



Lady Susan, the Watsons, Sanditon (Paperback)

By Jane Austen

Penguin Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. Revised ed.. Language: English . Brand New Book. Collecting three lesser-known works by one of the nineteenth century s greatest authors, Jane Austen s Lady Susan, The Watsons and Sanditon is edited with an introduction by Margaret Drabble in Penguin Classics. These three short works show Austen experimenting with a variety of different literary styles, from melodrama to satire, and exploring a range of social classes and settings. The early epistolary novel Lady Susan depicts an unscrupulous coquette, toying with the affections of several men. In contrast, The Watsons is a delightful fragment, whose spirited heroine Emma Watson finds her marriage opportunities limited by poverty and pride. Written in the last months of Austen s life, the uncompleted novel Sanditon, set in a newly established seaside resort, offers a glorious cast of hypochondriacs and speculators, and shows an author contemplating a the great social upheavals of the Industrial Revolution with a mixture of scepticism and amusement. Margaret Drabble s introduction examines these three works in the context of Jane Austen s major novels and her life, and discusses the social background of her fiction. This edition features a new chronology. Jane Austen (1775-1817) was...



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