AUTHOR BACKSTORIES

Jane Austen

Reading list

Every book in order of first publication. Each series is kept together, in reading order, starting where its first book appeared. Tick the box as you finish each one.

9 books · List updated November 14, 2026

- ☐ 1811 *Sense and Sensibility*
  Novel
  Her first published novel, begun in the 1790s as "Elinor and Marianne."
- ☐ 1813 *Pride and Prejudice*
  Novel
  Begun in her early twenties as "First Impressions."
- ☐ 1814 *Mansfield Park*
  Novel
- ☐ 1815 *Emma*
  Novel
  On sale December 23, 1815; the title page is dated 1816.
- ☐ 1817 *Northanger Abbey*
  Novel
  Published after her death with Persuasion on December 20, 1817; the title page is dated 1818.
- ☐ 1817 *Persuasion*
  Novel
  Her last completed novel, finished in August 1816.
- ☐ 1871 *Lady Susan*
  Novella
  A novella in letters, first printed in the second edition of her nephew's memoir. The Penguin Classics edition also contains The Watsons and Sanditon.
- ☐ 1871 *The Watsons*
  Novel
  An unfinished novel begun in Bath, first printed in the same 1871 memoir.
- ☐ 1925 *Sanditon*
  Novel
  Unfinished at her death; first issued by R. W. Chapman for the Clarendon Press in 1925.