



Kentlands Jane Austen Book Group ~ Book Highlights

Books	First Lines	Main Character(s)	Austen Men	Setting(s)	Other Characters	Best Event(s)	Best Lesson Learned	Best Quote	Best Irony
Northanger Abbey	No one who had ever seen Catherine Morland in her infancy would have supposed her born to be an heroine.	Catherine Morland - 17	Henry Tilney - age 26 John Thorpe - age 22	Fullerton Northanger Abbey Bath	Mrs. Thorpe Isabella Eleanor Captain Tilney General Tilney Mr. and Mrs. Allen James Morland	Catherine's homecoming ~ Henry, knight in shining armor, arrives in Fullerton ~ Catherine stands up to John Thorpe	Life is best lived firsthand, rather than vicariously through books.	"The worst crimes are the crimes of the heart." ~ "The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel, must be intolerably stupid."	To come with a well-informed mind is to come with an inability of administering to the vanity of others, which a sensible person would always wish to avoid. A woman especially, if she have the misfortune of knowing anything, should conceal it as well as she can.
Sense and Sensibility	The family of Dashwood had long been settled in Sussex.	Elinor Dashwood - 19 Marianne - 17	Edward Ferrars - age 24 Colonel Brandon - age 36 John Willoughby - age 24	Norland Park - Sussex Barton Cottage London Palmer's house Delaford	Mrs. Dashwood John & Fanny Dashwood Sir John Middleton Mrs. Jennings Lucy Steele	Elinor could sit it no longer. She almost ran out of the room, and as soon as the door was closed, burst into tears of joy, which at first she thought would never cease.	True happiness comes from a balance of sense and sensibility.	"Do you compare your conduct with his?" ~ "No. I compare it with what it ought to have been; I compare it with yours."	<i>Despite Elinor's sense, her heart was just as broken as Marianne's:</i> "She feared that under this persuasion she had been unjust, inattentive - nay, almost unkind to her Elinor: that Marianne's affliction, because more acknowledged, more immediately before her, had too much engrossed her tenderness, and led her away to forget that in Elinor she might have a daughter suffering almost as much, certainly with less self-provocation and greater fortitude." - Mrs. Dashwood
Pride and Prejudice	It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.	Elizabeth Bennet - 20	Fitzwilliam Darcy - 28 Mr. Bingley - 22 George Wickham - 28 Mr. Collins - 25	Netherfield Longbourne Rosings & Huntsford London <i>Pemberley</i>	Jane Bennet Lydia, Kitty & Mary <i>Mr. & Mrs. Bennet</i> Charlotte Lucas Catherine DeBourgh Mr. Lucas Caroline Bingley Phillipses & Gardiners	THE visit to Pemberley ~ Darcy's proposals to Elizabeth	Both pride and prejudice can lead to wrong conclusions.	"An unhappy alternative is before you, Elizabeth. From this day you must be a stranger to one of your parents. - Your mother will never see you again if you do not marry Mr. Collins, and I will never see you again if you do." ~ "Stupid men are the only ones worth knowing, after all."	It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.
Mansfield Park	About thirty years ago Miss Maria Ward, of Huntingdon, with only seven thousand pounds, had the good luck to captivate Sir Thomas Bertram, of Mansfield Park, in the county of Northampton, and to be thereby raised to the rank of a baronet's lady, with all the comforts and consequences of an handsome house and large income.	Fanny Price - 18	Edmund Bertram - 25 Henry Crawford - 24	Mansfield Park Portsmouth London	the Bertram family Mary Crawford William Aunt Norris the Grants the Price family	After Antigua, Sir Thomas comes to appreciate Fanny ~ Fanny refuses to marry Henry Crawford ~ Henry & Maria run off together	To thine own self be true.	"We have all a better guide in ourselves, if we would attend to it, than any other person can be."	Maria and Julia Bertram were given social status and the best education available, yet Fanny Price is the one who finds love, happiness, and the full support of the Bertram family.
Emma	Emma Woodhouse, handsome, clever, and rich, with a comfortable home and happy disposition, seemed to unite some of the best blessings of existence; and had lived nearly twenty-one years in the world with very little to distress or vex her.	Emma Woodhouse - 21	Frank Churchill - 23 Mr. Knightley - 35	Highbury Donwell Abbey	Jane Fairfax Mrs. & Miss Bates Woodhouse Family Harriet Smith Robert Martin Mr. & Mrs. Elton Mr & Mrs. Weston	Mr. Knightley professes his love for Emma in the garden ~ Boxhill outing ~ "Whom are you going to dance with?" asked Mr. Knightley. She hesitated a moment, and then replied, "With you, if you will ask me."	Don't meddle. ~ Indulging little children is "nothing very bad" as long as they are corrected as they grow older.	"Vanity working on a weak head produces every sort of mischief."	Even though she is terrible at it, Emma loves matchmaking, but does not even consider the idea of making a match for herself. She is clueless.
Persuasion	Sir Walter Elliot, of Kellynch Hall, in Somersetshire, was a man who, for his own amusement, never took up any book but the Baronetage: there he found occupation for an idle hour, and consolation in a distressed one; there his faculties were roused into admiration and respect, by contemplating the limited remnant of the earliest parents; . . .	Anne Elliot - 27	<i>Captain Wentworth - 31</i> Mr. William Elliot - 34	Lyme Bath	Sir Walter Elliot Mrs. Clay Mrs. Smith The Musgroves Admiral & Mrs. Croft The Navy Lady Russell	Captain Wentworth writes a letter to Anne while overhearing a conversation between her & Capt. Harville.	Sometimes a persuadable temper/character might be as much in favor of happiness as a resolute character.	"The one claim I shall make for my own sex is that we love longest, when all hope is gone."	" <i>Only Anne</i> ," a woman of no importance, becomes " <i>Only Anne</i> ," a woman who is unique, steady, admired & loved.
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