



First Impressions: A Novel About Old Books, Young Love, and Jane Austen

By Lovett, Charlie.

Alma Books. 1 Paperback(s), 2014. soft. Book Condition: New. In this novel from the author of *The Bookman's Tale*, Jane Austen enthusiast Sophie Collingwood has barely started her new job at an antiquarian bookshop in London when two different customers request a copy of the same obscure publication, the second edition of *Little Book of Allegories* by Richard Mansfield. Their queries draw her into a mystery surrounding the true authorship of *Pride and Prejudice* and ultimately endanger Sophie's life. Charlie Lovett's dual narrative alternates between Sophie's quest to uncover the truth (while choosing between two suitors) and the young Jane Austen's touching friendship with aging cleric Richard Mansfield. "Lovett weaves two plots together in this well-designed, ingenious novel. Ardent fans of Jane Austen and lovers of gripping stories will enjoy following Sophie's pursuit of the truth." *Publishers Weekly* "Lovett's love of books and libraries once again energizes his storytelling." *Kirkus Reviews* 310.



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