

The Austen Escape: 10 Favorite Austenisms

Who wouldn't want a guy saying this...

"In vain I have struggled. It will not do. My feelings will not be repressed. You must allow me to tell you how ardently I admire and love you."

— Jane Austen

Relationships have started with a lot less...

"Half the sum of attraction, on either side, might have been enough, for he had nothing to do, and she had hardly any body to love." (of Anne Elliot and Captain Wentworth, Persuasion)"

— Jane Austen

I love the line, but doubt it's truth...

"Selfishness must always be forgiven you know, because there is no hope of a cure."

— Jane Austen, Mansfield Park

Makes you want to get out and do something...

"If adventures will not befall a young lady in her own village, she must seek them abroad."

— Jane Austen, Northanger Abbey

This always cracks me up...

"Elinor agreed to it all, for she did not think he deserved the compliment of rational opposition."

— Jane Austen, Sense and Sensibility

It's like when I'm told I've done something gracefully...

"To look *almost* pretty is an acquisition of higher delight to a girl who has been looking plain the first fifteen years of her life than a beauty from her cradle can ever receive."

— Jane Austen, Northanger Abbey

A truth and a cut all in one little line...

"You mistake me, my dear. I have a high respect for your nerves. They are my old friends. I have heard you mention them with consideration these last twenty years at least."

— Jane Austen

Love this! Always write stories with hope...

“Let other pens dwell on guilt and misery.”

— Jane Austen

She lied... We all love Emma!

“I am going to take a heroine whom no one but myself will much like”

— Jane Austen, Emma

So much said in a short statement, all of it heartbreaking...

“There could have never been two hearts so open, no tastes so similar, no feelings so in unison, no countenances so beloved. Now they were as strangers; nay, worse than strangers, for they could never become acquainted. It was a perpetual estrangement.”

— Jane Austen, Persuasion

As must we all...

“And to all this she must yet add something more substantial, in the improvement of her mind by extensive reading.”

— Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice

So very true!

“Nobody, who has not been in the interior of a family, can say what the difficulties of any individual of that family may be.”

— Jane Austen, Emma