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## Chapter 1 : Jane Austen: Great Britain's Greatest Novelist | Books on the Wall

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The main character in this novel, Catherine Morland, is an avid reader of Gothic tales. This addiction to Gothic fiction leads Morland to interpret the strange occurrences around her as elements of a Gothic plot. Austen is keenly interested in how our interpretation of the world around us can so easily be distorted by the things we read or the people we listen to. Austen also completed first drafts of what would later be called *Sense and Sensibility* and *Pride and Prejudice* between and . Surprisingly, on the very day after proposing to Harris Bigg-Wither, Jane Austen abruptly canceled the wedding. From calm to commotion: Suddenly, Jane Austen was forced to give up the relative quiet of the English countryside and adapt to city life. Indeed, readers can sense how much Austen loathed city life in her fictional depictions of Londoners and residents of Bath. This cottage, which housed Jane, Catherine, and Cassandra, has become a pilgrimage site for Austen fans. This charming novel centers around two sisters, Elinor and Marianne. This first novel received high praise in the London newspapers for its wit, engaging characters, and good sense of morals. First edition of *Sense and Sensibility*, via Wikimedia Commons *Pride and Prejudice* Austen followed up *Sense and Sensibility* with what is perhaps her most famous work: *The main plot of Pride and Prejudice* follows the romance between the feisty country girl Elizabeth Bennet and the seemingly snobbish aristocrat Fitzwilliam Darcy. People admire the levity of this work and the numerous intricate subplots Austen uses to get Bennet and Mr. This incredibly enjoyable novel has been entertaining readers ever since it was released in , and its opening sentence remains one of the most popular in all literature. Also published in , this novel follows the story of the poor Fanny Price who is taken in by wealthy relatives in a grand English mansion. Underneath the glamour of *Mansfield Park* is the unsettling backdrop of both the French Revolution and the English slave trade. The protagonist of this work, Emma Woodhouse, is a wealthy woman who has no intention of getting married. Instead, Emma fancies herself a matchmaker. Unfortunately for everyone in her small town, Emma misreads the affections of those around her and creates a great deal of chaos. Posthumous Jane Austen novels: *The wealthy Anne Elliot, 37*, was persuaded to break off a marriage proposal to naval officer Frederick Wentworth eight years before this novel begins. Wentworth, on the other hand, has become rich. The big question driving this novel is whether or not Elliot will be able to persuade Wentworth to forgive her past rejection and start their romance all over again. In July she passed away at the age of . Her fame has only grown exponentially since that time. Before Austen, most popular novels in England were either sensational or Gothic. Austen was one of the first to take ordinary people living in England as her main focus. Her psychologically rich characters have inspired countless novelists who came after her, especially those in the Realist and Naturalist schools.

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## Chapter 2 : Jane Austen - Wikipedia

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Majors reference books for this article would be: *The World of Jane Austen*. Weidenfeld and Nicolson, *Jane Austen in Context*. Cambridge University Press, Deirdre Le Faye, *Jane Austen: The World of Her Novels*, *Jane Austen and Representations of Regency England*. *English Life in the Eighteenth Century*. Plus a great many others, dealing with more specific aspects: *Jane Austen and Food* Giffin, Michael. *Jane Austen and Religion: Salvation and Society in Georgian England*. *Jane Austen and the English Landscape*. *Jane Austen and Leisure*. *The Politics of Jane Austen*. The emphasis has shifted in this adaptation, and gives a false impression. By the way, what are your intentions as far as sourcing is concerned? *The World of her Novels*, or other sources like that, a lot of them partly available on the Web anyway. But you get used to it after a while. No time now, but noted. Duly noted, and thank you! On to the role of women. A gentleman is distinguished by his personal qualities as much as by his status as a member of the landed gentry. He does not need to be of noble lineage, like his French counterpart the gentilhomme, or to have a noble name. Different rules inheritance meant that there were multiple orders of magnitude more individuals in France who could claim "noble lineage". One of those books I read in the University library explained how few English peers there were. It said that the French rules for nobility entitled every child of a noble to claim to be from the nobility. Consequently, at the time of the French Revolution, one in 25 citizens of France could claim to be from the nobility. Mind you, by the English peerage had been considerably expanded, what with war heroes, like Wellington and Nelson being raised to the peerage, and other peerages being awarded for genuine political accomplishments, or as patronage for partisan political support. It still never came within orders of magnitude of the number of French citizens who could claim to be nobles. Yes, eldest sons of Dukes were addressed with a courtesy title. They were still commoners. The children of some peers were entitled to be called Lord So-and-so, Lady So-and-so. But, like the eldest sons addressed with a courtesy title, they were commoners, and their children did not inherit any special form of privileged address. There are five ranks in the House of Lords. Most common is the lowest rank, Baron, and their children are merely addressed as the Honourable So-and-so. Anyhow, I suggest this makes the passage I quoted so misleading it should be either removed entirely, or completely rewritten. Geo Swan talk However, it is rather satisfactory compared with that of a farm labourer which can be as little as twenty-five pounds a year[N 3] My recollection was that a farm labourer could expect a shilling a day. Harvest, planting, and other periods of the farm year, called for extra labor. During these periods the labourer would be expected to work a very long day, but could expect to be provided with substantial meals. A shilling a day, if you could only count on, say days of work, at harvest, planting, etc, that is an annual income of about 5 pounds, not Near this section there is a picture of a very young Horatio Nelson, who was promoted to the rank of Post Captain, in the RN, when he was about He would have earned pounds a year, when in command of a ship, and half-pay, when ashore. IIRC the half-pay of a naval lieutenant was either 50 or pounds a year. Only commissioned officers earned half-pay, when not employed. Book reviewers praised it for providing the necessary scale for a modern reader to properly understand the value of a shilling. I was very disappointed, by the crude methodology used. It compared the price of a loaf of bread, then, with the cost of a loaf of bread in money, for a variety of items. There was a chapter of a book I read in my University library, written by a genuine scholar, that provided much more satisfactory explanation. How much did an iPad cost in ? Clothing, even for the poor, handmade, and probably a hand-me-down.

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Her Life and Letters, published in 1849. She was born a month later than her parents expected; her father wrote of her arrival in a letter that her mother "certainly expected to have been brought to bed a month ago". He added that her arrival was particularly welcome as "a future companion to her sister". He and his two sisters were orphaned as children and had to be taken in by relatives. Her eldest brother James inherited a fortune and large estate from his great-aunt Perrot, with the only condition that he change his name to Leigh-Perrot. They left for Hampshire the same day. Cassandra gave birth to three children while living at Deane: James in 1780, George in 1781, and Edward in 1782. Henry was the first child to be born there, in 1783. He was subject to seizures, may have been deaf and dumb, and she chose to send him out to be fostered. Never were sisters more to each other than Cassandra and Jane; while in a particularly affectionate family, there seems to have been a special link between Cassandra and Edward on the one hand, and between Henry and Jane on the other. In the autumn of 1789 both girls were sent home when they caught typhus and Austen nearly died. The sisters returned home before December because the school fees for the two girls were too high for the Austen family. Together these collections amounted to a large and varied library. She titled the three notebooks "Volume the First, Volume the Second and Volume the Third" which preserve 90,000 words she wrote during those years. Among these works are a satirical novel in letters titled *Love and Freindship* [ sic ], written at age fourteen in 1796, [52] in which she mocked popular novels of sensibility. When she was around eighteen years old Austen began to write longer, more sophisticated works. Told in letters, it is as neatly plotted as a play, and as cynical in tone as any of the most outrageous of the Restoration dramatists who may have provided some of her inspiration. He had just finished a university degree and was moving to London for training as a barrister. Imagine to yourself everything most profligate and shocking in the way of dancing and sitting down together. Mote ; in old age, Lefroy admitted that he had been in love with Austen: "My tears flow as I write at this melancholy idea". However, it is clear that Austen was genuinely attracted to Lefroy and subsequently none of her other suitors ever quite measured up to him. Marriage was impractical as both Lefroy and Austen must have known. Neither had any money, and he was dependent on a great-uncle in Ireland to finance his education and establish his legal career. If Tom Lefroy later visited Hampshire, he was carefully kept away from the Austens, and Jane Austen never saw him again. Her sister remembered that it was read to the family "before" and was told through a series of letters. Without surviving original manuscripts, there is no way to know how much of the original draft survived in the novel published anonymously in 1794 as *Sense and Sensibility*. She completed the initial draft in August 1794, aged 21; as with all of her novels, Austen read the work aloud to her family as she was working on it and it became an "established favourite". Crosby promised early publication and went so far as to advertise the book publicly as being "in the press", but did nothing more. She was able to make some revisions to *Susan*, and she began and then abandoned a new novel, *The Watsons*, but there was nothing like the productivity of the years 1794-1796. She and her sister visited Alethea and Catherine Bigg, old friends who lived near Basingstoke. Their younger brother, Harris Bigg-Wither, had recently finished his education at Oxford and was also at home. Bigg-Wither proposed and Austen accepted. However, Austen had known him since both were young and the marriage offered many practical advantages to Austen and her family. He was the heir to extensive family estates located in the area where the sisters had grown up. With these resources, Austen could provide her parents a comfortable old age, give Cassandra a permanent home and, perhaps, assist her brothers in their careers. By the next morning, Austen realised she had made a mistake and withdrew her acceptance. "Anything is to be preferred or endured rather than marrying without Affection". All of her heroines The story centres on an invalid and impoverished clergyman and his four unmarried daughters. Edward, James, Henry, and Francis Austen pledged to make annual contributions to support their mother and sisters. They spent part of the time in rented quarters in Bath before leaving the city in June for a

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family visit to Steventon and Godmersham. They moved for the autumn months to the newly fashionable seaside resort of Worthing, on the Sussex coast, where they resided at Stanford Cottage. In the family moved to Southampton, where they shared a house with Frank Austen and his new wife. A large part of this time they spent visiting various branches of the family. She did not have the resources to buy the copyright back at that time, [92] but was able to purchase it in Jane, Cassandra and their mother moved into Chawton cottage on 7 July. The Austens did not socialise with gentry and entertained only when family visited. Styles and themes of Jane Austen At the time, married British women did not have the legal power to sign contracts, and it was common for a woman wishing to publish to have a male relative represent her to sign the contract. If a novel did not recover its costs through sales, the author was responsible for them. The small size of the novel-reading public and the large costs associated with hand production particularly the cost of handmade paper meant that most novels were published in editions of copies or less to reduce the risks to the publisher and the novelist. Even some of the most successful titles during this period were issued in editions of not more than or copies and later reprinted if demand continued. Editions of popular works of non-fiction were often much larger. While Mansfield Park was ignored by reviewers, it was very popular with readers. Though Austen disliked the Prince Regent, she could scarcely refuse the request. Emma sold well but the new edition of Mansfield Park did poorly, and this failure offset most of the income from Emma. She completed her first draft in July. In addition, shortly after the publication of Emma, Henry Austen repurchased the copyright for Susan from Crosby. Austen was forced to postpone publishing either of these completed novels by family financial troubles. Henry and Frank could no longer afford the contributions they had made to support their mother and sisters. By the middle of that year, her decline was unmistakable, and she began a slow, irregular deterioration. Dissatisfied with the ending of *The Elliots*, she rewrote the final two chapters, which she finished on 6 August. In the novel, Austen mocked hypochondriacs and though she describes the heroine as "bilious", five days after abandoning the novel she wrote of herself that she was turning "every wrong colour" and living "chiefly on the sofa". As her illness progressed, she experienced difficulty walking and lacked energy; by mid-April she was confined to bed. In May Cassandra and Henry brought her to Winchester for treatment, by which time she suffered agonising pain and welcomed death. Henry, through his clerical connections, arranged for his sister to be buried in the north aisle of the nave of Winchester Cathedral. Tomalin describes it as "a loving and polished eulogy". In October, Bentley released the first collected edition of her works. Leavis and Ian Watt placed her in the tradition of Richardson and Fielding; both believe that she used their tradition of "irony, realism and satire to form an author superior to both". Yet in *Northanger Abbey* she alludes to the trope, with the heroine, Catherine, anticipating a move to a remote locale. It was a wretched business, indeed! Such an overthrow of everything she had been wishing for! Such a development of every thing most unwelcome! When Elizabeth Bennett rejects Darcy, her stilted speech and the convoluted sentence structure reveals that he has wounded her: And I had not known you a month before I felt that you were the last man in the world whom I could ever be prevailed on to marry. He believes that the well-spring of her wit and irony is her own attitude that comedy "is the saving grace of life". Critic Robert Polhemus writes, "To appreciate the drama and achievement of Austen, we need to realize how deep was her passion for both reverence and ridicule. They were fashionable among opinion-makers, but were rarely reviewed. However, Whately denied having authored the review, which drew favourable comparisons between Austen and such acknowledged greats as Homer and Shakespeare, and praised the dramatic qualities of her narrative. Scott and Whately set the tone for almost all subsequent 19th-century Austen criticism. He heard her with astonishment.

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