

Jane Austen

Jane Austen was born in Steventon in 1775. Her life was very uneventful. She died unmarried in 1817.

She wrote a lot of novels, among which the most important are "Pride and Prejudice" (1813) and "Northanger Abbey" (1818). In her works she adopted the omniscient narrator just like Fielding and Richardson. She doesn't need an intrusive narrator because she is really good at creating characters making her feelings and opinions about them arise from their descriptions.

She used irony to make her novels pleasant. Despite irony, she faced up to very important aspects. The main theme of her novels is usually the protagonist's growing self-awareness. She analysed the lack of self-command and of self-knowledge, vanity and irresponsibility.

through her strict moral code.

The protagonist of her novels is often a girl who doesn't accept an imposed marriage. She belongs to the country gentry and finally succeeds in marrying the man she likes.