



Jane Austen was born in 1775. She grew up with her six brothers and sister in a small village in Hampshire, England. Jane wrote stories based on the world she knew and by the time she was 23 had written three famous novels, including *Pride and Prejudice*.

“It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.”

Mrs. Bennet must find husbands for her daughters, but rich Mr. Darcy is rude and Elizabeth Bennet wants to marry for love.



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Mrs. Bennet so wanted her girls to be married, she could think of nothing else.
One summer's day, two gentlemen rode into town.



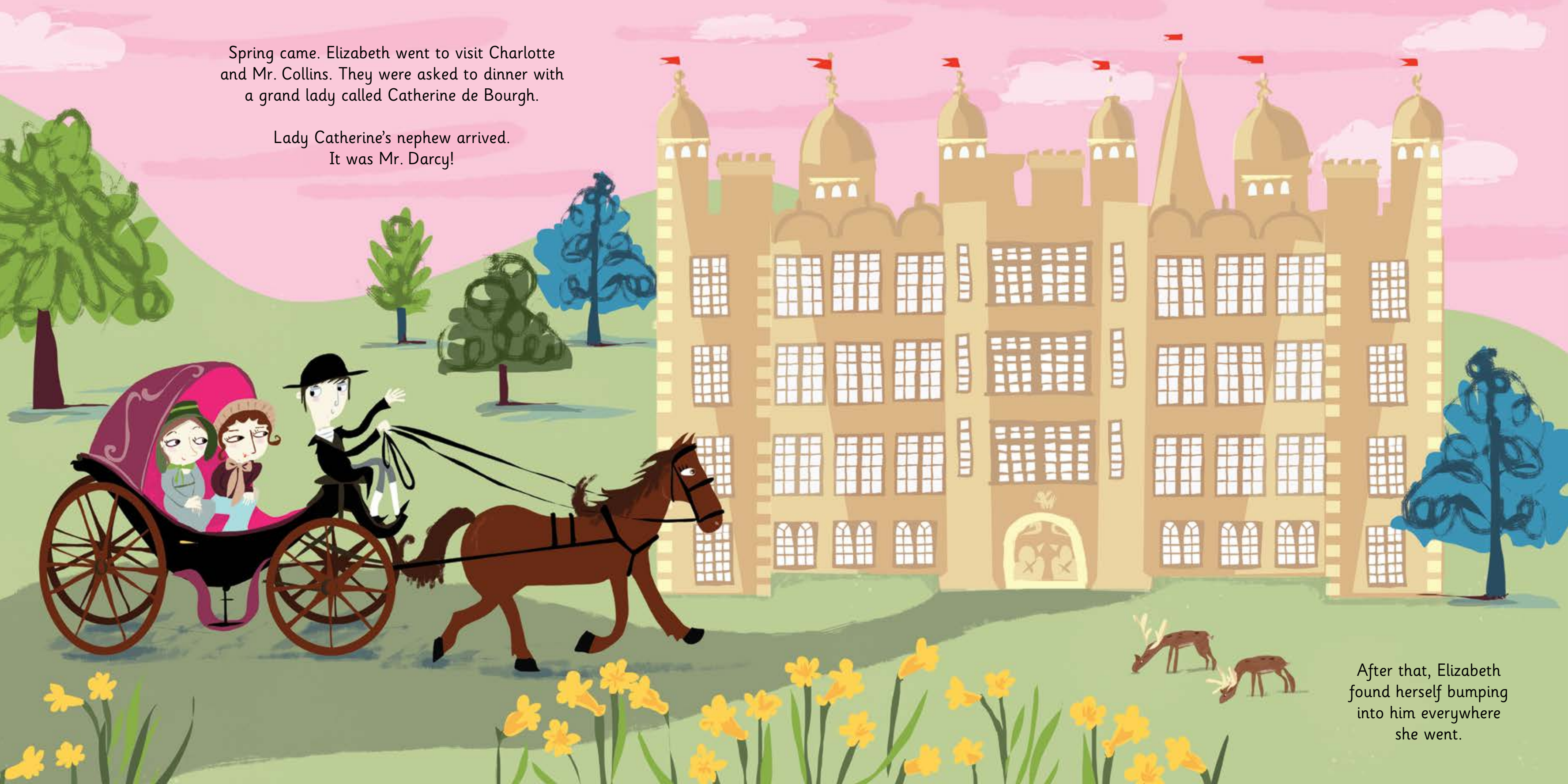
Mr. Bingley was very rich. Mr. Darcy was richer still.



Mrs. Bennet thought they would be a perfect match
for Elizabeth and Jane.

Spring came. Elizabeth went to visit Charlotte and Mr. Collins. They were asked to dinner with a grand lady called Catherine de Bourgh.

Lady Catherine's nephew arrived.
It was Mr. Darcy!




After that, Elizabeth found herself bumping into him everywhere she went.

One evening, Mr. Darcy came to visit Elizabeth.


He told her that he had tried not to fall in love with her because her family was not very elegant and her younger sisters had bad manners.

He had even warned Mr. Bingley not to marry Jane.

A cartoon illustration of Mr. Darcy with brown hair, a serious expression, and a blue coat with a white cravat. He is looking towards Elizabeth.

“You must allow me to tell you how ardently I admire and love you.”

Elizabeth was angry. She could never marry someone who had made her sister unhappy!

A cartoon illustration of Elizabeth with brown hair styled in an updo with a pink headband, looking angry. She is wearing a pink dress with white polka dots.

“I had not known you a month before I felt that you were the last man in the world whom I could ever be prevailed upon to marry.”

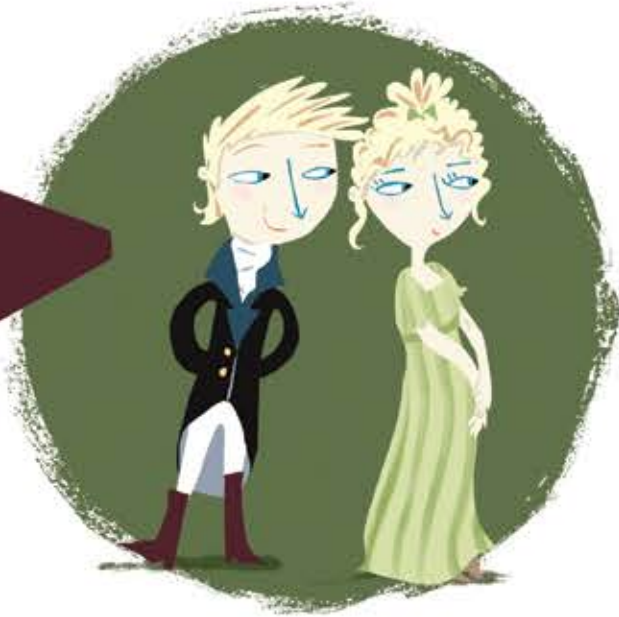
Elizabeth told Mr. Darcy that Mr. Wickham had warned her that he was cruel.

Mr. Darcy left.



The next morning, Elizabeth received a letter. It was from Mr. Darcy:

He explained that he had been worried that Jane didn't really love Mr. Bingley.



Mr. Wickham had once pretended to be in love with Mr. Darcy's sister.



He said that Mr. Wickham was not an honest man.

Elizabeth felt confused. Was Mr. Darcy cruel, or was Mr. Wickham the villain?



Months passed. Elizabeth went traveling with her aunt and uncle. They looked around a stately home called Pemberley. It was Mr. Darcy's house.



Suddenly, Mr. Darcy arrived home. He invited Elizabeth to meet his sister.



Elizabeth was beginning to like Mr. Darcy, but then she received another letter...

Mr. Darcy had done all of these things because he loved Elizabeth.



“Your family owes me nothing. Much as I respect them, I thought only of you.”

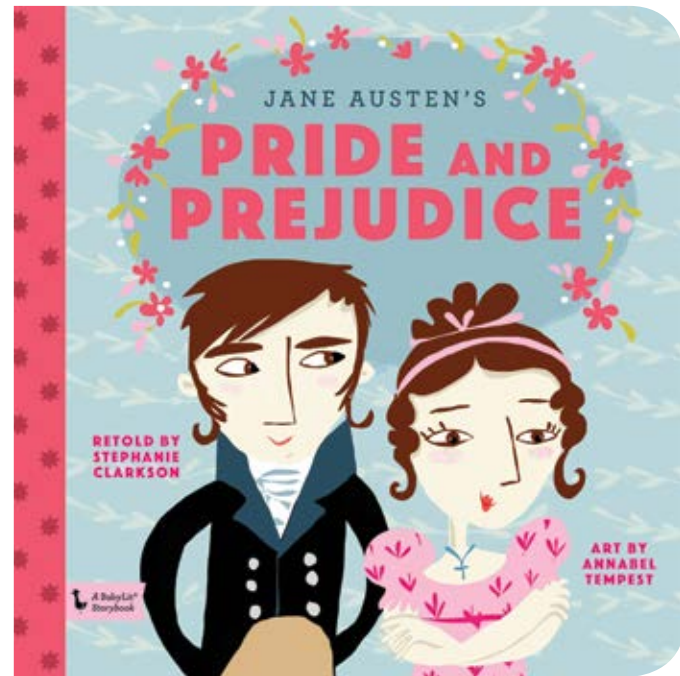
Mr. and Mrs. Bennet of Longbourn had five daughters. Mary was just as studious, Kitty was slightly less silly and Lydia—now Mrs. Wickham—was still mischievous.



But Jane became Mrs. Bingley and Elizabeth married her Mr. Darcy.

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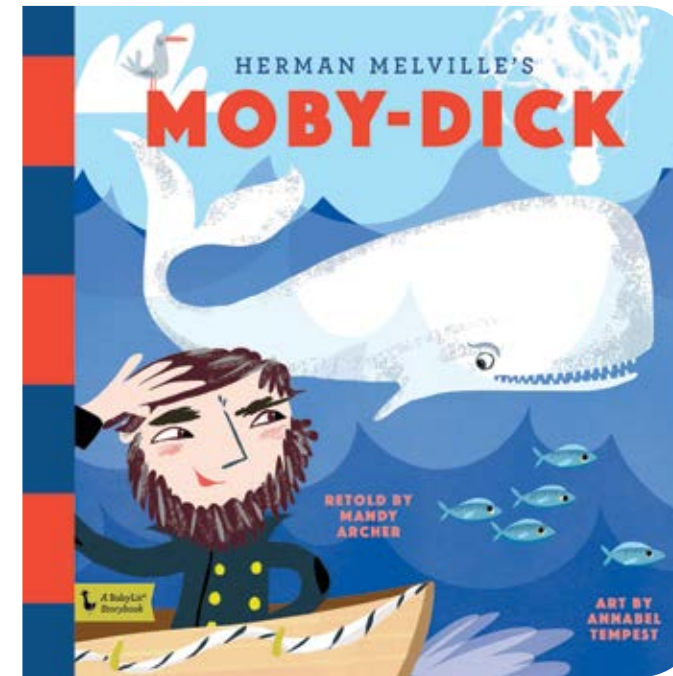
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