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Strathmore Author publishes sequel to Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice

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Samantha Adkins of Strathmore, AB recently published her book Expectations: A Continuation of Pride and Prejudice through publishingroom.com. Adkins began Expectations after watching the BBC version of Pride and Prejudice for the fourth or fifth time.

Adkins says, “My sister’s birthday was coming up, and I thought, ‘What would she like more than anything in the world? A sequel to her favourite book and movie – Pride and Prejudice.’ I set out to write a twenty-page short story about what the characters did next, but once I got going, I knew nothing less than a full novel-length sequel would do.”

Expectations is set six months after Pride and Prejudice ends. In the book, Elizabeth Darcy hosts her first ball at Pemberley, Georgiana Darcy tries not to fall in love with a neighbour, and Mr. Darcy discovers a secret relative.

Adkins research included reading all of the Jane Austen books and watching the correlating movie versions. “This helped me to keep Jane Austen’s language in my head.” She also read books Regency England, watched travel movies and used on-line sites devoted to Jane Austen. Adkins says, “It was some of the most enjoyable research I’ve ever done.”

Adkins has a Bachelor of Education with a major in English and minor in History. She also has a Professional Writing certificate from Mount Royal College. Adkins found the publishing room website recently when she was looking for a contest for unpublished novels. “I have been sending Expectations to publishers and agents since last October. Publishing room had a contest, which was expired, for emerging writers. However, the site looked very interesting and after reading through their material, I decided to publish with them.”

Adkins book can be purchased for \$16.99 U.S. + shipping and handling at <http://www.publishingroom.com/BookStore/BookStoreBookDetails.aspx?bookid=53519>.

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