#### **Show Notes**

# In this episode

Librarian Sharon Granado and Program Specialist Lesley Hinojosa dive into the world of Jane Austen. In this episode they discuss Jane Austen's classic novels, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Emma*, *Persuasion*, and *Sense and Sensibility*.

Sharon and Lesley are also joined by a very special guest, Dr. Kathryn Warren, an English senior lecturer at the University of Texas at Arlington who teaches a Jane Austen literature course. Dr. Warren shares her knowledge on Jane Austen including why Jane Austen's writing is still relevant today, how Austen's books teach us empathy, and what character Dr. Warren identifies with most.

### **Books Recommended**

### Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Elizabeth Bennet's chances of happiness are endangered by the foibles of human nature in this classic nineteenth-century novel - (*Baker & Taylor*)

## **Emma** by Jane Austen

In one of Austen's finest novels, a lively young heiress takes up matchmaking and creates comic confusion for a social-climbing parson, a chatterbox spinster, an enigmatic Romeo, and others in a 19th-century English village.

- (Dover Pubns)

### *Persuasion* by Jane Austen

Of all Jane Austen's great and delightful novels, *Persuasion* is widely regarded as the most moving. It is the story of a second chance. - (*Random House, Inc.*)

## <u>Sense and Sensibility</u> by Jane Austen

Two sisters, very different in attitude but both in search of the perfect man, are the heart of *Sense and Sensibility*. Sensible, restrained Elinor seems to have found a kindred spirit in Edward Ferrars, while the impetuous, romantic Marianne falls hard for the dashing Willoughby. But each man has a secret that may destroy the relationship. Will the sisters find happiness--or betrayal? - (*Sterling*)

#### The Jane Austen Cookbook

Jane Austen wrote her novels in the midst of a large and sociable family. Brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, friends and acquaintances were always coming and going, which offered numerous occasions for convivial eating and drinking. One of Jane's dearest friends, Martha Lloyd, lived with the family for many years and recorded over 100 recipes enjoyed by the Austens. A selection of this family fare, now thoroughly tested and modernized for today's

cooks, is recreated here, together with some of the more sophisticated dishes which Jane and her characters would have enjoyed at balls, picnics, and supper parties.

### **Movies Recommended**

Clueless (2005)

Cher is the most popular girl at Beverly Hills High, and is very involved with her friends, but when it comes to love, she is clueless. - (*Baker & Taylor*)

## Pride and Prejudice (2006)

In late eighteenth-century England, a spirited young Elizabeth Bennet copes with the romantic entanglements of her sisters, and her feelings for wealthy, brooding, and seemingly over-proud Mr. Darcy. - (*Baker & Taylor*)

### From Prada to Nada (2011)

A fresh, modern "Sense and Sensibility" set in Beverly Hills – adventurous and funny! Nora and Mary only know the good life in Beverly Hills – shopping, posh parties, and more shopping – but they're in for a big shock when Daddy's fortune suddenly disappears. Thankfully, an aunt takes them under her wing BUT she lives on the OTHER SIDE OF TOWN. Laugh out loud as these princesses embark on the biggest adventure of their lives...without designer labels! - (*Alert*)