

**Topic: The Juggle"-- How Mom Writers Balance Parenthood & Writing/Book Promotion****Guests: Caroline Grant (@carolinegrant) & Cindy Hudson (@momdtrbookclub)****Date: September 11, 2009 / 1:00pm - 2:00pm CST**

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[carolinegrant @thewritermama](#) thank you; so nice of you to say! that was exactly our goal. [#platformchat](#) -2:03 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) This concludes the 09/11 [#platformchat](#) -2:03 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Thank you so much for coming! Please support our guests by purchasing their books! Have a great weekend! See ya at the WMBTSG! [#platformchat](#) -2:02 PM Sep 11th, 2009



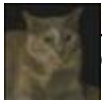
[thewritermama](#) Also, I know that Mama, PhD has given tons of support and permission to moms w/degrees who felt isolated before. [#platformchat](#) -2:01 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant @sheilaokelly](#) chiming in to say Invaluable! my writing group has been my 1st reader for 5+ years now. Start one now, I say. [#platformchat](#) -2:07 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[sheilaokelly @thewritermama](#) How valuable are writer's groups - in non-virtual world? [#platformchat](#) thinking of starting a local one -2:02 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[journalwriter7](#) Thanks to [@thewritermama @merylevans#platformchat](#) for great questions, encouragement. -2:01 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) I am holding Cindy's new book in my hands, I can vouch that it is an awesome ref for moms w/daughter who love books! [#platformchat](#) -2:01 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Celebrating our 5th chat today! Books by past[#platformchat](#) guests listed here, as well as WMBTSG books:<http://bit.ly/iZHup> [#platformchat](#) -2:00 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant 2 @LiteraryMama](#) editors and I are giving away bks on Christina's Writer Mama Back to School giveaway 9/25 - don't miss it! [#platformchat](#) -2:00 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[journalwriter7](#) Thanks so much for your terrific feedback and help.[#platformchat @carolinegrant @momdtrbookclub](#) -2:00 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) This is also the week to apply to for The Writer Mama Scholarship for my forthcoming Oct 7th class! <http://tinyurl.com/la23md> [#platformchat](#) -1:59 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) And don't miss The Writer Mama Back-to-School Giveaway every day in September going on now! <http://tinyurl.com/cose97> [#platformchat](#) -1:59 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) [#platformchat](#) feedback welcome. Please send yours to christinakatz@earthlink.net or DM. [#platformchat](#) -1:59 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Thanks for coming to [#platformchat](#). Come on back next month more great tips on how to build your platform. Guests TBA. [#platformchat](#) -1:58 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Subscribe to my e-zines (3), read my blogs (4), or my books (2) & contact me to speak. More @ <http://christinakatz.com>. [#platformchat](#) -1:58 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) I'm Christina Katz, host of [#platformchat](#). I wrote Get Known Before the Book Deal & Writer Mama for Writer's Digest. [#platformchat](#) -1:58 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) thanks for coming, everybody! enjoyed chatting with you [#platformchat](#) -1:58 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Get or stay Internet-savvy by following [@merylkevans'](#) blog: <http://www.meryl.net/section/blog/#platformchat> -1:57 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) I'm giving away prizes when people pre-order my book from Amazon on Tuesday. [#platformchat](#) -1:57 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Learn more about Cindy Hudson at <http://www.motherdaughterbookclub.com/> & <http://motherdaughterbookclub.wordpress.com/> [#platformchat](#) -1:57 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Learn more about Caroline Grant and Mama PhD at: <http://www.mamaphd.com/> & <http://foodthought.org/#platformchat> -1:56 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) I'm giving away a book on The Writer Mama's Back to School Giveaway Monday. [#platformchat](#) -1:56 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) next 4 me: New book! "Peanut butter or pate? What we eat and why it matters" <http://www.learningtoeatbook.com/blog> [#platformchat](#) -1:56 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) 5 Min left: Time to start wrapping up [#platformchat](#). Thank you for coming, Caroline & Cindy. What's coming up next 4 u? [#platformchat](#) -1:55 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) @onikapascal if you're inspired, people will get that from your wk; don't need a degree in writing: passion & a good editor! [#platformchat](#) -1:55 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Doesn't matter so much what your degree is in. That's just one small part of credibility. You can always get the creds u need. [#platformchat](#) -1:55 PM Sep 11th, 2009



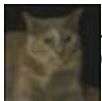
[onikapascal](#) @thewritermama [#platformchat](#) I believe I can. Will you be hosting anything in NY soon? -1:55 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Need creds? How to benefit from an online class by Abigail Green: <http://bit.ly/10YN0F> [#platformchat](#) -1:54 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) Christina's classes are great for helping you identify passion/marketability. That's how I did it. [#platformchat](#) -1:54 PM Sep 11th, 2009



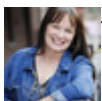
[journalwriter7](#) @merylevans I always put school ahead of my writing time since it's a priority. Otherwise, she can wait. [#platformchat](#) -1:54 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[merylevans](#) @onikapascal Not all of us writers have degrees in writing, journalism or English. Mine's in education. [#platformchat](#) -1:54 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) For instance I'm also passionate about Louisiana cooking, but m/ book clubs were more marketable now. Maybe one day. [#platformchat](#) -1:53 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) @onikapascal Sounds like you could benefit from a class or two. :) [#platformchat](#) -1:52 PM Sep 11th, 2009



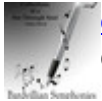
momdtrbookclub Often you may have more than one passion. Then you can research to find which is most marketable and go from there. #platformchat -1:52 PM Sep 11th, 2009



carolinegrant I have two sons, 7 and 4; the younger one just starting to read-- so magical! but neither likes that I don't write picture bks #platformchat -1:52 PM Sep 11th, 2009



onikapascal @thewritermama #platformchat as a Psychology major, I don't have a degree in writing, & most times find it intimidating when I read bios. -1:51 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[onikapascal](#) [@thewritermama](#) [#platformchat](#) how can I have my passion be marketable enough to be taken seriously? -1:50 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) RT [@momdtrbookclub](#): Live events really let you pick up on ideas that may never come to you otherwise. [So true.]#platformchat -1:50 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) so the in-person platform work is either after kids asleep (readings) or the very rare trip alone (conferences)#platformchat -1:50 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) [@jessicavarin](#) Favorite part of my online platform is always the most original/synergistic parts. Like this. Or WMBTS Giveaway. #platformchat -1:50 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[journalwriter7](#) [@momdtrbookclub](#) I love talking with my librarians. I'm there so often.;) #platformchat -1:50 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) I have two daughters, 18 and 15. #platformchat -1:49 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[onikapascal](#) [@thewritermama](#) [#platformchat](#). As someone with very little writing credibility...but with 2 published collections of poetry, & soon a novel. -1:49 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) Live events really let you pick up on ideas that may never come to you otherwise. #platformchat -1:49 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) in-person platform building=attending readings, conferences, etc; so motivating! I always come right home to write#platformchat -1:49 PM Sep 11th, 2009



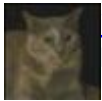
[thewritermama @carolinegrant](#) Ooo, you're teasing us. Care to share more info? [#platformchat](#) -1:49 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Gosh, I should have asked you both...how old are your kids? [#platformchat](#) -1:49 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) now broadening platform for next, food/family-oriented project [#platformchat](#) -1:48 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[journalwriter7 @momdtrbookclub](#) I do that with lists only with errands. I don't always know how much time a task will take otherwise. [#platformchat](#) -1:48 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama @swinglet](#) I try to schedule at least one live event per month, often more when a new book is out. :) [#platformchat](#) -1:48 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) I also write about the topic for magazines...need to focus more on that. [#platformchat](#) -1:48 PM Sep 11th, 2009



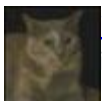
[thewritermama @swinglet](#) I'll chime in here. It's so important to balance live/real work with online work. The two feed ea. other. [#platformchat](#) -1:47 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) I build my platform by connecting with authors, librarians and other club members. [#platformchat](#) -1:47 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant @swinglet](#) I do much less in-person b/c my schedule's so tight (only 3 hrs w/both kids in school) [#platformchat](#) -1:46 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[journalwriter7 @carolinegrant](#) She sends me her writing through email if she wants me to read it. She also read my blog posts. [#platformchat](#) -1:46 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[jessicavarin](#) What is your favorite piece of your online platform? How did it develop? [#platformchat](#) -1:46 PM Sep 11th, 2009



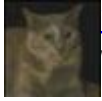
[thewritermama](#) & sometimes, she's right! It's not that critical. My daughter is seven now. And has become good at entertaining herself. ;) [#platformchat](#) -1:46 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[swinglet](#) How do you balance online vs. in-person platform tasks? Do you find one more effective than the other? [#platformchat](#) -1:45 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) I took babysteps into my platform, worked my way up at [@LiteraryMama](#), was most interested in writing about motherhood=platform [#platformchat](#) -1:45 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[journalwriter7](#) [@wiccan13](#) She finds the whole idea of writing anything down that she doesn't want to write annoying.[#platformchat](#) -1:45 PM Sep 11th, 2009



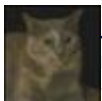
[thewritermama](#) My daughter has been raised with me writing, she gets smarter over time, now says: "That's not important right now, Mommy." [#platformchat](#) -1:45 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[journalwriter7](#) My daughter is also very independent at the same time; so go figure.;) [#platformchat](#) -1:44 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) [@journalwriter7](#) looking forward to that with mine (7 and 4) [#platformchat](#) -1:44 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[journalwriter7](#) [@carolinegrant](#) She sometimes needs an attitude adjustment. I love her muchly; she understands; she just wants my attn NOW. [#platformchat](#) -1:44 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) [@onikapascal](#) Thanks for coming. Feel free to ask questions. We've got plenty of time. :) [#platformchat](#) -1:43 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[journalwriter7](#) [@carolinegrant](#) We talk about our writing projects all the time, esp in the car. [#platformchat](#) -1:43 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) Once I have my list, I allocate time for each task during the day. I lump small ones into a 1/2 hour slot.[#platformchat](#) -1:43 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[onikapascal](#) [@thewritermama](#) [#platformchat](#) after reading the comments from the guests, I feel a bit more encouraged. So I thank you both for sharing. -1:42 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) For to-do lists I put everything except going to the bathroom. Phone calls, lunch, writing, drs. appts. all go on.[#platformchat](#) -1:42 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) [@journalwriter7](#) so she gets it, a little bit; it's great that she writes, too; can you have writing dates together?[#platformchat](#) -1:41 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) If I'm behind first I answer email 'cause I can't concentrate with too many messages in my inbox. Got to clear the slate. [#platformchat](#) -1:40 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[journalwriter7 @momdtrbookclub](#) She's 15 and homeschooled. She also writes. [#platformchat](#) -1:40 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) oh, once I'm behind, I try to prioritize, most pressing deadline or newest editor/writer gets my attention first [#platformchat](#) -1:39 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama @momdtrbookclub](#) Can you give a quick list of the kinds of platform tasks you do? [#platformchat](#) -1:39 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) How old is your daughter? [#platformchat](#) -1:39 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama @journalwriter7](#) Good question! How do you get those kids to honor your work time w/o interrupting...possible? [#platformchat](#) -1:39 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) Platform's the really fun part of my day. That's often when I'm contacting someone/writing a plan. I schedule time in for it. [#platformchat](#) -1:37 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama @carolinegrant](#) So, then what do you do first, once you are officially a week behind? This is a good topic. :) [#platformchat](#) -1:37 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[journalwriter7](#) How do I handle daughter's attitude of thinking I put my writing in front of her when I dont answer question when I'm writing. [#platformchat](#) -1:37 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) oh, yes! one kid w/a stomach bug can derail a week of work. I'm lucky to work mostly w/understanding mama-writers [#platformchat](#) -1:35 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) My kids were also excited to see their photo with me in my book, and they're named in the dedication. [#platformchat](#) -1:34 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) I have another question: How often do things NOT go as you planned/hoped. Just had two days like this myself. Common? [#platformchat](#) -1:34 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) when, occasionally, mama-writing time comes while they're home, they're pretty respectful; both have written their own books [#platformchat](#) -1:33 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) Plus they like the perks of getting advance books to read and meeting other authors. [#platformchat](#) -1:32 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) Mama, PhD is dedicated to my kids (& those of my coeditor & contributors), and they loved seeing their names in print! [#platformchat](#) -1:32 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) It's fun to know they brag about me at school. [#platformchat](#) -1:31 PM Sep 11th, 2009



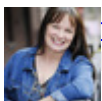
[thewritermama](#) Ladies, I should have asked this: What do your kids think of all of your hard work and published books? [#platformchat](#) -1:30 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Plz do not ask our guests to analyze your particular platform. No can do in a short chat. Thanks! (Also: no promo/plugging.) [#platformchat](#) -1:30 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) re starting small: local papers have websites that always need content, for instance; get a gig there, then pitch a feature [#platformchat](#) -1:29 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) 30 min left: Time to open [#platformchat](#) up for Q&A. Plz direct general Qs to both of our guests. Guests, speak to the group. [#platformchat](#) -1:28 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[sheilaokelly](#) [@thewritermama](#) on the other hand if u do the ones u like first at least u have something done! (via [@sheilaokelly](#)) [#platformchat](#) -1:27 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) be strong! Writing comes w/a lot of rejection and this economy is especially tough; believe in yourself & keep pitching [#platformchat](#) -1:26 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) Small changes help you build up to accepting more. Small victories help you build confidence. [#platformchat](#) -1:26 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) be willing to start small, write for no \$ to establish your reputation and relationships w/editors [#platformchat](#) -1:26 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) Q7 Think about & list your interests, list the mags & sites you read, then look for matches and start pitching [#platformchat](#) -1:26 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) Take little steps. It can be too scary to focus on how your life will change once you achieve your ultimate goal. [#platformchat](#) -1:26 PM Sep 11th, 2009





[momdtrbookclub](#) I took classes for professional development (thanks Christina), joined a writer's org. and went to its writing conferences. [#platformchat](#) -1:25 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Q7. A lot of moms want to profit from growing a writing career alongside their kids. What is your advice to them? [#platformchat](#) -1:25 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) I started a website/blog, got feedback from readers, gained confidence. I paid attention to already published authors. [#platformchat](#) -1:25 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) Q6 I'd been editing, working w/writers on [@LiteraryMama](#) for several years, and continue to learn from that experience [#platformchat](#) -1:24 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) Q6 Writing my dissertation taught me persistence; mothering taught me patience; I use both every day to see a project through [#platformchat](#) -1:23 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) Good grad student training:if something interests you, research, become expert! I haunted writers' & agents' websites to learn [#platformchat](#) -1:23 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) I limit time spent researching new opportunities. Otherwise I could lose hours clicking on links. [#platformchat](#) -1:21 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Q6. You both have books out on topics that are meaningful to you. How did you grow ready for the challenges of authorhood? [#platformchat](#) -1:21 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) also, I admit I get less sleep than I'd like, but prof development has brought me so much personally, it's a good trade! [#platformchat](#) -1:21 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) I schedule tasks I least want to do early so I feel I've made progress right away. Putting it off is too easy to never do. [#platformchat](#) -1:20 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) You can't expect work to sell itself; part of a writing career is marketing, and nothing wrong w/that. I found I enjoy it. [#platformchat](#) -1:19 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) I keep a tight task list each day. I go back and forth between platform and home tasks so I accomplish things even "on break." [#platformchat](#) -1:19 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) Combine prof development w/pleasure: attend readings, book fairs, conferences; socialize and introduce yourself [#platformchat](#) -1:19 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Of course, balancing writing productivity with family/personal life is a topic that applies to every platform-builder. :) [#platformchat](#) -1:18 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) let me rephrase :) Make a list of 3 places to submit a piece and boomerang it back out to number2 on the list if first rejects [#platformchat](#) -1:18 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Q5. What about professional development and platform building/marketing. How do you squeeze it all in? (Tips?)[#platformchat](#) -1:18 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) Make a list of 3 places to submit a piece and boomerang it back out to [#2](#) on the list if [#1](#) rejects[#platformchat](#) -1:16 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) q4 Hard! Submitting's hard, even for an editor; I try to submit new work every month, keep putting it out there[#platformchat](#) -1:16 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) Some practice is always needed to continue perfecting my work, but I'm not doing this just for my personal edification. [#platformchat](#) -1:15 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) Why work for free when I could be spending my time with my kids instead? [#platformchat](#) -1:15 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Q4. How do you feel about balancing working on writing craft with selling your work? Is this hard or easy for you? (Tips?) [#platformchat](#) -1:14 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) In this economy, much harder to sell the kind of personal writing I write/edit; must be ever more savvy about platform! [#platformchat](#) -1:13 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) I get things done while they're in school; and my kids know they're a priority even without immediate attention.[#platformchat](#) -1:13 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) Q3 It's easier for me now because kids are in school (AMs); I volunteer in both schools, leaving 3 mornings to work[#platformchat](#) -1:12 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) When I started my youngest was a toddler playing on the floor next to me. Client calls were timed to coincide with her nap. [#platformchat](#) -1:12 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[onikapascal](#) [@thewritermama](#) [#platformchat](#) as a single mom, I juggled my writing between a f/time job f/time school & motherhood. I always prioritized. -1:12 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Q3. Is the juggle the same today as when you were just starting out? How has your writing career balance evolved? (Tips?) [#platformchat](#) -1:11 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) Bottom line is it's important to have multiple someones who can be a sounding board for personal and professional issues. [#platformchat](#) -1:08 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) Now that my kids are in school mornings, I try to make time for a weekly writing date w/a friend; no web, just tea & writing! [#platformchat](#) -1:08 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) Also online groups, like She Writes for women writers, are a great way to connect w/others [#platformchat](#) -1:08 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) I walk once a week with my best friend. We cram lots of conversation into that time. My online friends are a good outlet. [#platformchat](#) -1:08 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) Q2My writing group; the network of writing moms I've developed via LiteraryMama; the internet has been great, essential for me [#platformchat](#) -1:08 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Q2. Where do you turn to for support with the many challenges that impact stay-at-home working moms? (Tips?)[#platformchat](#) -1:07 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) Tips: always carry paper & pen to jot ideas wherever u r; get up b4 your kids 2 write; stay up late; carry reading w/you[#platformchat](#) -1:07 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) I make sure I can take an hour break after school so we can catch up on their day. It's great to get news when it's fresh. [#platformchat](#) -1:06 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) juggle can be hard! I long for a set schedule, but it won't happen until both kids are in school all day (next year!)[#platformchat](#) -1:06 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[momdtrbookclub](#) Balance means flexible. I can take of my kids when they are sick. Talk to them when they come home. They know I work at home. [#platformchat](#) -1:06 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) My husband & I both work from home, plan ea day depending on deadlines – one stays home to work; other does carpool, errands [#platformchat](#) -1:06 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) Balance is continually readjusting & recalibrating; not a fixed state at all. [#platformchat](#) -1:05 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Q1. When I say “balance” – what does that mean to you? How do you juggle your writing life with your family life? (Tips?) [#platformchat](#) -1:04 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) However, please feel free to retweet our guests’ responses as much as you like. Include our tag [#platformchat](#) -1:04 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Now for 7 Qs (Q1, Q2, Q3...). Plz allow guests time to answer in several tweets. (Save ALL Qs for Q&A. We’ll tell you when.) [#platformchat](#) -1:04 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Our guests have tons of experience with how mom writers balance parenthood & writing/book promotion! We are here to learn. [#platformchat](#) -1:04 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[carolinegrant](#) hello! so glad to be here [#platformchat](#) -1:03 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Cindy Hudson ([@momdtrbookclub](#)) wrote Book by Book, The Complete Guide to Creating Mother-Daughter Book Clubs from Seal Press. [#platformchat](#) -1:03 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Caroline is editor of Mama, PhD with Elrena Evans (Shout out to former students have essays in there!) by Rutgers U Press. [#platformchat](#) -1:03 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) I had the joy of meeting Caroline ([@carolinegrant](#)) at the 2009 AWP Conference when I attended the Literary Mama panel. [#platformchat](#) -1:02 PM Sep 11th, 2009



[thewritermama](#) Intros: Our guests are Literary Mama editor-in-chief, Caroline Grant & freelancer/author, Cindy Hudson. [#platformchat](#) -1:02 PM Sep 11th, 2009



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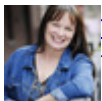
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