Jane Austen (1775 -1817)



Jane Austen is one of the most famous writers in English literature. Her books are read by people all over the world and have been made into countless TV, film, theatre and radio adaptations.

This is all the more impressive because she only wrote six full-length novels. In order of publication, these were: ***Sense & Sensibility, Pride &******Prejudice, Mansfield Park, Emma, Northanger Abbey*and*Persuasion*.**

But Jane Austen was writing 200 years ago. Why are her books still relevant, and why should you read her today?

### SO, WHY IS JANE AUSTEN IMPORTANT?

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* [**She created great characters**](https://janeaustens.house/?page_id=7270&preview=true)
* [**She’s very funny**](https://janeaustens.house/?page_id=7272&preview=true)
* [**She was an important social commentator…**](https://janeaustens.house/?page_id=7275&preview=true)
* [**…and an early feminist**](https://janeaustens.house/?page_id=7279&preview=true)
* [**She was a literary genius, and pioneered new writing techniques**](https://janeaustens.house/?page_id=7281&preview=true)
* [**She was ambitious, determined and inspirational**](https://janeaustens.house/?page_id=7287&preview=true)
* [**Her works have stood the test of time**](https://janeaustens.house/?page_id=7289&preview=true)

Why is Jane Austen so inspirational?

Jane Austen's literary works and her actions display her strength, courage, and passion. **Jane Austen's passion for what she did drove her life and changed the perspectives in the English literature and inspired other women to do what they love**.

While Austen received some accolades for her works while still alive, with her first three novels garnering critical attention and increasing financial reward, it was not until after her death that her brother Henry revealed to the public that she was an author.

Today, Austen is considered one of the greatest writers in English history, both by academics and the general public. In 2002, as part of a BBC poll, the British public voted her No. 70 on a list of "100 Most Famous Britons of All Time." Austen's transformation from little-known to internationally renowned author began in the 1920s, when scholars began to recognize her works as masterpieces, thus increasing her general popularity.

 The popularity of her work is also evident in the many film and TV adaptations of Emma, Mansfield Park, Pride and Prejudice, and Sense and Sensibility, as well as the TV series and film Clueless, which was based on Emma.

Austen was in the worldwide news in 2007, when author David Lassman submitted to several publishing houses a few of her manuscripts with slight revisions under a different name, and they were routinely rejected. He chronicled the experience in an article titled "Rejecting Jane," a fitting tribute to an author who could appreciate humor and wit.

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