

# Meet the Man Behind Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*



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Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* is one of the most beloved novels in English literature. The story of Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy has captured the hearts of readers for over two centuries.

But who was the inspiration for Mr. Darcy, the novel's enigmatic and charming hero? Many scholars believe that Darcy was based on George Austen, Jane Austen's father.

George Austen was a clergyman in the Church of England. He was a kind and loving father, and he was very supportive of his daughter's writing. He was also a man of great integrity and intelligence.

Jane Austen's biographer, Claire Tomalin, believes that George Austen was the "perfect model" for Mr. Darcy. She writes, "He was a man of good sense and good manners, with a strong sense of duty and a deep love of his family."

There are many similarities between George Austen and Mr. Darcy. Both men were wealthy and well-educated. Both men were intelligent and witty. And both men were kind and generous.

Of course, there are also some differences between George Austen and Mr. Darcy. Mr. Darcy is a more complex and romantic character than George Austen. But there is no doubt that George Austen was the inspiration for Mr. Darcy.

If you are a fan of *Pride and Prejudice*, then you owe it to yourself to learn more about George Austen. He was a truly remarkable man, and he played a major role in the creation of one of the most beloved novels in English literature.

### **Steventon Rectory**



George Austen was the rector of Steventon Rectory in Hampshire, England. The rectory was a large and comfortable house, and it was the

perfect place for a growing family.

Jane Austen was born at Steventon Rectory in 1775. She was the seventh of eight children. She spent her childhood at Steventon, and she was very close to her family.

The rectory was a busy and lively place. There were always visitors coming and going, and there was always something going on.

Jane Austen loved living at Steventon Rectory. She wrote about it in her novels, and she often used it as a setting for her stories.

### **The Inspiration for Mr. Darcy**

There is no doubt that George Austen was the inspiration for Mr. Darcy. The two men share many similarities, and they both lived in the same time and place.

But what was it about George Austen that inspired Jane Austen to create Mr. Darcy? Was it his intelligence? His wit? His kindness? Or was it his sense of duty?

It is likely that all of these factors played a role in the creation of Mr. Darcy. But it is also possible that there was something else that inspired Jane Austen.

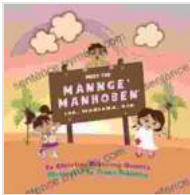
In her book, Claire Tomalin suggests that Jane Austen may have been inspired by a real-life encounter with a man who was very similar to Mr. Darcy.

Tomalin writes, "It is possible that Jane Austen met a man who reminded her of her father, but who was also more romantic and exciting." This man may have been the inspiration for Mr. Darcy.

Whoever the inspiration for Mr. Darcy may have been, there is no doubt that George Austen was a major influence on the character.

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