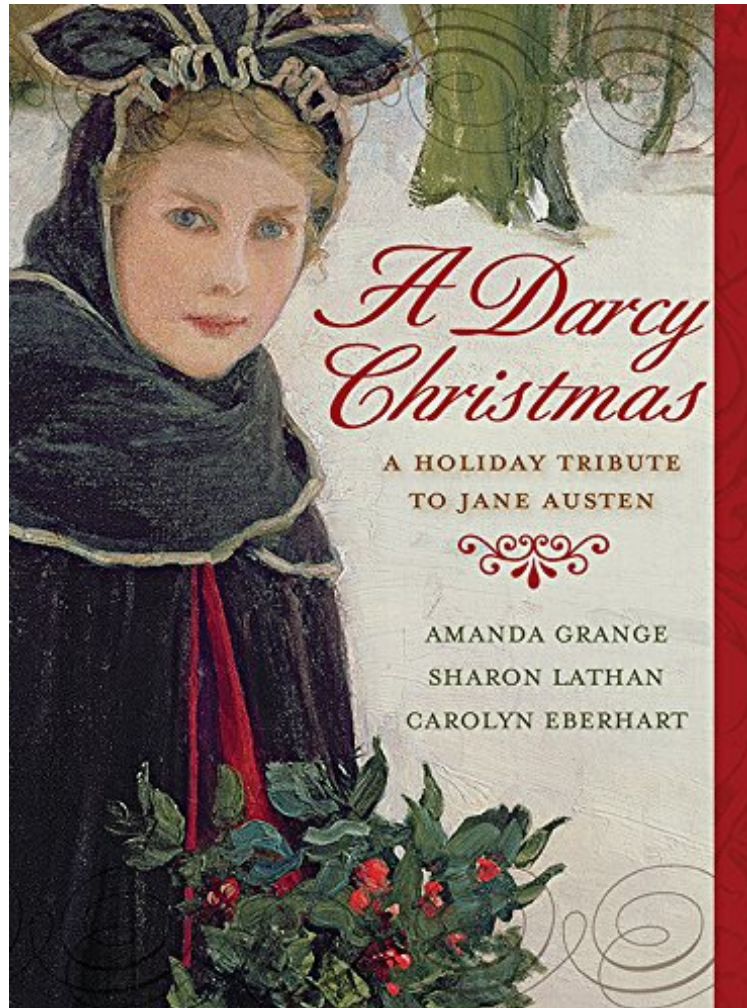


## A Darcy Christmas

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**Von Amanda Grange, Sharon Lathan, Carolyn Eberhart : A Darcy Christmas** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Darcy Christmas:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Cute, but partly doubtfulVon MarieA Darcy Christmas is a book by Sharon Lathan, Carolyn Eberhard and Amanda Grange. All three ladies share their ideas about the festive season at Pemberley - more or less successfully.Starting with Sharon Lathan: I am more and more convinced this woman thinks she is the reborn Jane Austen. Lathan tells the story of nine christmas celebrations at Pemberley starting with the christmas of the year before Elizabeth and Darcy get married. Over the years the author describes how the Darcy family celebrates christmas with their constantly growing number of children. She ends with the relation of christmas when Darcy and Elizabeth - now married for over 20 years and parents of six children - celebrate with their family, their eldest son just gotten married, their eldest daughter about to

get engaged. Well, what did we expect of Ms Lathan? Of course she has not bothered to actually research social structures and standards of the 19th century between the publication of her own series of sequels (Mr. and Mrs. Fitzwilliam Darcy, Loving Mr. Darcy, etc.) and her contribution to this book. True Janeites will feel their toenails rolling up. How likely is it that none of the children is named after their parents or at least after a member of the family? How likely is it that Elizabeth and Darcy can just take the liberty of making up their children's names? How likely is it that everybody around the Darcys is happily married when the vast majority of marriages in the 19th century was arranged? You may argue that is why it is called fiction, but I personally would like the author to make the effort to actually research this information when writing a book in a historical background. On the other hand as always Ms Lathan's ideas are highly entertaining. Of course the world of the Darcys is perfect. Elizabeth and Darcy are happily married, express how much they love each other in every second sentence, their children are in general healthy, intelligent and happy. The second daughter's physical handicap seems to be a desperate try to bring realistic fate into the plot, because even Ms Lathan might have noticed at some point that six births with six healthy babies as a result might not be exactly, well, realistic, especially when all other popular characters lead the same perfect happy lives without serious strokes of fate. Of course young Miss Darcy balances her unfortunate fate by her beauty, intelligence and charm - the author could not break with her style. Again, 'A Darcy Christmas' was entertaining, but not to be taken seriously. Carolyn Eberhard and her story, 'Mr Darcy's Christmas Carol', on the other hand, worried me seriously! At the point of the story Darcy is not yet married to Elizabeth, because he did not dare to propose again after Lady Catherine's interference. He is therefore depressed and lonely on this Christmas eve and does not expect to meet his father in the door knocker. The ghost of his father then gives him a couple of calendar wisdoms and announces more ghosts to haunt him in the following night. With these ghosts - among them his mother and Lady Catherine - Darcy explores Christmas in the past, the present and the future and comes to the realization that marrying Elizabeth is his destiny. Reading the relatively short story left me completely and deeply confused. What exactly did the woman have in mind? A Christmas story slash horror movie slash thriller slash drug fantasy? Not having read 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens myself yet, talking to a friend who has brought a little light to my darkness. It did not exactly improve my opinion of the author though. So she copied 'A Christmas Carol' and put in Darcy's name, then she wrote three lines of him riding to Elizabeth only to copy the exact words Jane Austen uses to finally bring light into Darcy's and Elizabeth's darkness? No thank you, no more. Amanda Grange is my personal flicker of hope, my ray of sunshine in this ridiculousness. Her story, 'Christmas Present', relates the story of Elizabeth and Darcy's Christmas when they expect their first child (smart readers might find the connection to the title here). The plot is not spectacular, the language is not like Jane Austen's, but there were moments when I recognized Darcy and especially Elizabeth between the lines. I was so happy to meet again with an annoying, calculating Caroline Bingley in contrast to Lathan's changed, happily married (of course) character. The same applies to Mrs Bennet. Ms Grange did well depicting these wonderful characters. In general the story is simple, but very sweet in a way and authentic especially because Ms Grange kept it simple neither believing she could do better than Jane Austen herself nor getting caught up in an altogether confusing story which does not really suit the original. For hardcore Janeites who are looking for an most of the times entertaining but rather shallow read and do not mind occasional historical doubtfulnesses, this book is recommendable. I cannot deny that I enjoyed reading it. Especially Amanda Grange was a positive surprise and those three stars are all hers.

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