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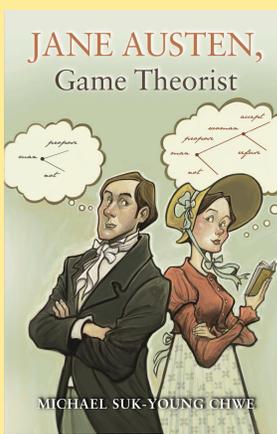
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September Calendar

Sunday, September 1, 1:30pm - THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL by Richard Brinsley Sheridan with the Long Beach Reading Group

Please join the Long Beach Reading Group as they participate in a readers theater of *The School for Scandal*, a 1777 comic treatment on manners. Theatrical participation is voluntary. For more information, [please click here to email](#) Gerda Kilgore or call her at (562) 496-4452.

Sunday, September 1, 6:00pm - A CIRCLE OF



There are still a few days to sign up for the Fall Meeting!

[Registration open until Thursday September 5th!](#)

Please join JASNA-SW for a lecture on the strategic-thinking people use in Jane Austen's novels. UCLA Professor Michael Chwe will be discussing game-theory

SISTERS by Judith Flanders with the Santa Monica Reading Group.

Please join the Santa Monica Reading Group to discuss a Circle of Sisters, a novel about four sisters who come from a lower-middle class background and how they fare in Victorian society. For more information, please call Diana Birchall at (310)394-2196, or [please click here to email her.](#)

Sunday, September 8 - The next meeting will be devoted to socializing and talking about Jane and playing games inspired by Pride and Prejudice with the Pasadena Reading Group.

Please join the Pasadena Reading Group for a fun social event. For more information, please [email Susan Ridgeway](#), or you may call her at 626-357-1397. NOTE: This group is at capacity and can't accept new members, please see the information on the San Gabriel Valley Reading Group below.

Sunday, September 15 from 2-4pm - WHAT MATTERS IN JANE AUSTEN: TWENTY CRUCIAL PROBLEMS SOLVED by John Mullan with the San Fernando Valley Reading Group.

Please join the San Fernando Valley Reading Group as Paula Kayton leads the discussion on What Matters in Jane Austen. For more information on the Valley Reading Group and upcoming meetings, you may call Gina Gualtieri at (818)788-4383 or [please click here to email her.](#)

Sunday, September 15 at 12:30pm - WHAT MATTERS IN JANE AUSTEN: TWENTY CRUCIAL PROBLEMS SOLVED by John Mullan with the Orange County Reading Group.

Please join the Orange County Reading Group as they discuss What Matters in Jane Austen. Explore the quirks and intricacies in Jane Austen's fiction with this discussion. For information, please contact Maryann Pelensky at 949-363-1165 or [click here to email her.](#)

and how it can be applied to the romances, relationships, and social advancement written about in Jane Austen's novels.

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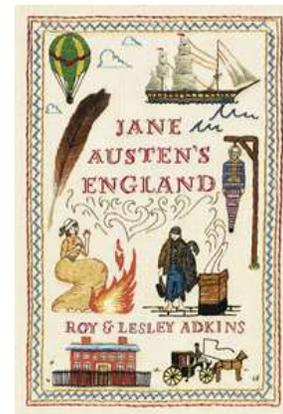
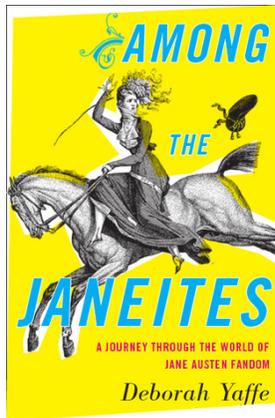


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Saturday, September 21 at 11:00 am - PERSUASION by Jane Austen with the San Gabriel Valley Reading Group.

The San Gabriel Valley Reading Group will be discussing Austen's last complete novel at the Hasting's Branch Library in Pasadena. Join in for new insight and wonderful conversation about this wonderful book. For more information on the meeting or the San Gabriel Valley Reading Group, [click here to email Kelly Duir](#) or call her at (909) 967-6630.

New Jane Austen Related Books



There are two new books for Jane Austen fans that were released last month.

AMONG THE JANEITES by Deborah Jaffe.

This is a book about the fans of Jane Austen. Written by a self-proclaimed Janeite and journalist, Jaffe explores the world of the Janeites and writes about the bonnets, balls, and how beloved Jane has become in the modern world.

JANE AUSTEN'S ENGLAND by Roy and Lesley Adkins

This book explores the cultural context in which Jane written by a historian and archaeologist husband and wife team. Through discussing the everyday lives of the people in Regency England, the authors provide a richer context in which to appreciate Jane Austen's novels.

Two Royal Oak Events this Fall

The Royal Oak Foundation has two events coming up this fall that may be of interest to Austen fans and anglophiles.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY - FOR EVER NEW

John Hall, Dean of Westminster Abbey, will be presenting a free talk at the Getty Center on September 23. His presentation will explore this fascinating history, focusing on of the Abbey's architecture, events and people. Reverend Hall will explain how Westminster Abbey has been the setting for every coronation since 1066 and the site of sixteen royal weddings, including the most recent wedding of William and Kate in April 2011. The new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge were said to have chosen to marry at Westminster Abbey because it is "stunningly beautiful and strangely intimate." To register, [click here](#).

ENGLISH WRITERS AND THEIR HOUSES: DICKENS, CHRISTIE, AND DU MAURIER

Hilary Macaskill, writer and publisher will be giving a presentation on Monday, November 4 at UCLA Faculty Center. Cost is \$40 for general public. The lecturer will focus on the homes and landscapes that surrounded Dickens, du Maurier and Christie and how each writer drew inspiration from them. She will also explain how their houses related to their literary work, sometimes in unexpected ways. To register, [click here](#).

Pride and Prejudice: Characters We Love to Hate

To wrap up a glorious year of celebrations for Pride and Prejudice's 200th Anniversary, JASNA -SW will be focusing on the characters we love to hate from the novel. Be dazzled with accounts of Mr. Colilns, Charlotte Lucas, the Bingley Sisters, Wickham, and all those other characters that make us love Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth all the more. Join us on December 7, 2013 at USC for the Winter meeting. More details to be announced next month.

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