

LitCom Copyright Policy

This policy contains the rules for the creation, uploading, use and protection of intellectual property rights on the LitCom network. If you have any questions regarding copyright and other intellectual property rights, this policy will answer them. The rules and recommendations set forth in this Policy are mandatory for users from the point of view of the internal rules and policies of the LitCom community and cannot be perceived and/or interpreted as an official clarification of the provisions of the legislation in the field of intellectual property and copyright.

What is copyright? Copyright is an intellectual property right for the protection of author's works. In particular, books, music, videos, photographs, paintings and other creative results.

If you have an original work, it is protected by law. To be original enough for being copyrightable, a work must be created by the author himself/herself and be different from other works. This rule also applies to Litcasts.

Generally, names, titles, slogans or short phrases are not considered original enough to qualify for copyright protection. Copyright does not generally protect facts, concepts, or ideas, but protects the form of expression of such facts or ideas. This means that you can express the same idea (such as an idea about love) or fact (a specific historical event) as another author, as long as you do not copy the way (style, verbal form) of expression to express that idea or fact. This clarification is of a recommendatory nature and cannot be perceived and/or interpreted as an official clarification of the provisions of the legislation in the field of intellectual property and copyright.

- 1. Download only original works.** Users may upload to LitCom only materials that they have independently created as objects of intellectual property rights that they own, or for which they have received permission from the rights holder. The use of intellectual property objects of other persons in the author's works is allowed under the principles of Fair Use and the terms of public licenses (Creative Commons and similar).

What this means: upload only content you've created. You can use quotations from other people's works in your reviews, Litcasts, original stories, but the size of the quotation should be relatively small and justified by the purpose for which the quotation is given. Be careful when adding other intellectual property rights to your Litcasts or retelling that you did not create yourself: background music, videos, photos and graphics, as using them may infringe the rights of their authors/rightsholders. Always use only intellectual property objects:

- 1) that you have created yourself;
- 2) the use of which was allowed by the author;
- 3) the use of which is permitted by the terms of public licenses.

- 2. Fair use.** In their works, Litcasters may use without the consent of the author of another work, but with the mandatory indication of the name of such author and the source of borrowing:

- 1) Quotations (short excerpts) from published works in the amount justified by the purpose;
- 2) Literary and artistic works in the amount justified by the purpose, in particular in sound recordings or video recordings of an educational nature;
- 3) Literary, artistic, musical and other works for the creation of another work based on them in the genre of literary, musical or other parody, medley or caricature.

What this means: you can use excerpts and quotes from the works of other authors to write reviews, record Litcasts, including retellings, provided that the size of these passages and quotations is reasonable (small) for the intended purpose. You can also use the works of other authors to create educational audio or video materials, as well as parodies, medleys and cartoons.

- 3. Litcaster.** The Litcaster, as the author of the Litcast, is the owner of the copyright for the created Litcast. By publishing a Litcast, the Litcaster allows LitCom and other LitCom users to listen to the Litcast, save it to favorites and other lists within the Platform. Litcaster has the right to file complaints against infringement of his copyright by another Litcaster.

4. **Copyright infringement.** In case of infringement of a Litcaster's copyright as a result of another user uploading certain material to LitCom, such a Litcaster may send a corresponding complaint to the LitCom administration. If the administration considers the complaint to be justified, the relevant material may be removed, which will be informed to the violator and the Litcaster whose rights have been violated.

The platform does not bear property responsibility for copyright infringement and property rights of intellectual property, as the uploading of content is carried out under the responsibility and guarantees of the User/Litcaster.