

Pride and Prejudice

Here you will find descriptions of the main characters in *Pride and Prejudice*.



ELIZABETH BENNET

The second oldest of five sisters and very devoted to her older sister Jane, Elizabeth is witty and intelligent. She mistakes Mr. Darcy's reserved character for pride and is determined to despise him. Upon discovering his true character, she eventually falls in love with and marries him.



FITZWILLIAM DARCY

Mr. Darcy is a wealthy man residing in Derbyshire who is reserved and proud. He falls in love with Elizabeth because he is intrigued by her intellect, independence, and playfulness; his love is so strong that he ends up crossing social barriers.



JANE BENNET

Sweet and good-natured, Jane is the eldest of the Bennet daughters and is very close to Elizabeth. She falls in love with Mr. Bingley, and although he moves back to London, appearing to mark the end of their relationship, they eventually marry.



MR. BENNET

Mr. Bennet prefers to isolate himself in his library, and he cares very much for his two eldest daughters, Jane and Elizabeth. Because he has not secured a financial future for his family after his death, his estate is entailed to his cousin.



MRS. BENNET

Mrs. Bennet's main goal is to see her five daughters married, with the hope that at least one will marry very well. Loud and unrestrained, she is an embarrassment to Jane and Elizabeth at social functions.



MARY BENNET

Mary is the third of the Bennet daughters and is much more interested in reading than husband-hunting. She is very plain and unsociable at balls and gatherings. She enjoys singing and playing the piano forte (she isn't good at either).



CATHERINE (KITTY) BENNET

Kitty is second youngest of the Bennet daughters and is very silly, ignorant, and irritable. She enjoys walking into Meryton and flirting with the stationed officers, under the influence of her sister, Lydia.



LYDIA BENNET

Lydia is the youngest of the five Bennet sisters and is flirtatious, immature, and reckless. Her silly and wild behavior results in her eloping with George Wickham, bringing a huge scandal and disgrace to the Bennet family.



CHARLES BINGLEY

Mr. Bingley is Darcy's oldest friend and the owner of Netherfield Park. He falls in love with Jane Bennet but is persuaded by Darcy that she does not care for him. He later learns that Darcy was incorrect and he marries Jane.



CAROLINE BINGLEY

Miss Bingley is Mr. Bingley's sister, and she tries in vain to pursue Mr. Darcy. She is very snobbish and haughty, despises Elizabeth, and leads poor Jane to believe that she is her friend.



LOUISA HURST

Mrs. Hurst is Caroline Bingley's and Mr. Bingley's sister, and she is just as haughty as Caroline. She spends much of her time in Mr. Bingley's company and takes delight in gossiping with Caroline and insulting the Bennet family.



MR. HURST

Mr. Hurst is Louisa's husband, and like Louisa, spends much of his time in Bingley's company. He is very arrogant and inactive, spending the majority of his time eating, sleeping, and playing cards.



WILLIAM COLLINS

Mr. Collins is Mr. Bennet's cousin and is to inherit Longbourn since Mr. Bennet has no male heir. A clergyman under the patronage of Lady Catherine de Bourgh, he is rejected by Elizabeth and then marries Charlotte Lucas.



GEORGE WICKHAM

A notorious scoundrel who grew up at Pemberley with Darcy, Mr. Wickham fabricates a false story about Darcy that Elizabeth believes to be sincere. Wickham elopes with Elizabeth's sister, Lydia; Mr. Darcy forces him to marry her.



MR. AND MRS. GARDINER

Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner are brother and sister-in-law to Mrs. Bennet. They travel to Derbyshire with Elizabeth and visit Pemberley, where they meet Mr. Darcy and become the means of uniting the two of them.



CHARLOTTE LUCAS

Charlotte is a close friend to Elizabeth, and her parents, Sir William Lucas and Lady Lucas, are the Bennet's neighbors. Practical, intelligent, and un-romantic, she accepts Mr. Collins' proposal of marriage.



LADY CATHERINE DE BOURGH

Lady Catherine is Mr. Darcy's aunt and resides at Rosings Park with her daughter Anne. She is a very wealthy and arrogant woman who controls Mr. Collins and has high hopes that Anne will marry Mr. Darcy.



GEORGIANA DARCY

Georgiana is Mr. Darcy's younger sister. She is a shy and sensitive girl who consented to an elopement with Mr. Wickham but was saved in time by Darcy. She has a high opinion of Elizabeth and treats her like a sister.