



Jane Austen Society of North America Southwest April 2015 Newsletter



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JASNA-SW Spring Meeting

Adaptation: Bringing Jane Austen's Novels to the Screen and Stage.

The meeting will start out with a performance by the cast of the new musical, Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, A Musical, being performed at the La Mirada Theater for the

Coming this summer - a new look to the JASNA-SW newsletter! More in depth features and guest contributors. More information in May!

Jane Austen in the News!



What is the Jane Austen industry and what why is it so popular? [Click here](#) to find out.



Regency dancing has become trendy! Read more about it

Performing Arts April 17 - May 10. The next act will look at how Jane Austen has been a fruitful source of adaptations over the years. The final act will feature the author of *The Elliots*, A Play Based on Jane Austen's *Persuasion*, being performed at the Fremont Centre Theatre May 9 - June 7.

The spring meeting will be held on April 11, 2015 at the Los Angeles Athletic Club. Registration is open until April 8, 2015. [Click here](#) to register.

April Calendar

Sunday, April 19 at 1:30pm- THE EXPEDITION OF HUMPHRY CLINKER by Tobias Smollett with the Long Beach Reading Group. Please join the Long Beach Reading Group as they discuss the picaresque *The Expedition of Humphrey Clinker*, one of Smollett's funniest novels. For more information, please [email coordinator Gerda Kilgore](#), or call her at (562) 496-4452.

Date TBD - PRIDE AND PREJUDICE, the musical at La Mirada Performing Arts Center with the Orange County Reading Group. Please join the Orange County Reading Group as they enjoy the musical stage adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice*. For information about the Orange County Reading Group, please [email Annmarie Thomas](#) or call her at 949-487-7028.

Saturday, April 18 at 11:30am - THE GRAND SOHPY by Georgette Heyer. Please join the Ventura Reading group as they discuss Heter's Regency romance novel, *The Grand Sophy*. For information about the Ventura Reading Group, [please click here for their blog](#).

Festival of Books 2015

April 18th and 19th

by [clicking here.](#)

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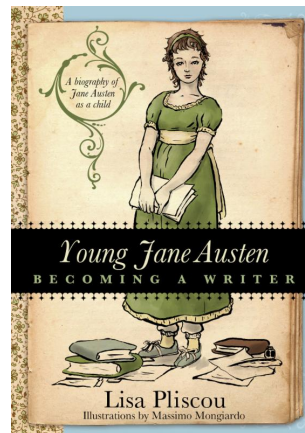
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Los Angeles Times FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

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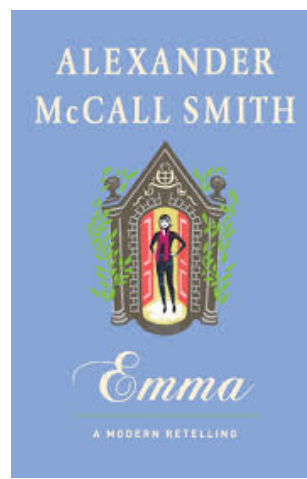
JASNA Southwest will again have a booth at the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books to be held April 18-19, 2015 at USC. If you're planning on going to the festival to see some of the latest books, meet and greet with authors, and get your books signed - be sure to make a stop at the JASNA-SW book table. We will be having Jane-themed books and merchandise for sale! **To volunteer, email [Emily Bergman](#) Indicate times you are available: Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon.**

New Austen Inspired Titles



Young Jane Austen: Becoming a Writer by Lisa Pliscou
Publication Date: April 20

This is a delightfully illustrated book that provides a speculative narrative about Jane Austen's formative years. It is wonderfully annotated and is a tribute to Jane's artistic spirit.



Emma: A Modern Retelling by Alexander McCall Smith

Publication Date: April 7

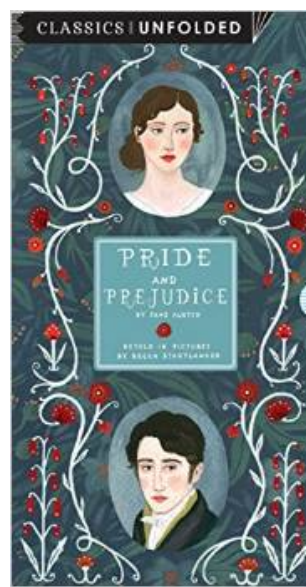
The author of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency presents the sixth in the modern retelling of Jane Austen's beloved classics. Smith updates Emma by putting her into blue jeans and having her in college but her good-intending meddlesome spirit is still present.



Fan Phenomena: Jane Austen

by Gabrielle Malcolm (ed.)

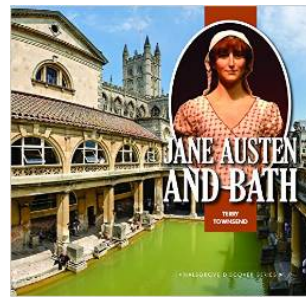
In a wonderful collection of essays from writers and critics, Fan Phenomena looks at the popularity of Jane Austen since her death, particularly since her nephew published her memoirs.



Pride and Prejudice Unfolded: Retold in pictures by Becca Stadlander - See the world's greatest stories unfold in 14 scenes by Becca Stadlander

Publication date: May 5

A great addition to any Janeite's library, this illustrated book comes in a beautifully illustrated slipcase. The book depicts the novel in 14 illustrated scenes.



Jane Austen and Bath by Terry Townsend

Publication Date: April 21

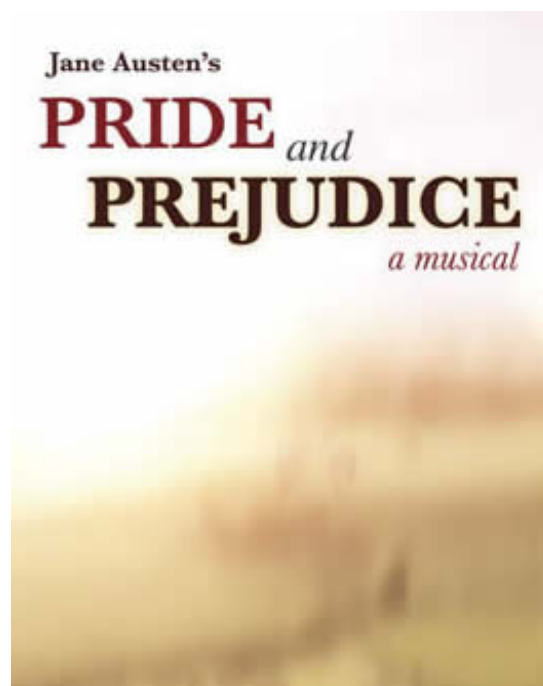
In his second Jane Austen travel guide, Townsend examines the Bath that Jane Austen knew and takes us on a journey of discovery to the houses, public buildings, parks and walks that were significant in the life and work of one of English literature's most beloved figures.

**Upcoming Jane Austen
Related Events**



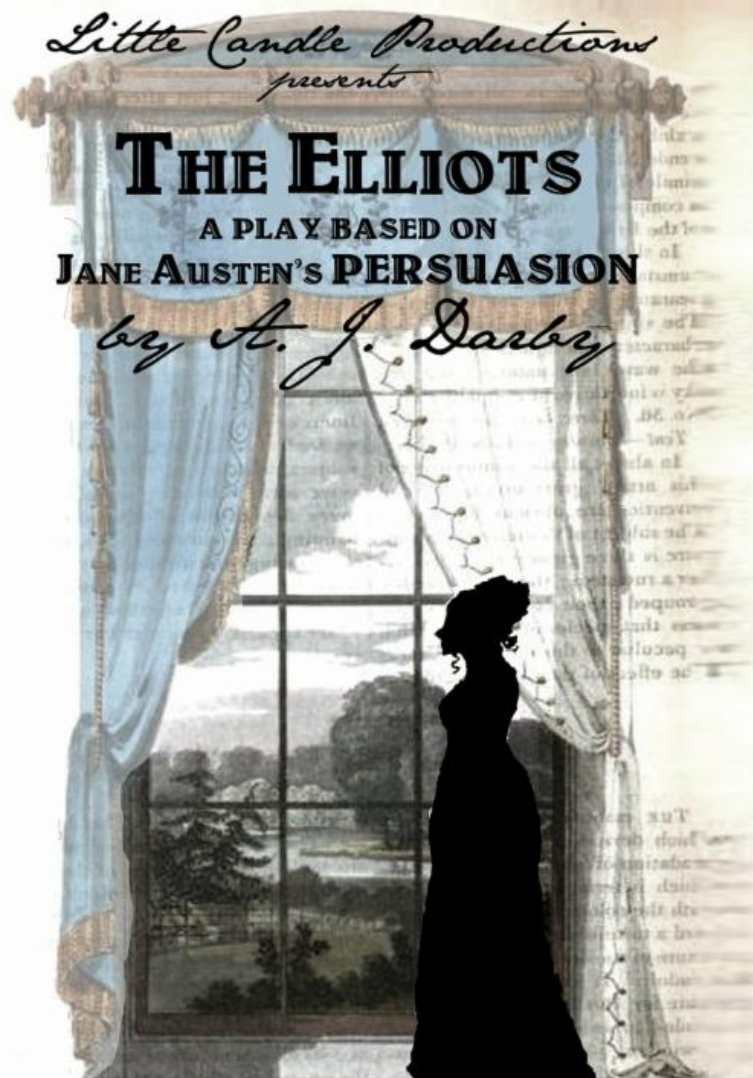
April 12 - May 3

Impro Theater Lab presents Jane Austen Improvised. Join the players of Impro Theater Lab as they create an original Jane Austen inspired show for every performance. Information and tickets available on their [website](#).



April 17-May 10

La Mirada Playhouse is producing a musical version of Pride and Prejudice. Book, Music and Lyrics by Lindsay Warren Baker and Amanda Jacobs. Tickets range from \$20-\$70 . [Click here](#) for information.



MAY 9-JUNE 7, FREMONT CENTRE THEATRE

May 9 - June 7

Little Candle Productions is producing *The Elliots: a Play Based on Jane Austen's Persuasion* by A.J. Darby at the Fremont Centre Theatre. Tickets from \$20-25. Special event tickets \$34. Group rate (for groups of 10 or more) at \$15 per ticket (contact Karissa to reserve group rate seats.) [Click here](#) for information.

AGM 2015 in Louisville, KY



Registration should open next month, do you have your room reservations yet? You can find out more information and links to hotel reservations at the [2015 AGM webpage](#).

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