

Dear Jane Austen,

It is a truth universally acknowledged that a teen girl in possession of good fortune must be in want of a book. I read *Pride and Prejudice*, and I thoroughly it.

I loved the characters and character progression. Elizabeth is my favorite character because she is witty, sarcastic, loves the outdoors, and is down to earth. Driving everybody crazy, is Mr. Collins. He is so dull-witted and stupid. Our whole class thought he was hilarious. Jane, who was always kind, sweet and thoughtful proved to be a compelling character. I wish I was more like her and could always think the best of people. Sweet Jane was always so kind, always thought the best of people, was forgiving and loving. In the story Mrs. Bennet often added comic relief with her self-centeredness and drama. I also have four sisters so I can easily identify with Elizabeth. Each of my sisters bears a resemblance to one of the sisters in more than one way. I noticed, Jane, that Jane Bennet shared your name. Was that because she reminded you of yourself or because you wished you were like her?

I also really enjoyed how you wrote the book. You did not use extremely long words or sentences. Mary Shelley, another writer wrote impossibly long sentences. She needed a few lessons from you. You made *Pride and Prejudice* easy to read and easy to love. By making the characters act, talk, and think in unique identifiable ways you made the story very engaging. You always know who is talking by the different ways of speech. I think that is very applicable to life because everyone talks so differently.

The situations your characters experience is very similar to today. We all go through the same struggles and triumphs even if the details are different. I still have sisters who embarrass me in front of friends. Mothers still drive daughters crazy. Couples still have issues. I love how your book let me escape from the real world and forget about all of the trials in life.

One of my greatest struggles this year is trying to make friends. I just moved in the spring and I often worry about what they think or if they accept me. Elizabeth meets many new people in the book but she never worries about what they think of her. She is a good example for me.

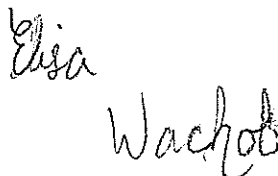
The way your characters respond to difficult situations shows the strength or weakness of the different characters. Some of my sisters are drama-queens, like Mrs. Bennet when she is worried that Mr. Bennet is going to be shot by Whickham. My mom is like Jane is in any difficult situation, very calm and cool and collected.

When I found out that your book was brought to the King of England and he enjoyed your book, it made me smile. What an honor! I know that at the time your book was written there was not very many female authors. Your courage is an inspiration. We should face our fears and not worry about the "what ifs." Often things go much better than we think.

You are a great inspiration for many things. I really appreciate your amazing examples. Thank you for writing!

Sincerely,

Elisa Wachob

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elisa Wachob". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.