



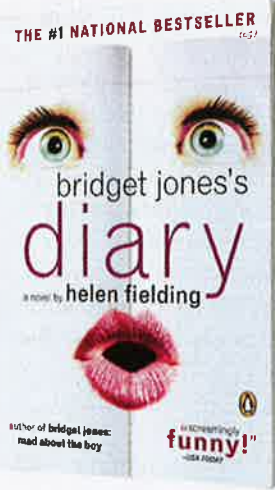
OVERKILL

Will Jane Austen Ever Rest in Peace?

A new novel inspired by her is hitting stores (see review). Here's a look at some of the many books that have celebrated—or exploited—dear Jane. —SHIRLEYLI

PLAYING WITH PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

AUSTEN'S MOST FAMOUS NOVEL HAS BEEN REWORKED OVER 125 TIMES



Austenland

SHANNON HALE
A young New York woman can't find the right man because she's secretly fixated on Colin Firth's Mr. Darcy. (2007)

← **Bridget Jones's Diary**

HELEN FIELDING
A hapless, charming, weight-obsessed Londoner meets a Darcy of her own. (1998)

Darcy's Dreams

REGINA JEFFERS
Darcy loses his memory. (2008)

Darcy's Voyage

KARA LOUISE
What if *P&P* had been set entirely on a ship? (2010)

Death Comes to Pemberley

P.D. JAMES
What if somebody murdered Wickham? (2011)

Deception

OLA WEGNER
Lizzy meets another man. (2010)

First Impressions

DEBRA WHITE SMITH
A lawyer playing Lizzy on stage falls for the wealthy man playing Darcy. (2004)

The Independence of Miss Mary Bennet

COLLEEN McCULLOUGH
Mary becomes a beauty to rival her sisters. (2008)

Loves, Lies and Lizzie

ROSIE RUSHTON
The Bennet sisters are caught up in a glamorous life of partying. (2009)

Me and Mr. Darcy

ALEXANDRA POTTER
A *P&P* addict on a tour of Jane Austen country meets a foul-tempered journalist. (2007)

Mr. Darcy Presents His Bride

HELEN HALSTEAD
Newlyweds Lizzy and Darcy navigate London's high society. (2007)

Mr. Darcy's Bite

MARY LYDON SIMONSEN
What if Mr. Darcy were a werewolf? (2011)

Mr. Darcy's Daughters

ELIZABETH ASTON
About Mr. Darcy's daughters. (2003)

Mr. Darcy Takes a Wife

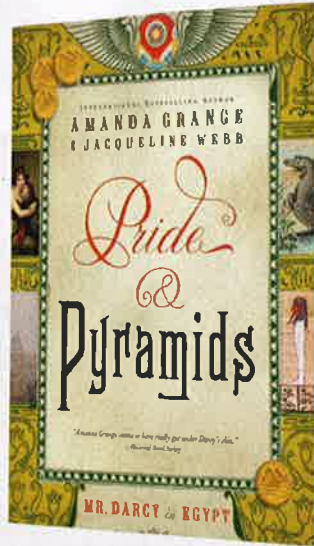
LINDA BERDOLL
A steamy sequel from a romance writer. (2004)

Prada & Prejudice

MANDY HUBBARD
After klutzy Callie trips in Prada heels, she wakes up in 1815. (2009)

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies

SETH GRAHAME-SMITH
Lizzy Bennet dispatches the undead. (2009)



Pride & Pyramids
AMANDA GRANGE & JACQUELINE WEBB
The Darcys visit Egypt. (2012)

The Trials of the Honorable F. Darcy

SARA ANGELINI
More steaminess, this time with legal expert Darcy and attorney Lizzy. (2009)

An Unequal Marriage

EMMA TENNANT
Lizzy and Darcy's son gambles away their fortune. (1994)

Vampire Darcy's Desire

REGINA JEFFERS
What if Mr. Darcy were a vampire haunted by a 200-year-old curse? (2009)

PAYING HOMAGE TO PERSUASION

THERE ARE MORE THAN A DOZEN TRIBUTES



Echoes of Love
ROSIE RUSHTON
Felix Wentworth returns from a tour of duty in Afghanistan to find True Love. (2010)

The Family Fortune

LAURIE HOROWITZ
Bostonian Jane Fortune pines

for True Love while her family's wealth dwindles. (2007)

Jane Austen in Scarsdale

PAULA MARANTZ COHEN
A suburban New York guidance counselor gives up her True Love because he's poor. (2007)

TWISTING EMMA

THOUGHT CLUELESS WAS THE ONLY SPIN ON IT? AS IF!

Emma in Love

EMMA TENNANT
Emma, married four years and bored stiff, starts match-making again. (1997)

Emma, Mr. Knightley, and Chili-Slaw Dogs

MARY JANE HATHAWAY
Emma hits the modern South. (2013)

The Highbury Murders

VICTORIA GROSSACK
A mystery centering on the killing of a matriarch. (2013)

Scones and Sensibility

LINDSAY ELAND
A 12-year-old Austen fan tries to fix up her best friend's mother. (2010)

MESSING WITH SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

CADS—AND MONSTERS



Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters
BEN H. WINTERS
What if the Dashwood sisters were evicted and sent to live on some weird island? (2009)

Willoughby's Return

JANE ODIWE
Marianne has married Colonel Brandon and forgotten all about Willoughby—until he tries to win her back. (2009)

RECYCLING MANSFIELD PARK

NOVELISTS SEEM TO LOVE LIVING THERE

Mansfield Park and Mummies

VERA NAZARIAN
Mummies invade Regency

England in a parody where Edmund attempts exorcisms and Lady Bertram collects Egyptian artifacts. (2009)

Version and Diversion

JUDITH TERRY
The employees of Mansfield Park are the stars of this adaptation. (1987)

REBOOTING NORTHANGER ABBEY

FROM YA...TO MURDER?



Northanger Alibi
JENNI JAMES
A modern YA adaptation featuring a *Twilight*-crazed girl. (2012)

Northpointe Chalet

DEBRA WHITE SMITH
A young woman meets a magnetic stranger who takes refuge in her Colorado bookstore one rainy night. (2005)



There Must Be Murder
MARGARET C. SULLIVAN
The Tilneys are happily married, until Catherine suspects that Henry has had a relationship with a beautiful woman. (2010)

WRITING JANE HERSELF INTO THE STORY

SHE'S BEEN A VAMPIRE, A SLEUTH, A TEENAGER...

Austentatious

ALYSSA GOODNIGHT
A young woman finds a blank vintage journal hidden among Austen's novels. When she writes in it, "Jane" writes back. (2012)

Blood Persuasion

JANET MULLANY
What if Jane Austen were part of a vampire colony? And what if there were a vampire civil war? (2011)

I Was Jane Austen's Best Friend

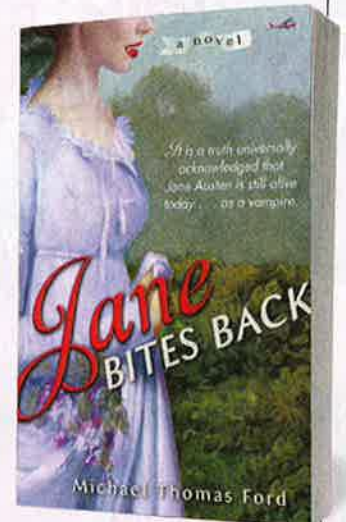
CORA HARRISON
Teenage Jane's cousin Jenny Cooper comes to stay but might bring scandal to the Austen family. (2010)

Jane and His Lordship's Legacy

STEPHANIE BARRON
What if Jane Austen were a detective mourning the love of her life when she discovers a corpse in the cellar of her new home? (2005)

Jane Austen & the Archangel

PAMELA AARES
Jane enlists a mysterious man to help find her friend's fiancé. But he's an angel and Lucifer's up to no good. (2012)



Jane Bites Back

MICHAEL THOMAS FORD
Jane's a vampire once more. She's alive 200 years after her "death," quietly watching her novels fly off the shelves. (2010)

Killer Cruise

LAURA LEVINE
What if a dancer were murdered on a cruise ship and Jane had to solve the mystery? (2010)

THE LATEST

Longbourn

Jo Baker
NOVEL
By Melissa Maerz

Diehards who love Jane Austen and *Downton Abbey* will fan their corseted bosoms while tearing through this novel, which recasts *Pride and Prejudice* from the servants' perspective. As the story of Lizzy and Darcy, Jane and Bingley unfolds in the Longbourn House dining room, 17-year-old housemaid Sarah brings just as much drama to the downstairs quarters, flirting scandalously with Bingley's black footman, Ptolemy; snooping on



Longbourn's hunky manservant, James; and allowing sweet young petticoat-washer Polly to shirk her duties while the head housekeeper, Mrs. Hill, looks on disapprovingly. Each chapter begins with a reference to *P&P* before going behind the scenes. Fans will relish the background on the Napoleonic Wars, which are mentioned only in passing in Austen's classic, and

dishy new gossip about Wickham, who's even more of a cad here. But Sarah's forbidden dalliances with Ptolemy and James, as well as the mystery of James' past, are the wildly thumping lady-heart of this book. The chapter on James' military service is tedious, but there's a finale so back-of-the-hand-to-the-forehead romantic, someone should render it in needlepoint. **B+**