



Jane Austen 1775-1817...

... wrote her novels during the Romantic period but her novels are sarcastic and realistic

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Jane Austen; by far the best known English novelist

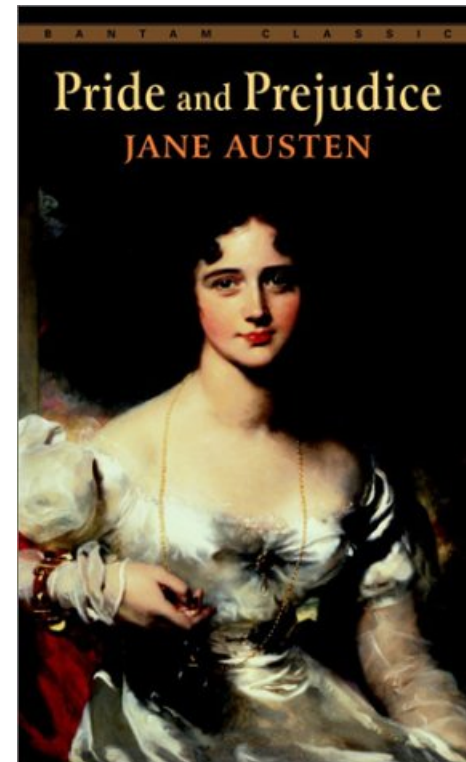
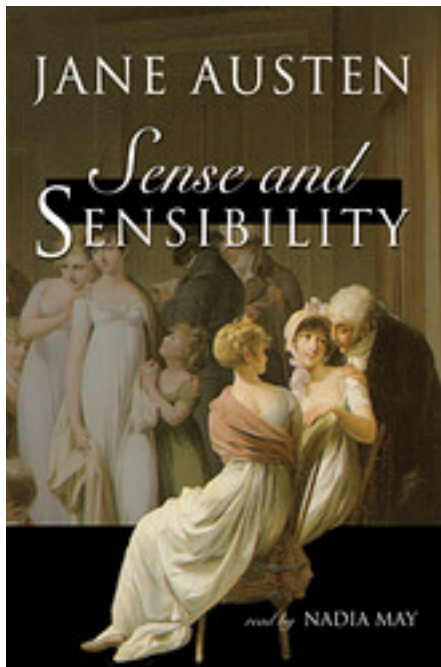
- Jane Austen's best known novels were published at the beginning of the 19th century and these novels are loved for their witty sense of humour and irony. **Austen's novels differ completely from most other works of fiction and poetry published during the Romantic period.**





- Many of Jane Austen's novels have been made into films or TV series.
- The plots are mostly about young women desperately trying to find husbands for themselves or others. Finding a husband was the most important thing in a young woman's life in those days since women did not earn any money. A woman's 'career' was to get married and have children.

- Sense and Sensibility 1811 and Pride and Prejudice 1813 are perhaps the best known novels by Jane Austen.



Sense and Sensibility

- A novel about two sisters who are each other's opposites; Elinor Dashwood is logical and thoughtful (realism) whereas her younger sister Marianne is passionate and emotional. Naturally Marianne is forced to learn her lesson and reason wins over excessive emotion which was typical of the Romantic period.



Pride and Prejudice

- A novel about Mr and Mrs Bennet's five daughters and their attempts to find husbands. Mrs Bennet is humorously and ironically described and the novel is one of the greatest masterpieces in the English language.

