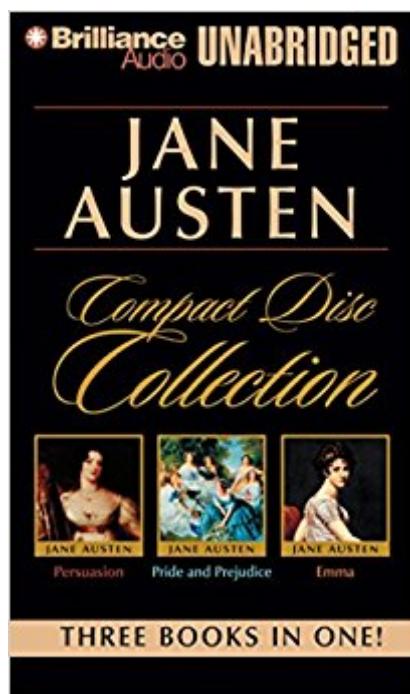


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# Jane Austen Unabridged CD Collection: Pride And Prejudice, Persuasion, Emma



## Synopsis

Pride and Prejudice: A delightful novel about "how girls catch husbands." Listen in to find out: What will happen to sister Lydia? Will the arrogant Lady Catherine de Burgh's intrigues be foiled? Will sister Jane marry Mr. Bingley? And especially, will Elizabeth, cured of her prejudice, and Mr. Darcy, cured of his pride, fall into each other's arms? Listeners will also savor the wit, the sly irony and satire and comedy that Miss Austen crowds into almost every quiet, well-bred line of this novel. There is great sanity, common sense and worldly wisdom to be found in her exploration of human nature. Sir Walter Scott said, Jane Austen had "that exquisite touch which renders ordinary commonplace things and characters interesting." This quality provides today's listeners of Pride and Prejudice with a fascinating trip into the lives of the privileged in England during the eighteenth century. Persuasion: Anne Elliot is a young woman of perfect breeding and unwavering integrity. Austen wrote of her, "She is almost too good for me." Persuasion is the story of Anne and Captain Wentworth and their long awaited union. The world of country gentry in Regency England serves as a setting while portraying the many aspects of proper society - its failings and humor. Jane Austen's works have enjoyed a resurgence in popularity since the success of several motion picture adaptations of her novels. She wrote the novels Pride and Prejudice, Mansfield Park, Northanger Abbey, Sense and Sensibility, and Emma. Emma: The funny and heartwarming story of a young lady whose zeal, snobbishness and self-satisfaction lead to several errors in judgment. Emma takes Harriet Smith, a parlour boarder and unknown, under her wing and schemes for advancement through a good marriage. The attempts at finding Harriet a suitor occupy all of Emma's time. However, in the midst of the search she settles on a most unlikely union with her own constant critic: Mr. Knightly. Jane Austen's works have claimed a renewed popularity and audience with the release of motion pictures Sense and Sensibility, Emma, and Clueless based upon Austen's classic novels. Emma was originally published in 1816.

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## Customer Reviews

Jane Austen™s (1775-1817) works have enjoyed a renewed popularity in the last year with the film release of Pride and Prejudice and Sense and Sensibility - both critically acclaimed. Sir Walter Scott said, Jane Austen had a touch that exquisite touch which renders ordinary commonplace things and characters interesting. •

I've only listened to Persuasion and Emma so far, but I find the stories captivating, and perfect when I need to be in the car for long periods of time. When the stories end, I wish they continued! There was one CD that didn't play properly off and on which should not have been a problem with a brand new set of CD's. For that reason, I reduced my rating to a 4

This is a great reading--very enjoyable! But at least three of the discs had flaws--they skipped and made whole sentences unintelligible. I haven't asked for a return because I'm hoping that a good polishing will eliminate the problem. In general, however, this is amazingly well done--the reader in each case has an excellent vocal range and is able to make most characters recognizable by voice, accent, or inflection. I'm looking forward to finding "Northanger Abbey", "Sense and Sensibility" and "Mansfield Park" in a similar format and quality.

This is Jane Austen after all - so of course, it's great - i love the narration and i have listened to all three novels twice now. It's very well done and the price is right.

I LOVE this set. I am so delighted with each novel and each narrator. I know that sitting down and reading these books would have been difficult for me but being able to just listen is wonderful. I was familiar with the plots of each through movies but knowing what Jane Austen actually wrote is so much more satisfying. Don't hesitate to purchase this set. You will more than get your money's worth.

Don't try to load it into a computer! You'll have \*thousands\* of randomly organized pieces of the

stories. My playlists are a nightmare.

I bought this collection to use as a teaching aid for my 12th grade English students, and at under \$30 it sounded like an incredible bargain. The readers interpret Austen's books serviceably enough, but the CDs themselves are impossible to navigate. Try finding chapter two! Skip to the next track and you advance to the middle of a sentence only half a paragraph forward; if I remember correctly, chapter 2 of Emma began somewhere midway between track 17 and 18. Why would the manufacturer create a CD with 50 random tracks on it, none of which advances you to the beginning of the next chapter?

This was a gift for my mom, to listen to on long drives. My only complaint is that there are too many cds - I should have checked the product description.

The reader is terrible. I love Jane Austen. Such a disappointment.

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