co/flh64R6A #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: @heididurrow @mxroots What was one of your highlights from last year's festival? #swirlchat

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@heididurrow: @kadavids You must read Nella--she is a fellow Afro-Viking. My literary mother. I installed a headstone on her unmarked grave. #swirlchat

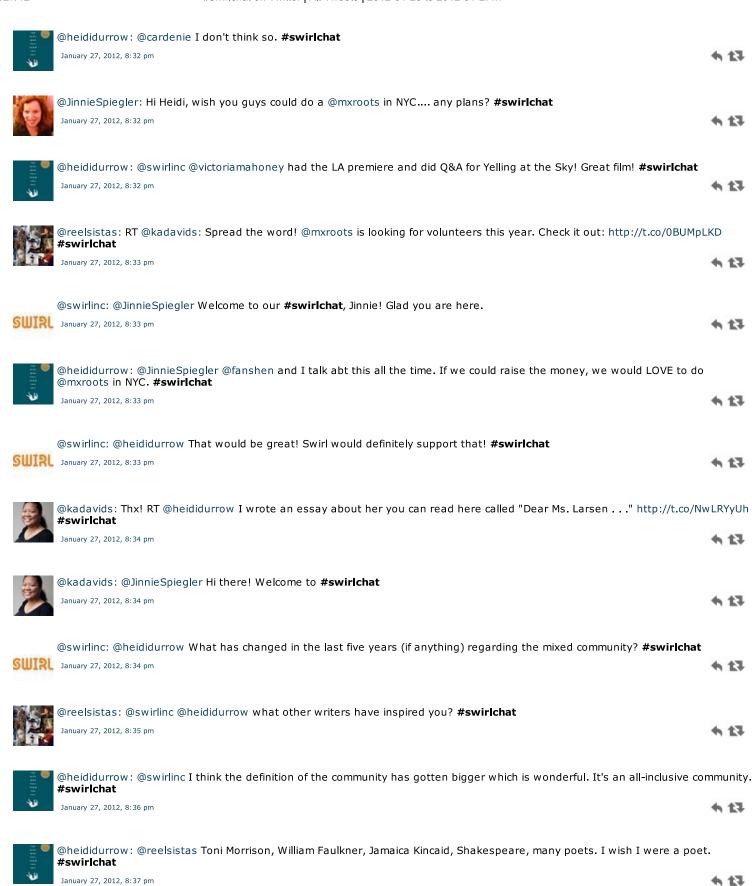
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@heididurrow: @kadavids I wrote an essay about her you can read here called "Dear Ms. Larsen . . . " http://t.co/Q20irZMc #swirlchat

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@heididurrow: @reelsistas I could go on and on. I LOVE me some James Baldwin--he should have been at the top maybe.
#swirlchat

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@heididurrow: @reelsistas I was getting a James Baldwin fix this morning: **#swirlchat**

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@swirlinc: @heididurrow Can u say more about the community getting bigger and all-inclusive? Who does it include? & what brought the change? #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:38 pm





@heididurrow: @reelsistas "Art is here to prove, and to help one bear, the fact that all safety is an illusion." - James Baldwin #swirlchat

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@heididurrow: @JinnieSpiegler @mxroots is going to be in Chicago for the Critical Mixed Race Studies conference in Nov. #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 8:39 pm 4 17





@jenkchau: @heididurrow @reelsistas Yes. I LOVE James Baldwin too. Also, Langston Hughes is one of my favorites. #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 8:39 pm 4 17





@heididurrow: @swirlinc @fanshen and I like to talk about the Mixed experience-that includes us all. #swirlchat

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@heididurrow: @jenkchau We all are someone, know someone, or love someone in the Mixed experience! #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: @heididurrow That makes sense! #swirlchat

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@reelsistas: @jenkchau @heididurrow I love Langston Hughes short stories (Especially "The Ways of White Folk" collection) #swirlchat

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@EddieN120: I don't know too many NYT best-selling authors but @heididurrow is mos def one of my faves :) #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:41 pm





@jenkchau: @reelsistas YES! That is my favorite of Langston Hughes' work! #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: @EddieN120 Hi Eddie! Welcome to the #swirlchat!

SWIRL January 27, 2012, 8:42 pm





@kadavids: @jenkchau @heididurrow @reelsistas My favorite poem is by Paul Laurence Dunbar - The Mask **#swirlchat**

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@swirlinc: @heididurrow And then there's Mixed Chicks Chat! #swirlchat

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@heididurrow: @EddieN120 aw, shucks!:) #swirlchat

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@heididurrow: @kadavids that's a good one! #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:43 pm





@kadavids: @jenkchau @heididurrow @reelsistas "We wear the mask that grins and lies, it hides our cheeks and shades our eyes." #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:43 pm



@swirlinc: RESOURCE #2: http://t.co/YUH8vClU #swirlchat

S January 27, 2012, 8:43 pm





@kadavids: @EddieN120 Hey Eddie! Glad you could join #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:43 pm





@heididurrow: @swirlinc @mixedchickschat is still going strong now in its 6th year! #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:44 pm





@EddieN120: And I don't listen to too many award-winning podcasts but I never miss Mixed Chicks Chat! #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:45 pm





@kadavids: Automatically downloaded to my iPod each week! RT @heididurrow: @mixedchickschat is still going strong now in its 6th year! #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:45 pm





@heididurrow: @swirlinc we do the live podcast weds. 5pm eastern. you can download more than 250 past episodes free on itunes. @mixedchickschat #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:45 pm





@reelsistas: @swirlinc @heididurrow This is #random but do you write in silence or to music? If w/ music what is on your writing soundtrack #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: @EddieN120 It looks like @heididurrow has one of her biggest fans here.;) #swirlchat

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@heididurrow: BTW: @mxroots submission deadline is Feb. 15 with no FEE. http://t.co/fLLwtDSx #swirlchat

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@cardenie: RT @EddieN120: And I dont listen to too many award-winning podcasts but I never miss Mixed Chicks Chat! #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 8:46 pm 4 17

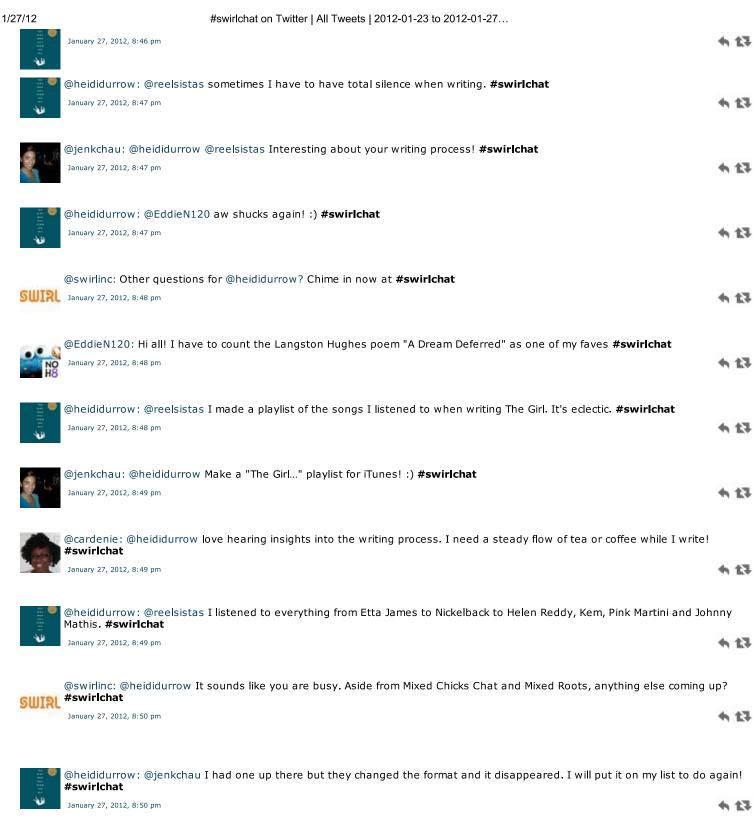


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@heididurrow: @reelsistas great question. it depends. sometimes i listen to the same song 300x in a row to help me capture a mood in the wtg. #swirlchat





@EddieN120: For sure @swirlinc I'm a huge fan of @heididurrow & what she & Fanshen do for the mixed community! #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 8:50 pm

@kadavids: @heididurrow When can we expect your next book? #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:51 pm



@heididurrow: @swirlinc I'm doing some talks at universities @ the speech of my life for @multcolib Everybody Reads to audience of 2000+ on 3/6 #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:51 pm





@reelsistas: @swirlinc @heididurrow Are you still touring for "The Girl" or are you working on another novel? #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:51 pm





@heididurrow: RT @EddieN120: For sure @swirlinc Im a huge fan of @heididurrow & what she & Fanshen do for the mixed community! #swirlchat

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@heididurrow: @swirlinc And I'm working on the new book. #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: @heididurrow @multcolib Sounds awesome! You're going to be great! #swirlchat

SWIRL January 27, 2012, 8:52 pm





@heididurrow: @reelsistas I am still touring for The Girl . . . I can't believe people are still finding it! And working on new book! #swirlchat

January 27, 2012, 8:52 pm





@cardenie: RT @EddieN120: For sure @swirlinc Im a huge fan of @heididurrow & what she & Fanshen do for the mixed community! #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: @heididurrow Any hints at what the new book might be about? :) #swirlchat

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@heididurrow: @kadavids Still writing the new book. It will be a while before it hits shelves -- publishing process is long too! #swirlchat

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@heididurrow: @swirlinc Here's a hint about what the new book is about. http://t.co/zoAQ5Mvu #swirlchat

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@reelsistas: @heididurrow I'm not surprised. Great books linger. You wrote a great book! **#swirlchat**

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@swirlinc: @heididurrow Intriguing.... Thanks for sharing! #swirlchat

SUIRL January 27, 2012, 8:55 pm





@kadavids: Yay sneak peak! RT @heididurrow: @swirlinc Heres a hint about what the new book is about. http://t.co/KlYy93bu #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: We are nearing the end of our hour - can you tell us what you think the next 10 years holds for the mixed community? #swirlchat





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SWIRL	@swirlinc: Any last questions from #swirlchat -ers? Shout em out! January 27, 2012, 8:55 pm	6 13
***	@heididurrow: @reelsistas Thank you. I put my heart into the book. And I think grew as a writer over the years (10) of writ #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 8:56 pm	ing it!
***	@heididurrow: @reelsistas Which is not to say that this book will take 10 years! :) #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 8:56 pm	4 17
SWIRL	@swirlinc: @heididurrow Any final thoughts for us? We are so happy that you joined us for a #swirlchat ! January 27, 2012, 8:57 pm	4 13
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	@kadavids: Thank you so much for your time, openness and inspiration today @heididurrow! This was, hands down, my fav #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 8:58 pm	4 13
1./	@jenkchau: @heididurrow Ditto that! #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 8:58 pm	4 13
***	@heididurrow: @swirlinc Thanks for having me! It was a lot of fun! #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 8:58 pm	6 £3
SWIRL	@swirlinc: @heididurrow Thank you! And we will remind our @swirlinc community to check out Mixed Roots, MCC and The Gi thanks!! #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 8:59 pm	rl
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	@cardenie: can't wait! RT @heididurrow: @swirlinc Heres a hint about what the new book is about. http://t.co/5bhDyx4d # January 27, 2012, 8:59 pm	swirlchat

@swirlinc: @heididurrow We love to support people doing great things for the mixed community! #swirlchat **SWIRL** January 27, 2012, 9:00 pm 4 17 @reelsistas: @swirlinc @heididurrow This was my first #swirlchat!!! What fun! Thanks. January 27, 2012, 9:00 pm 4 17 @swirlinc: @reelsistas So glad you enjoyed your first #swirlchat! See you next time!

SWIRL January 27, 2012, 9:00 pm



@cardenie: @heididurrow thanks for chatting with us! #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 9:01 pm





@jenkchau: @heididurrow Thanks for a great #swirlchat with @swirlinc! January 27, 2012, 9:01 pm





@cardenie: @swirlinc thanks for having it, glad I was able to stay for most of it. until next time! #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 9:02 pm



@swirlinc: @cardenie We are glad too! Thanks for participating and see you next time! #swirlchat





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@heididurrow: Ciao everybody!:) #swirlchat January 27, 2012, 9:03 pm



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