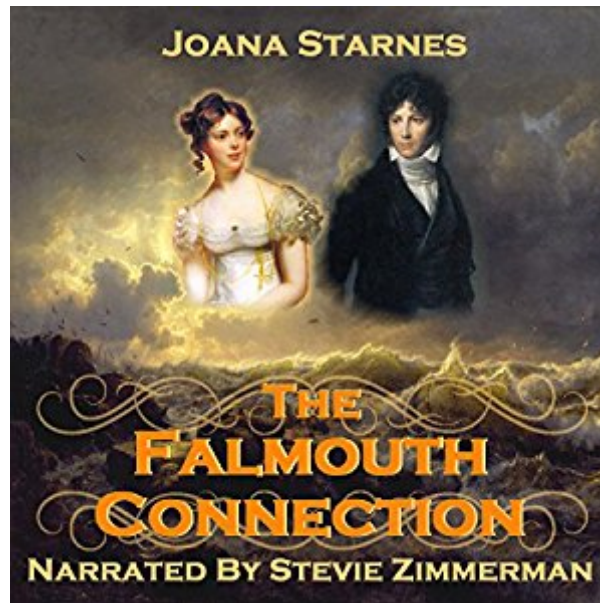




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The Falmouth Connection: A Pride And Prejudice Variation



Synopsis

Just as Mr. Darcy finally decides to propose to the enticing Miss Elizabeth Bennet, she is summoned to Falmouth, to meet a relation she never knew she had. Thus, the ill-starred Hunsford proposal is avoided - but before he could even begin to understand his luck, adverse circumstances hasten to conspire against him, and Fitzwilliam Darcy is compelled to follow the woman he loves to the far reaches of Cornwall, into a world of deceit and peril, where few - if any - are what they seem to be...

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Customer Reviews

Mrs. Starnes is truly devious! From the very beginning, I saw the raw blinding pride of Darcy as he contemplated how he would propose at Hunsford. Luckily his wise cousin saw to his flawed technique and gave him some sound advice. This is where my judgement of Darcy ended. The author takes the reader on a tumultuous, horribly emotional, begging to find resolution, please let there be a happily-ever-after, stop hurting Darcy journey that literally made me stop where I was reading and contemplate the joy it would bring me to throw my iPad. She has a knack for telling things from Darcy's perspective that breaks your heart. Instead of telling you what he feels, she shows you with every glance, thought, perceived tone....it was all so real. I admire an author who can push me to my coping techniques enough to scream. I think she truly is one of the best JAFF authors there is out there. At least the top 3. She has my full respect for taking a plot so unique that I found myself transported to that coastal town and loving the characters when she wanted me to

love them and hating them when she wanted me to hate them. Brava! Incredible imagery too. I simply cannot say enough about this author.

Oh my! This novel is absolutely grand! I do not want to list ANY spoilers so can only say that the original P&P characters stay in character for this extension. Joana has done other excellent novels. Honestly, I think The Falmouth Connection is one of her best! It is so enjoyable when new characters are added in a way that you can believe they fit right into the concepts of the original. The descriptions of Cornwall are excellent and Joana's Facebook page called 'The Falmouth Connection' has lots of photos of the area that enhance the book and show what inspired her great landscape descriptions. You feel like you are right there, seeing just what the characters are seeing. The plot twists and turns are well conceived and the ending is just inspired thinking. I am much impressed. What am I talking about? When you read the book, you will understand. Take your time, all will be well. This is another book to be savored - plan your time and don't rush! My kindle says I took seven hours to read this book. I give it a five plus rating. Enjoy!

WOW, WOW, WOW! I liked this author's other books, but I LOVED, LOVED, LOVED this book! After reading 400+ titles in JAFF, this has become #1 - my all-time favorite! It is beautifully written - funny, sad, achingly romantic, and supremely joyful in places. She writes the characters and their emotions as well as any author in this genre. This book is so passionately romantic and beautiful - all while being perfectly clean and chaste. Her characters maintain their characters as Jane Austen intended - moral and wonderful characters with some flaws (pride and prejudice). I loved the plot in this story, and it's become my favorite variation plot. I don't want to give anything away, so I won't say more. But it has mystery, romance, adventure, interesting characters, and a completely new and engaging plot (not just some minor deviation from the original). I bought it a couple of days ago after it was released, and I'm already reading it for the third time. Well done, Joana! Please keep them coming!

This was a very different P&P variation with a totally new plot and new characters. Jane Austen's remain true to type, and the new ones add to the story. A fun and enjoyable read.

The premise of this book is different from most that I have read and it is one I genuinely liked. The story begins with Elizabeth at Hunsford visiting Charlotte when Darcy and Fitzwilliam are at Rosings. An express arrives for Elizabeth requiring her immediate departure. This sudden

leave-taking by Elizabeth delays the proposal that Darcy had been considering. Thus we, and more especially, he is delivered from that ill-fated scene. In hopes of another opportunity, Mr. Darcy determines that he and Colonel Fitzwilliam will escort Elizabeth and her maid to Basingstoke, where she is to meet her family. The ensuing journey and carriage ride make for some interesting situations and conversations which are diverting indeed. Mrs. Bennet and her daughters have been summoned to Falmouth. Mrs. Bennet has a very rich aunt, a Mrs. Pencarrow, who was her mother's sister. Unbeknownst to Elizabeth, this great aunt has special plans for her. I liked Mrs. Pencarrow and enjoyed her role in the novel. She was a worthy new character with a lively personality. She also has a handsome young neighbor, Lord Trevelyan, who happens to be single, wealthy and in want of a good wife. Are you thinking Mr. Darcy has a rival? Yes, he does! This author certainly knows how to torment Fitzwilliam Darcy. She can write him in such various situations of torture that she makes me feel the strong pain and despair that he is suffering. I was hurting with him and feeling sorry for him all at the same time. The passion, the extreme force of the feelings involved were awe-inspiring and beautifully scripted. Yet it was a chaste story. The chaste love scenes were very, very beautiful. There are many riveting scenes and amazing details that make this an extremely worthy book to devour. There is romance, a bit of mystery and intrigue and some wonderful new characters. It is too delightful to take a chance on giving anything away and spoiling what should be experienced by each reader. I was so absorbed that I did not want to stop reading. I wanted to keep on keeping on so I could see how it was going to end but at the same time, I did not want it to end. It was that gripping and that captivating, yet, I was very pleased with the ending. Everything came to a good conclusion leaving me with a sense of satisfaction. There was a surprise or two that I certainly never expected but they were well received and meticulously done. Nice twists of fate. I have been following Joana Starnes since she first started publishing her work. I have enjoyed all her books and have been impressed with the diversity of her themes, while keeping her characters true to canon. The narrative was so well done, the use of imagery, the thoughts, the depth of feelings, it pulled me in as though I was living the story with the characters. It was no longer just words on the page but had a life of its own. Joana Starnes's knowledge of the area was evident as she led us down a path of vivid descriptions and stunning scenery. Add to that a captivating plot with much substance and you have The Falmouth Connection, a brilliantly written book. Very well done, Joana Starnes. An exquisite tale.

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