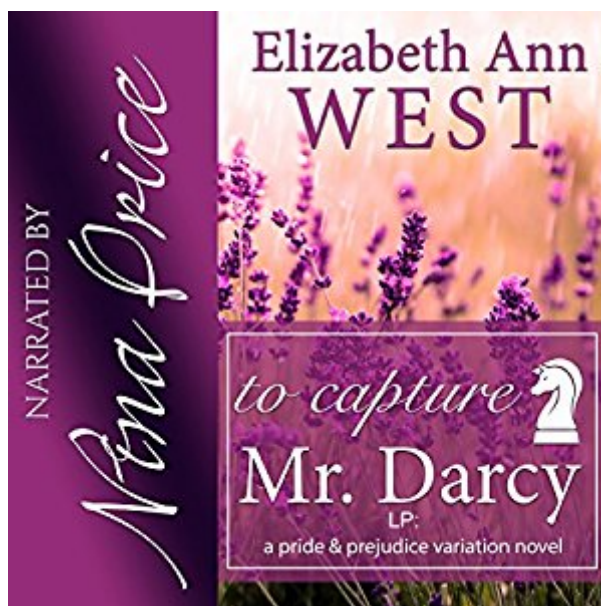


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# To Capture Mr. Darcy: A Pride And Prejudice Variation Novel



## Synopsis

Nature's a fickle thing. When four days of rain occur earlier in Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* to trap Jane and Elizabeth Bennet at Netherfield Park, new romances, misunderstandings, and alignments are made. Volatile tempers never did well cooped up together. Not even when there's a chessboard to help pass the time. Fall in love with the romance of Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth Bennet all over again in this new variation by author Elizabeth Ann West.

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## Customer Reviews

Though I have a majority of Ms West's books, *To Capture Mr Darcy* is the first I've gotten around to reading, and I must say I loved it!!! I loved the simplicity of this story plot: No deaths, kidnappings or other major mayhem. In this story we find Jane and Elizabeth at Netherfield as Jane recovers from her illness. They are thus prolonged in their stay by continued rains for several days longer. Elizabeth at first enjoys this idea for Jane's sake to get to know Mr Bingley further, but it proves very challenging for her in the way of Mr Darcy (and a very tiresome Miss Bingley). In between periods of rest for Jane, Elizabeth meanders down to the library in search of new books to read. While there she noticed a chess board and starts a game, though notices that someone else is playing along. What she didn't realize was that it was Mr Darcy thinking he was playing a game against Mr Bingley. So when he sees Elizabeth make a move he feels irritation that she would choose to make a play on a game she is not involved in, therefore when he looks at the move he realizes he is actually playing against Elizabeth. This prolonged time provides lots of sparring opportunity for Mr.

Darcy and Elizabeth and seals his determination to pursue her. Unfortunately, for Mr Darcy this extra time does nothing to help their misunderstandings; if anything, it increases them. What I get irritated at is that Miss Elizabeth continues to interpret Darcy's words in the worst possible ways. The poor guy is can't seem to dig himself a whole further by being tongue-tied and expressing his thoughts clumsily whenever he's with her. Then there's the newly-arrived Mr. Collins dropping details about his beloved patroness' daughter's impending marriage to Mr Darcy, sinking Darcy that much further in her esteem. She can't help feeling attracted to him, but she is convinced that he must be toying with her and would never consider actually marrying her. For all Elizabeth's wit, she sure is a numbskull!!!! I have to say that I love Mr Darcy's persistence and Mr Bennet's excellent observation and wit. I love how Elizabeth finally spoke back to Miss Bingley, even though Jane continues to reprimand Elizabeth for it. I LOVED how Mr Bennet finally yelled at Mr Collins to put him in his place, even though Mr Collins is still too stupid to realize when it's in his best interest to shut up!!!! Yes, Lady Catherine and Mr Wickham make a show of things only they know how to. Mr Collins truly demonstrates what a toad he is. And Miss Bingley is the same delusional harpy as always. If this is what to expect from Ms West's other books, then I will surely enjoy them. I highly recommend this to all JAFFers, there is no mature themes for those who are squeamish.

Loved the Darcy in this story. He was taken with Elizabeth from the beginning. His comment from the Meryton Assembly still left him in hot water with Elizabeth, but she began to see a different Darcy when staying with Jane at Netherfield. Darcy was still socially awkward and Elizabeth still misunderstood his comments. An innocent chess game started Darcy's determination to win Elizabeth's love. At first neither knew who the other player was, but when he found out it was Elizabeth playing the game, he was impressed especially since she won the game. Both Jane and Elizabeth were at Netherfield when their silly, stupid cousin, William Collins arrived. Before leaving Netherfield, Bingley asked Jane to marry him. Returning home, he focused his attention to Elizabeth. However, Elizabeth's interest in him was nonexistent and she tried to push Mary for him to marry him. Bingley tells Caroline to plan a ball to honor their engagement. Caroline was her usual obnoxious self fawning over Darcy and sending barbs at Elizabeth constantly. Elizabeth's witty rejoinders went over Caroline's head every time Elizabeth commented. Darcy had to stifle many laughs. Darcy asks Elizabeth for a courtship, and she agrees. Then Collins tells Elizabeth that Darcy is engaged to his cousin, and Elizabeth calls him a cad and liar. When that lie is laid to rest, Elizabeth and Darcy's relationship is restored by her father showing her misunderstandings in front of Darcy. At this time she realizes that she loves Darcy. Collins is still smarting from her refusal. Not

knowing that Collins wrote, under Caroline's direction, to his most esteemed patroness, Lady Catherine de Bourgh, she invites herself to Netherfield. So we have an angry aunt, a refused suitor, and a very jealous Caroline Bingley. The day of the ball, Lady Catherine shows up to berate her nephew's choice of bride in front of all Meryton. Add to that a very vindictive refused suitor, Collins grabs her and rips her dress. Between the verbal and physical attack, Elizabeth loses her self control and is taken home. Darcy tells her ladyship that he will marry Elizabeth and threatens to do harm to Collins. Mr. Bennet calms him down and Bennet tells him call on Elizabeth tomorrow. In the morning, Elizabeth hopes to avoid everyone to go for her walk, but unfortunately Collins is down. When he repeats his offer of marriage telling her that she needs to set her sights lower and that Darcy will never propose to her. Grabbing her pastry she hurries out the door to walk to Oakham Mount. As she approaches the summit, she sees Mr. Darcy sitting on the rock sleeping. Startled, he jumps up, calling her name, and begins to apologize for his aunt's behavior. She tells him that he is not responsible for the behavior of others. He proposes on the mount, she agrees. Mr. Bennet gives his approval and blessings, but he wants Elizabeth to have a season in town. Finally, they are married in June. When their children about their whirlwind romance and Elizabeth tells them that all she did was move a pawn to capture Mr. Darcy. Good story with a little less pride and a little less prejudice.

This story is enjoyable, however I didn't realize I had purchased a large print book.

This book was amazing !! I could not put it down !! I wish I could give it 10 stars !!

This is one of the better Pride and Prejudice variations out there. I liked the idea of the chess game very creative. I would read more of this authors books.

A very enjoyable re-telling of the legendary Miss Elizabeth and her Mr. Darcy. A courtship aided by a private chess tournament.

Loved it!!!

Enjoyed reading this book.

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