

# #pblitchat

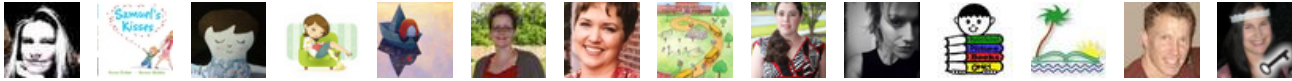
## Picture Book Lit Chat

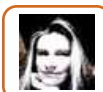
Discussion about process of writing picture books.

## Trending Words

@karencollum, :), @katapel, -, endings, @chloekillen, think, @kathleenisaac, @pbworkshop, rt, @v\_carnevale, ending, it's, one, pb

## Event Participants





Hmmm... For some reason TweetDoc is showing zero tweets for our #pblitchat tonight. Why is this so? (@KarenCollum) #notranscript #yet

02-Aug-11 11:31 | KatApel



@KatApel Just beautiful! And did you see the comment about there being two different stories told in one? Illos vs text. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:24 | KarenCollum



RT @KatApel: Oh - and did the #pblitchat crew see the new book by JackieFrench and BruceWhatley? #Flood <http://bit.ly/ruKPvL> #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:23 | KarenCollum



Oh - and did the #pblitchat crew see the new book by JackieFrench and BruceWhatley? #Flood #QldFloods <http://bit.ly/ruKPvL>

02-Aug-11 11:16 | KatApel



@KatApel LOL Exclamation rules don't apply to any form of social media #karensdecree #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:12 | KarenCollum



@KatApel Oops. Forgot the hashtag. Yes please! #transcript #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:11 | KarenCollum



@ChloeKillen @KarenCollum You two will have SO MUCH FUN! (Trusting my words to speak for themselves, you see. :P) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:11 | KatApel



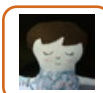
@v\_carnevale Thanks so much for joining us. We post the transcript to the blog if you want to recap anything. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:11 | KarenCollum



@ChloeKillen Yippee! I not only get a grown-up kid-free morning, I also get to spend it with you discussing PBs! #win #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:10 | KarenCollum



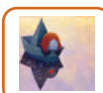
I second that! Thanks so much! RT @ChloeKillen You guys rock! Thanks for the great chat. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:10 | KathleenIsaac



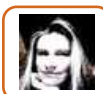
Thanks to everyone. It was a pleasure joining you! Look forward to the next one! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:10 | v\_carnevale



You guys rock! Thanks for the great chat. See you tomorrow @KarenCollum #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:09 | ChloeKillen



@KarenCollum Do you want me to post the transcript? #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:08 | KatApel



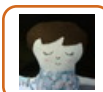
RT @KatApel: Always. <3 RT @ChloeKillen: @KarenCollum I think you mentioned the best advice before - write what's in your heart. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:08 | KathleenIsaac



Well, I must away. My PB writing frenzy means I have done zero housework & my house is a disaster!!! Thanks so much :) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:07 | KarenCollum



@ChloeKillen @KatApel hooray! perhaps we could all write a pb and rotate beginnings middles and ends?  
#pblitchat #mightjustwork #probablynot

02-Aug-11 11:05 | KathleenIsaac



@v\_carnevale We really are quite a unique breed, me thinks. And quite lovely, too LOL #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:05 | KarenCollum



Oops I misspelled hashtag, thanks and bye everyone! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:04 | CJohnsonWriter



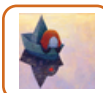
@ChloeKillen Maybe we should all write it - and compare endings. :P @KathleenIsaac #headswap #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:04 | KatApel



#pblitchat Of course I missed it again! Little one is suffering, and couldn't leave her. :( I'll look at the recap though.

02-Aug-11 11:04 | SemayawiBeth



@KarenCollum I think you mentioned the best advice before - write what's in your heart. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:04 | ChloeKillen



But in the end (like my pun? LOL) it comes back to what you want to leave the reader with. Ending is like dessert. Should be yum. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:04 | KarenCollum



RT @KarenCollum: Ya know, only a group of picture book writers could spend an hour discussing endings which (usually) occur in under 50 words :P #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:03 | KathleenIsaac



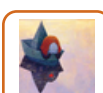
Another fascinating #pblitchat discussion. I feel like I missed half of it!! We were flying tonight. :P Thanks for sharing your knowledge.

02-Aug-11 11:03 | KatApel



@KarenCollum \*giggle\*  
#pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:03 | v\_carnevale



@KathleenIsaac @KatApel I smell a very interesting PB. #headswap #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:03 | ChloeKillen



@KarenCollum ha ha! harder than rocket science lol #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:03 | CJohnsonWriter



@ChloeKillen LOL! I'm a great help aren't I? :P #easypeesy #justbeeverythingallatonce #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:03 | KarenCollum



@PBWorkshop have a great day! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:02 | CJohnsonWriter



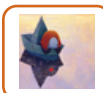
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02-Aug-11 11:02 | KarenCollum



Easy lol RT @KarenCollum: We should be gentle, deft, light, funny, surprising, aware when writing endings. Not much to ask #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:01 | CJohnsonWriter



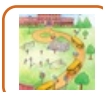
@KatApel Some very interesting analogies tonight :) #swapheads #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:01 | ChloeKillen



@KatApel @ChloeKillen Absolutely, unless swapping heads matches the story! :) #pblitchat #myheadonyourbody

02-Aug-11 11:01 | KathleenIsaac



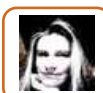
Need to start working out, get on w/day. Plenty to think about and work on, though. Thanks for the hosting, titles, inspiration. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:01 | PBWorkshop



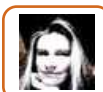
This makes me think that we should be gentle, deft, light, funny, surprising, aware when writing endings. Not much to ask, right? #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:00 | KarenCollum



RT @ChloeKillen: @KarenCollum @PBWorkshop Those endings are so lovely sometimes but agree that they require a gentle and light touch. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:00 | KatApel



@ChloeKillen You're right. Even with a twist, it still has to fit. It's no good putting my head on your body, so to speak. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 11:00 | KatApel



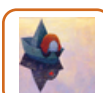
Or endings where you know what happens next, even though it's not stated, it's left hanging #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:59 | gracefuldoe



@ChloeKillen Staying true to the heart of the story is crucial - without overdoing it... #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:59 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum @PBWorkshop Those endings are so lovely sometimes but agree that they require a gentle and light touch. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:59 | ChloeKillen



Nice :) RT @ChloeKillen: like the ending has to reflect the spirit of the rest of the story. Kind of like a haiku. Maybe? #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:59 | PBWorkshop



@KatApel So glad I was useful for once LOL And that balance is so tricky to master & each story is different. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:59 | KarenCollum



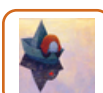
RT @ChloeKillen: Just thinking. It is almost like the ending has to reflect the spirit of the rest of the story. like a haiku. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:59 | CJohnsonWriter



@v\_carnevale Excellent. SO glad you've found it beneficial. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:59 | KatApel



Just thinking. It is almost like the ending has to reflect the spirit of the rest of the story. Kind of like a haiku. Maybe? #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:58 | ChloeKillen



@KarenCollum @PBWorkshop No BD here, but I'm an analogy-thinker. Years of teacher-talk, I guess. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:56 | PBWorkshop



@KarenCollum oh yes even better!!! lol #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:56 | CJohnsonWriter



@PBWorkshop This discussion has really helped. I think I'm going to cut some text from my ending and let the illo speak. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:56 | v\_carnevale



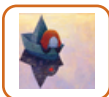
@CJohnsonWriter @PBWorkshop Or solve the problem EXACTLY like we wish we could. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:55 | KarenCollum



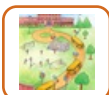
I have a PB I put to our crit group last year, lamenting that I didn't know how to end it. Had written oodles of endings... but>> #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:55 | KatApel



@KatApel @KarenCollum Open endings. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:55 | ChloeKillen



Amen. RT @KarenCollum: ending (can) make a didactic PB too. Stories can (& do) have a message but we dont need to state it. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:55 | PBWorkshop



@KarenCollum Funny endings, silly endings, magical endings? #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:55 | KathleenIsaac



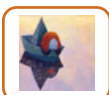
@KatApel Left them in. They sounded right to me. Would rather have to remove them than have something missing. #overwritenotunder #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:55 | KarenCollum



@PBWorkshop well I think you should aim to solve the problem in a way that no one in the real world would really do. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:55 | CJohnsonWriter



@KathleenIsaac @KarenCollum @KatApel Haha. Did you just invent a new punctuation mark? Excellent. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:55 | ChloeKillen



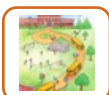
@PBWorkshop Another great analogy! (Is someone having a birthday at your house? LOL) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:55 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum So what did you do with them? Wait and see? #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:54 | KatApel



It's always tempting to finish like wrapping a package with a bow. Seems best to show it is coming loose or leaking or something. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:54 | PBWorkshop



What kind of endings to we normally see? Surprise endings. Sentimental endings. Circular endings. Anything else? #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:54 | KarenCollum



@KatApel Wow! So in a PB we need to use them REALLY sparingly... (but can use as many as we like on Twitter :P) #exclamationmarks #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:52 | KarenCollum



@ChloeKillen @KatApel hehehe I know sometimes parents say they get a headache re-re-re-reading a pb but I didnt realise why!!! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:52 | KathleenIsaac



I think the ending is often what makes a didactic PB too. Stories can (& do) have a message but we don't need to state it. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:52 | KarenCollum



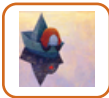
On exclamation marks, a friend told me a famous novelist (whose name I can't recall) will grant one exclamation mark per novel. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:52 | KatApel



RT @KatApel: @KathleenIsaac @ChloeKillen Who wants to be hit over the head at the end of a book? :P <<LOL! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:51 | KarenCollum



@KatApel @KathleenIsaac Sounds painful :P #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:51 | ChloeKillen



Me too!!! (Oops. Lots of exclamations.)RT @KathleenIsaac: I am fairly sparing with exclamations but use ellipses far too much...! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:50 | KatApel



That last RT I did was from an agent who commented earlier in the day when I tweeted the topic. Endings are important! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:50 | KarenCollum



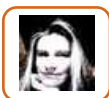
@KatApel Yep. Originally finished with, "But Samuel was already asleep." Illos show that but I loved those words LOL #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:49 | KarenCollum



I am fairly sparing with exclamations but use ellipses far too much...! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:49 | KathleenIsaac



@KathleenIsaac @ChloeKillen I think it applies for endings, also. Who wants to be hit over the head at the end of a book? :P #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:49 | KatApel



RT @KatLovesBooks @KarenCollum Picture book endings ARE tricky, it's an impressive talent when I see writer who has knack 4 them #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:49 | KarenCollum



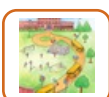
@PBWorkshop I will now too. (exclamation points) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:48 | CJohnsonWriter



@KarenCollum Is this in your kisses book? #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:48 | KatApel



I do a search on exclamation points when finished to find and remove- they sneak out while writing. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:47 | PBWorkshop



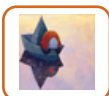
@KatApel My 3yos think it's great that the cow ends up chewing her cud again. I love the irony of the mayhem/her indifference. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:43 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum oh yes, and sometimes you can be the most picky about keeping your ending in n'est-ce pas? #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:43 | CJohnsonWriter



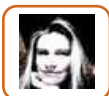
RT @KarenCollum: One example of a beautiful circular story that ends where it began & is just perfect is @KatApel THIS IS THE MUD #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:43 | ChloeKillen



@KarenCollum oui as does yours Miss Karen. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:42 | CJohnsonWriter



@KarenCollum Why thankyou, Mrs Collum. :P #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:42 | KatApel



RT @KarenCollum: One example of a beautiful circular story that ends where it began & is just perfect is @KatApel's THIS IS THE MUD. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:42 | KathleenIsaac



@ChloeKillen And good to have clever crit buddies who tell you where the story is finished (and to cut the last two sentences!) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:42 | KarenCollum



@KathleenIsaac yes, we've got to be entertained too, makes our writing more exciting ;) #evolvingending #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:42 | CJohnsonWriter



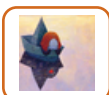
@KarenCollum I have to have the problem or the end otherwise I change it drastically and it falls flat. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:41 | CJohnsonWriter



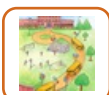
@CJohnsonWriter I like it better that way, keeps me guessing whilst I write! #evolvingending #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:41 | KathleenIsaac



@KarenCollum I think knowing when to finish/ let go is a problem everyone struggles with. Good to be mindful of it though. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:41 | ChloeKillen



@KatApel @Miscmum @KarenCollum Lion King? LOL #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:41 | PBWorkshop



@CJohnsonWriter Really? That's so interesting. I often have the title first and then write the story from that. :) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:40 | KarenCollum



@ChloeKillen Was general. But would apply to some of mine, too, I'm sure. #forfun #forresearch #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:40 | KatApel



@PBWorkshop @KarenCollum It's possible - the American PB market is so much bigger than the UK one... #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:40 | KathleenIsaac



@KarenCollum Yes I always work most on my endings too, makes me worry I dont put enough into beginning and middle :) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:39 | KathleenIsaac



I think US may get more of "other" English titles than the reverse. Size of Pubs? @KathleenIsaac @KarenCollum <3 your picks. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:39 | PBWorkshop



@v\_carnevale I would also add that knowing WHERE to finish is really important. Isn't that right, @KatApel :P #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:39 | KarenCollum



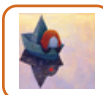
@gracefuldoe hi Jo! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:38 | CJohnsonWriter



@v\_carnevale That's usually the same for me but soemtimes I start with the end and work the story backwards... #pblitchat #doesn'talwayswork

02-Aug-11 10:38 | KathleenIsaac



@v\_carnevale @KathleenIsaac It's a big leap of faith. It's trust. But I'm sure everyone wants to make the best book possible. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:38 | ChloeKillen



RT @KathleenIsaac: @v\_carnevale ...ending resolves the problem, dont leave the reader without hope and not too obvious #pblitchat #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:38 | KarenCollum



@CJohnsonWriter @KarenCollum Ooh... sounds intriguing! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:37 | v\_carnevale



@Miscmum @KarenCollum There's a similar one about a lion... Think it defends a cub... then lies down... dies. So sad. Title?? #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:37 | KatApel



@v\_carnevale try not to finish too early or too late, but you have to learn that naturally. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:37 | CJohnsonWriter



@v\_carnevale Make sure your ending resolves the problem, don't leave the reader without hope! and not too obvious #pblitchat #whatnottodo

02-Aug-11 10:37 | KathleenIsaac



@KathleenIsaac I often have an idea of the whole story arc before I start writing but the ending may be the most reworked of all. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:37 | KarenCollum



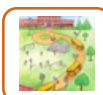
@KathleenIsaac for me it evolves. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:36 | CJohnsonWriter



@Miscmum @KarenCollum I nabbed it in the library cull - but not game to re-read it yet. I know it made me cry first time. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:36 | KatApel



@KatApel @ChloeKillen Allowing for role of illo. was part of Halverson webinar, too. So VERY hard for me, but I'm getting there. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:36 | PBWorkshop



Does anyone have any ideas about what not to do as far as endings go? #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:34 | v\_carnevale



@CJohnsonWriter It's more that the illos add depth or irony to the story. Illo notes would have to be used in that case :) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:34 | KarenCollum



I think I like understated endings rather than a big bang type approach. Trying to think of examples... #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:34 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum getting the illos to tell a different story. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:33 | CJohnsonWriter



@ChloeKillen Hehe. Definitely!! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:33 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum @PBWorkshop I know - so hard to get pbs from another continent! Every market different: diverse but can be annoying #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:33 | KathleenIsaac



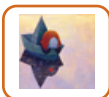
@KarenCollum awh that's so cute. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:32 | CJohnsonWriter



@v\_carnevale Yes. You're right. Rosie's Walk is a great little PB. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:32 | KatApel



@KarenCollum That is the 3rd time OLD PIG has been mentioned to me in the last week. Have to borrow it now :) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:32 | ChloeKillen



@KarenCollum even the idea makes me teary! Must look out for it #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:32 | KathleenIsaac



@PBWorkshop Nope - but keep sharing because I love suggestions!!! Think the US/Aus familiar titles are v different. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:32 | KarenCollum



@CJohnsonWriter @PBWorkshop Yes. You have to have consistency throughout. In voice, in tone, in verbosity ... Part of a 'whole'. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:31 | KatApel



@KarenCollum I read that to Riley the other night. I cried #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:31 | Miscmum



@KarenCollum how do you even start to think up two stories in one then? #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:31 | CJohnsonWriter



<<The young pig continues to do the exact routine that Old Pig did when she was alive. Makes me teary every time! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:31 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum @v\_carnevale Oooh that's a good idea! #pblitchat #makingapbdummysafterwork

02-Aug-11 10:29 | KathleenIsaac



Marjorie Barker's Magical Hands allows subtext. MC seems to be the only one in on the secret until the end. Good pacing, too. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:29 | PBWorkshop



@ChloeKillen Isn't it divine! It's been years since I read it but it really stuck with me. #lookingforcrabs #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:29 | KarenCollum



@v\_carnevale @KarenCollum I know - page turns are where I struggle sometimes, I love the idea of splitting words across pages #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:28 | KathleenIsaac



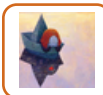
@v\_carnevale @KarenCollum @KathleenIsaac I actually made a blank PB with notes on key spreads to help with pacing. Worked ++ #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:28 | KarenCollum



@ChloeKillen @KatApel Some of my favourite pbs are ones where the illo tells a different story eg Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:27 | KathleenIsaac



@KarenCollum I saw one of your favorites today - LOOKING FOR CRABS. Brilliant! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:27 | ChloeKillen



@gracefuldoe Hello, btw. How rude. I threw you the topic & ran. I feel like I'm playing catchups in the tweetstream tonight. :P #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:27 | KatApel



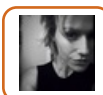
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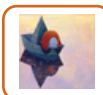
@CJohnsonWriter Finding that balance is hard, but I think endings done well can really make a PB stand out. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:27 | KarenCollum



@ChloeKillen Hey! \*waves\* Reading with interest... ;) Thinking of my WiP #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:27 | Miscmum



@Miscmum Hi Karen! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:26 | ChloeKillen



@ChloeKillen @KatApel There's that layering concept again!! Mastering storytelling in multiple layers is sooooo tricky!! #pblitchat

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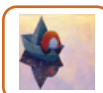
@KarenCollum I know, there is so much to take into consideration: everything should build to the perfect ending! #pblitchat #hardtomanage

02-Aug-11 10:22 | KathleenIsaac



@PBWorkshop Excellent analogy! And I love endings that make you reread the PB just to see how it all works again. #pblitchat

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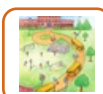
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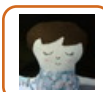
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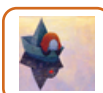
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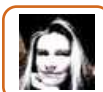
@KatApel Illustrations can add so much. PBs are such an amazing medium where multiple stories can be told at once. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:25 | ChloeKillen



@gracefuldoe Hi! We're talking about endings of PBs. Tips, things to avoid, brilliant examples etc #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:25 | KarenCollum



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02-Aug-11 10:24 | KatApel



@KatApel Hehe. Hopefully in a few years' time we'll be able to dissect it LOL But pacing was at front of my mind when I wrote. #pblitchat

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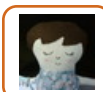
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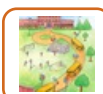
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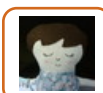
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02-Aug-11 10:21 | PBWorkshop



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02-Aug-11 10:21 | KarenCollum



@CJohnsonWriter Hello! :) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:20 | KathleenIsaac



@CJohnsonWriter Welcome! So glad you could join us :) We're talking endings in PBs #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:20 | KarenCollum



@KatApel Yep - which is exactly why they're at the front of my mind! LOL Feedback was spot on. Changes now made :) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:20 | KarenCollum



RT @KathleenIsaac: The first few ideas you have are good to get you into frame of mind, but ignore them for the more unusual, later ideas #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:19 | KatApel



@KatApel sorry I'm late, hello everyone! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:19 | CJohnsonWriter



I think that's one of the things I really took away from the webinar: the pacing of the story is crucial. Without it ending fails #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:19 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum @ChloeKillen I agree - especially within such tight picture book parameters, endings need a bit of space! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:19 | KathleenIsaac



@KarenCollum Broke your rules for Principle 1&2. Do you think? #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:19 | KatApel



At a Deborah Halverson Webinar on avoiding "Flat" comments in feedback: engage the 5 senses/enrich the character. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:18 | PBWorkshop



@KarenCollum It's so funny reading your points summary, because your PB was something special - but that last little bit ... > #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:18 | KatApel



@ChloeKillen Such an excellent point! The tendency to rush is really hard to overcome. Endings need to be given time. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:18 | KarenCollum



@PBWorkshop There is so much at stake with an ending. Nothing worse than being disappointed on the last page. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:16 | KarenCollum



@KatApel Ha! And you will be pleased to know, I listened :P #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:16 | KarenCollum



2. Avoid cliches. Hard thing is that cliches are often the most 'comfortable' resolution - but not necessarily the best. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:16 | KarenCollum



@PBWorkshop I like that - endings are so important and so much fun to think up, especially if unexpected! But they're hard! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:16 | KathleenIsaac



@KarenCollum Although... when it came to crunch time giving feedback on your gem - I felt that you ended it and then some... #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:15 | KatApel



(These are just me applying what I learned in the webinar to endings - not Mary's words/ideas necessarily...) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:15 | KarenCollum



First principle: The ending needs to fit the story but also benefits from having a twist or being unexpected. Tricky to pull off. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:14 | KarenCollum



@KatApel \*blushes\* Thank you :) Am feeling rather chuffed with myself right now LOL #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:14 | KarenCollum



I heard Joy Cowley speak years ago, and she said something like-The ending should make it all worth the trip. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:13 | PBWorkshop



Although endings weren't specifically addressed in the webinar, I think some general principles apply... #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:13 | KarenCollum



Talking endings... and 'that webinar'... I have to tell you... @KarenCollum has already applied it - beautifully. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:13 | KatApel



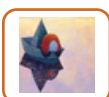
@KarenCollum @v\_carnevale I know, it was fab and has reinvigorated and inspired me - she is great! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:13 | KathleenIsaac



@v\_carnevale Excellent! Just wanted to give you the best chance of keeping up LOL #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:13 | KarenCollum



@KarenCollum I'm excited too! Wish I could meet everyone! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:12 | ChloeKillen



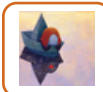
@v\_carnevale @KathleenIsaac It's nerve-wracking/exciting to think she'll be reading all of our manuscripts. #tummyswirlingalready #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:12 | KarenCollum



Our topic tonight is endings... but feel free to share (show&tell) about your webinar, first (or throughout) ladies... #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:11 | KatApel



@KarenCollum Hi Karen :) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:10 | ChloeKillen



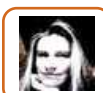
@v\_carnevale Not sure if you're already using it, but Tweetchat is a great way to join in the chats & keep track of everyone #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:10 | KarenCollum



@KathleenIsaac @v\_carnevale I have not been able to stop thinking about all the amazing stuff Mary shared. And those examples! #pblitchat

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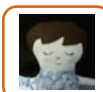
@KarenCollum @v\_carnevale #pblitchat I just figured out that 'three days to recover' bit. The webinar. Another Aussie. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:09 | KatApel



@PBWorkshop Alas, not @KatApel or I, but our lovely friend @DeeWhiteauthor (lucky thing!). #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:09 | KarenCollum



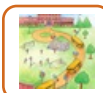
@v\_carnevale I was luckier as it was early evening for me... so much fun and a lot of good ideas from it! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:09 | KathleenIsaac



@PBWorkshop @ChloeKillen @KathleenIsaac Hello! So glad you can join us tonight. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:09 | KarenCollum



Do I recall that someone here is heading out to #SCBWILA11 this year? #pblitchat

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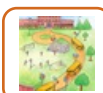
@v\_carnevale I'm not sure I've recovered yet!! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:08 | KarenCollum



@KatApel I know!!! My kids seem to instinctively know that it's the ONE NIGHT that I need them to be in bed on time... #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:08 | KarenCollum



Hello to all- still waiting for tea to kick in so I can see who's here! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:08 | PBWorkshop



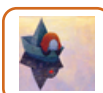
It took me 3 days to recover, mind you... was worth it though. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:07 | v\_carnevale



@KarenCollum It's amazing how often things come unstuck at #pblitchat time. :P #theweightofresponsibility

02-Aug-11 10:07 | KatApel



@v\_carnevale Welcome! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:07 | ChloeKillen



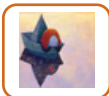
Tonight's topic is 'Endings' - satisfactory resolutions in picture books. Such a huge topic! And so tricky to nail. #pblitchat on now.

02-Aug-11 10:06 | pblitchat



@KatApel @PBWorkshop I was a sleepy soul but 4 cups of coffee later and I am a live wire! :) Wanna cup? #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:06 | KathleenIsaac



@KathleenIsaac @KatApel @PBWorkshop Hi :) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:06 | ChloeKillen



@KatLovesBooks We're hoping to explore what makes an ending brilliant in our chat tonight :) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:05 | KarenCollum



@KatApel Very good to see you too! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:04 | KathleenIsaac



@PBWorkshop We take livewires and sleepy souls. :P #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:04 | KatApel



@KathleenIsaac Yay and hurray. So good to see you. :) #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:03 | KatApel



Made it! Whew- I'll be sleepy today= but inspired :P #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:03 | PBWorkshop



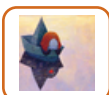
Im here too! Might be in and out a bit as at work but very excited to be here! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:03 | KathleenIsaac



@ChloeKillen You and me both. :) Has been a rush to get here tonight. #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:03 | KatApel



Here! #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 10:01 | ChloeKillen



I'm here. Kids are in bed. (Just.) #pblitchat can START! :)

02-Aug-11 10:01 | KatApel



30mins... #pblitchat. See you soon... :)

02-Aug-11 09:32 | KatApel



Just feeding Miss H & then I'll be #pblitchat-ting in 30 min :)

02-Aug-11 09:31 | KarenCollum



90mins until #pblitchat begins - so we can talk endings. :P #picturebooks

02-Aug-11 08:28 | KatApel



RT @KarenCollum: But tonight, in 4 hours' time I'll be at #pblitchat! We're talking picture book endings tonight. Endings are tricky...

02-Aug-11 06:06 | SCBWISOCALLA



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@v\_carnevale If you want more info the details are at <http://t.co/Jh3cS5n> #pblitchat

02-Aug-11 05:17 | KarenCollum



@v\_carnevale Do you know about #pblitchat? We meet 1st, 3rd, 5th Tuesday & chat about all things picture books. On tonight at 8pm AEST.

02-Aug-11 04:46 | KarenCollum



@SemayawiBeth :) Will tweet otheries through the day. #pblitchat

01-Aug-11 22:15 | KatApel



12 hours until #pblitchat. Join us to talk picture books here on Twitter. We'll get in 3chats in August 1st/3rd/5th Tue. <http://t.co/Fc4By4u>

01-Aug-11 22:07 | KatApel



Apparently that Mars-Venus thing starts at an early age. Review of "Yuck, a Love Story" at <http://t.co/iAqEQ26> #edu #kidlit #pblitchat

01-Aug-11 21:16 | gregorywalters



And in 13 hours it will be time for #pblitchat! Hope to see you here to talk all things picture books.

01-Aug-11 21:05 | KarenCollum



RT @KatApel: In other news... This time tomorrow night we'll be doing #pblitchat. Hope you can join us. Less than 24hrs. :) #picturebooks

01-Aug-11 17:08 | SCBWISOCALLA



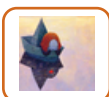
@MichelleDEvans yay. Good for you. We should have used the hashtag the whole time too. #pblitchat #amwriting

01-Aug-11 11:31 | CJohnsonWriter



adding 2 scenes to WIP tonight ... I'm liking some this raw writing coming out. unofficial #pblitchat must be helping ;) #amwriting

01-Aug-11 11:30 | MichelleDEvans



@KatApel @michelledevans @cjohnsonwriter Haha. We're a passionate bunch :) #pblitchat

01-Aug-11 11:20 | ChloeKillen



@MichelleDEvans @ChloeKillen @CJohnsonWriter Anyone would think it was #pblitchat. It's not. Tomorrow it is, though. 23hrs.

01-Aug-11 11:18 | KatApel



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