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She wakes up Mrs. Darcy with no idea how it happened!

When Elizabeth Bennet of Jane Austen's *Pride & Prejudice* learns of her sister's elopement before leaving for the Peaks District, she and her aunt are off to Scotland to chase the wayward couple. Inn after inn, there is no sign of Lydia or Mr. Wickham, but Elizabeth won't give up. A foolhardy decision to continue to search on her own lands Elizabeth right into the arms of a familiar face . . . Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy. Join author Elizabeth Ann West in a tale of carriage accidents, amnesia, and a forced marriage, but happy endings for all. Well, maybe not Mr. Wickham!

The Whisky Wedding is 530 pages in paperback and has 3 acts of Elizabeth Ann West's signature drama and romance. And though the book is a clean romance, the tension and romantic scenes with our dear couple will leave you swooning!

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The story requires the suspension of disbelief initially: You must believe Mr. Bennet

Karen says

Didn't finish this one.

Carol Perrin says

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To me this was a happy variation of Pride and Prejudice. This story takes place after wicked Wickham absconded with stupid Lydia from Brighton. The summer trip to the Peak and Lake Region of Derbyshire was cancelled due to Lydia's unfortunate behavior. Traveling to London with her uncle, Jane vows to find Lydia regardless of her father's lackadaisical attitude for finding her. Lizzy, her aunt and cousins take off for Greta Green hoping to stop the two before marrying. Finding no trace of them, Lizzy decides to travel to the next town including search of her sister taking one of the Gardiners' footman with her. The mail coach in which she and Peter were traveling has an accident overturning the coach. One dead and many injured, including Lizzy and Peter, have to walk to Grey Sheep Inn. Pushing her way through the overcrowded inn to the desk, she is told that there is no room available. Lizzy freezes where she stands when a gentleman requests his team of horses to complete his journey farther north. When she calls his name, as Darcy turns she notices that he has lost weight and his eyes blackened by lack of sleep. He looks at her like he's a ghost. The inn keeper tells him that the horses requested were given to another party. Unhappy that at his requested horses are not there, he invites Lizzy to join him for a meal. When she requests a meal for Peter, Darcy responds that he will have the innkeeper throw him some scraps, Lizzy's eyebrow rises and Darcy realizes that he reverted to his condescending manner which he adjusts rapidly. He realizes that she has been hurt in the carriage accident because she cannot seem to speak and recall much since the accident. When he examines her wound, he asks for Whiskey to drink. Before he can tell her to sip and not gulp, Lizzy swallows too much and the burn sets her to coughing. After her second glass, Darcy tells her no more and finally agrees to accompany Darcy to Broadmeadows, his estate in Scotland. He goes to make arrangements for his horses and coach and when he returns Lizzy has fallen asleep resting against the wall. He and Peter try to wake her with no luck. After waking for several days and not remembering anything since the accident, Lizzy has her maid, Fiona, help write out the information Darcy keeps asking her. When she forgets one important factor, he realizes that she is not well enough to travel to London. After a couple of days, they travel to Greta Green where she left her aunt and cousins. They have left and returned to London. Before returning to Broadmeadows, they eat at the inn and she requests whiskey to drink. Darcy renews his offer of marriage, she accepts, and they are married over the anvil. In London, dear Jane and her uncle are still searching for Lydia while her father reads in Gardiner's library. Bennet convinces Gardiner to stop searching, but does not know that when Jane leaves her uncle's home, she is really searching for her sister.

Colonel Fitzwilliam, acting for Darcy, sets out to locate the pair. What he finds out is not good at all, but Jane refuses to let her suffer Wickham's treachery. Rescued by the colonel and Jane, Lydia has not learned her lesson at all. When Lizzy gets to London, she and Jane make her understand her peril. To flush Wickham out of hiding, a plan is hatched. Working, Wickham invades Darcy House and threatens Jane and the Countess. Grabbing a fireplace poker, Jane holds him back when three footmen tackle him. Tied in a chair, Fitzwilliam has a field day on his face. Wickham looks his best with blood, bruises, and missing teeth. If looks could kill, Darcy's two aunt's and Uncle would be dead in his study. When he tells them of his wedding his uncle tells him that they can have it annulled. They sure know how to make Darcy angry and turn a reddish-purple hue. They agree to a ball and marriage in the church of England. Mrs Bennet invites herself to London just to annoy everyone else. When Colonel Fitzwilliam dances three sets with Jane, the Countess is furious. But love has its way especially when the Earl of Matlock helps his second son. A double wedding is planned and Darcy and Elizabeth take Kitty and Mary to Pemberley for Georgiana's sake. Come to find out, Georgiana and Lydia had more in common with George Wickham than Darcy or Fitzwilliam knew. Darcy realizes very quickly that Elizabeth knows best. The girls bond quickly, and Darcy and Elizabeth continue to bond even during the day even without any more fine whiskey.

Sheila Majczan says

4.5 rounded up to 5 stars

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Leslie says

"Nigel Tufnel: The numbers all go to eleven. Look, right across the board, eleven, eleven, eleven and...

Marty DiBergi: Oh, I see. And most amps go up to ten?

Nigel Tufnel: Exactly.

Marty DiBergi: Does that mean it's louder? Is it any louder?

Nigel Tufnel: Well, it's one louder, isn't it? It's not ten. You see, most blokes, you know, will be playing at ten. You're on ten here, all the way up, all the way up, all the way up, you're on ten on your guitar. Where can you go from there? Where?

Marty DiBergi: I don't know.

Nigel Tufnel: Nowhere. Exactly. What we do is, if we need that extra push over the cliff, you know what we do?

Marty DiBergi: Put it up to eleven.

Nigel Tufnel: Eleven. Exactly. One louder.

Marty DiBergi: Why don't you just make ten louder and make ten be the top number and make that a little louder?

Nigel Tufnel: [pause] These go to eleven. "

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0088258/q...> This is Spinal Tap

If there was an angst meter for P&P variations this one goes to 11.

This is a slightly off canon story that takes off like a rocket and never slows down. We begin at Longbourn, before Lizzy and the Gardiners can depart for their trip to Derbyshire a rider arrives from Brighton with the news that Lydia has eloped with Wickham.

Mr Bennet, Jane & Mr. Gardiner head for London to search; while Lizzy, Mrs. Gardiner and the Gardiner children head for Scotland. Neither have any luck and when Mrs. Gardiner decides it is time to return home Lizzy decides to take a footman and continue further into Scotland searching for the couple. Things almost immediately go horribly wrong with there being a carriage accident which results in injury to both Lizzy and Peter. when they arrive in a nearby village who should they encounter but Mr. Darcy. He offers to take them to his nearby estate so they can rest before returning to Mrs. Gardiner. Lizzy has a head wound which seems minor but will have repercussions. When she is recovered and she returns to the town where she left her aunt they learn Mrs. Gardiner is pissed off and has pissed off leaving Lizzy coach fare. Lizzy is devastated, and after a glass of Whisky or three she agrees to marry Darcy over the anvil.

The next morning she can't remember anything until her maid reassures her. So we get a P&P /50 first Dates mash up for a bit. Lizzy is desperate to return to London and her family and continue the search for Lydia so she tries to trick Darcy into believing her healthy. The footman who saved Lizzy is fired by Mrs. Gardiner and remains at Darcy's Scotland estate. Oh and Darcy is jealous of the footman because he first jumps to the conclusion that Lizzy is eloping with him. (Tool)

Meanwhile back in London Mr. Bennet, who is alluded to as being more than indolent and much more like an alcoholic, isn't really looking for Lydia having already moved past concerned and into accepting that his family is ruined. This annoys Jane and she takes it upon herself to search the back streets of London for Lydia. Luckily she meets col. Fitzwilliam who is immediately in love with her. Of course Wickham has gone to 11 and has sold Lydia to a brothel. Once Mr. Bennet returns to Longbourn Jane moves to Darcy house and she and Col Fitzwilliam can rescue Lydia.

Then the Darcys return to London and everyone can relax, NOT! Lady Fitzwilliam wants to throw a ball, Georgiana confesses that she is not a maiden thanks to Wickham, a desperate Wickham sneaks into Darcy house and tries to abduct Jane. The remaining Bennets arrive in London, Lady Catherine causes a scene and Jane drops Bingley for a surprise wedding.

Lizzy and Darcy seem to fight constantly with each willfully misunderstanding the other.

This is a fairly long book but it is so chock full of plot that many things seem rather unresolved.

Kasia Burlakoff says

I loved the premise of the story. Elizabeth woke up next to a man she had married, but has no memory of the event. Oops. It leaves a lot of room for misunderstandings, angst and heartbreak, but for a lot of fun as well. This time D&E had a difficult path to happiness (when is it easy with these two?), but they learn to compromise and trust each other on their way. They make mistakes, and their reactions are unreasonable and emotional, but that makes them more human.

The twist on Lydia's fate was, in my opinion more realistic than the canon one. I loved Colonel Fitzwilliam and Jane. They are both strong and brave characters, I couldn't get enough of them!

Mr. Bennet was at his worst in this variation, avoiding responsibility and not willing to learn from his mistakes. But it's one of the extremes of this character's personality, and it worked for me.

There is a lot of angst, painful secrets and uncertainty, but private moments between ODC (or rather couples) fully make up for it. They are sweet and swoon-worthy..

To sum up: the villains get punished and the lovers get their HEA. The way I like my JAFF stories. I loved it.

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Katie says

It was a quick, light read, even though I was only able to find time to read it in spurts. As far as fan fiction goes, this is one of the more palatable Austen adaptations I have read, but it still felt lacking in something, though I could never put my finger on just what it was.

Aside from the unfortunate Mr. Bennett and Mr. Bingley, all of the secondary characters were made stronger

in personality and resolution. Because we spend time in both Lizzie's and Darcy's head, hearing their self-doubts and private thoughts, they seemed to emerge as a more modernized version of the pair we all know and love.

There are several places where this unfolds as a darker tale than Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice;' perhaps that divergence from what Austen once described as "too light, and bright, and sparkling" is what ultimately bothered me? For Austen meant the inclusion of some "sense...or...solemn specious nonsense" to serve as a contrast to the playfulness and pithy remarks. This work seems to have lost most of the cleverness of Lizzie and Darcy found in the original while adding elements of death, danger and dishonor.

Mary Ann says

5.0 out of 5 starsThe Whiskey Wedding: A Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth Story of Adventure, Trials and Tribulations

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I thought this was a very enjoyable novel to read. The plot was different and there were many twists and turns that made this novel interesting.

I won't go into the plot as to not ruin it for others but some of the characters portrayed were different from the way they are normally portrayed.

Jane Bennet for example is always quite shy and quiet and find the good in everyone but in this novel, she more outgoing and stands up to her father and goes with the Colonel into a brothel looking for her sister and acts on her retrieval boldly. Jane also stands up to the Countess Fitzwilliam and that takes courage which Jane really never had. She also was very forth coming when declaring herself to the Colonel.

Elizabeth Bennet naturally is always outgoing, voices her opinion and sometimes gets her mouth in trouble. She follows through with her boldness when she convinced everyone she should go with her aunt to Greta Green to find her sister, leave a note when she got there and then take the footman and go with him further. Elizabeth also was sneaky when she wrote down what she needed to convince Darcy that she remembered things when she didn't.

I think the author wrote Mr. Bennet the way he was with his family normally and that was to read, lock himself up and not pay attention to his daughters so he wouldn't be bothered.

I wondered if Mr. Bennet was sick by the way the author keep writing that he had a cough and drank to quiet his cough????!!!

Darcy truly loved Elizabeth and it showed in the author's writing however Elizabeth loved him but at the time with her head injury was surprised when she woke up married and didn't know to who and who gave her the ring.

Mrs. Bennet was portrayed as usual so nothing changed for her in the novel. Kitty and Mary were pretty much the same as always.

Georgianna reveals her problem Lydia when they meet. This was an interesting part of the novel when Darcy and his sister talk about her problem with Wickham.

I loved the part when Wickham got what he deserved for his way that he ruined so many lives.

The whiskey drinking was a great part of the novel and the way Lizzy acted and was brave enough to down it more than once.

I thought the author did a great job describing Bingley and his weaknesses and Jane's bravery to go for the Colonel.

Love and happiness endured in the end with our two couples finding their spouses that they wanted to spend

the rest of their lives with in the end.

Tina says

So to start off I really enjoyed this book. It's sort of a forced marriage book but not really. I mean she consented to the marriage she was just drunk at the time and had a head injury so she forgot about it the next morning. Of course by the end of the book she still doesn't remember their over the anvil wedding but it's ok as they get remarried on English soil towards the end of the book. An added bonus in this book is that Jane didn't end up with the easily led Mr. Bingley. I loved who she ended up with. I will read this book again in the future that is for certain.

Regan Pierce says

A very interesting take on a classic

I am an ardent admirer of Jane Austen and all things *Pride And Prejudice*. When I first began reading, I mistakenly thought this was a play on the movie, *Fifty First Dates*. But after Elizabeth recovered her memory, the book took a slightly dark turn, in addressing the criminal acts of Wickam and his victims, Lydia and Georgiana. Austen lived in a time when such things were not addressed, and I'm sure that even her account of a hasty wedding was considered scandalous.

But the overall time of this book, through the twists of shock and disappointment, is love. The love of Elizabeth and Jane, and their willingness to fight for sisters to immature to realize their luck, a willingness to defend an often disappointing father; a love of an older brother for a sister he didn't realize had been more damaged than he let himself believe; a new love for Jane, who learns that there is life (and strength) after Mr. Bingley; and most of all, the love of Mr and Mrs Darcy, who get to move beyond the engagement where Austen left them, and find their footing as husband and wife.

Debbie Brown says

This is a whole alternate path to HEA for Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy. It starts with Elizabeth and Jane at Longbourn when Colonel Forster rides up with the grim news that Mr. Wickham has deserted from the regiment in Brighton and taken Lydia with him.

We quickly learn that this Mr. Bennet is even more indolent than in canon. He gives up on ever finding his youngest daughter almost immediately and travels to London only to give the appearance of conducting a search in order to placate his wife. Jane, Elizabeth and the Gardiners take the situation far more seriously and actively search wherever it's possible for the missing pair to be found.

They split up, with Jane and Mr. Gardiner looking in inns in more and more seedy parts of London, while Elizabeth and Mrs. Gardiner (and the Gardiner children) search the inns on the road to Gretna Green on the chance that Wickham actually does intend to marry Lydia there. Once the second group reaches Scotland with no reported sightings of the two, Aunt Gardiner is ready to give up and turn back.

Elizabeth is desperate to continue, however, especially after learning that much more inexpensive weddings

over the anvil are available in Coldstream, another 80 miles away. Motivated by her desire to see that Lydia is not ruined and thinking of Mr. Darcy and her own misjudgment in refusing him, she slips away with young Peter, a Gardiner servant, taking the mail post heading northeast to continue the search on her own.

Her decision has disastrous results. Fortunately, it throws her into the path of Mr. Darcy, who is on the way to his Scottish estate, Broadmeadow. What ensues is a bit of a *Fifty First Dates* plotline for a while. It's sweet and romantic, with lots of interplay between our hero and heroine.

While Elizabeth and Darcy are having their own adventure in Scotland, Darcy's cousin, Colonel Fitzwilliam, shows up at the Gardiner's home in Cheapside and offers his assistance, having received an express from Darcy appraising him of the situation.

It's impressive the way all the various storylines are tied together by Lydia's disappearance and the need to concoct stories to contain the scandal. Colonel Fitzwilliam's mother, Regina Fitzwilliam (Lady Matlock), takes the reins here, but she doesn't find the Bennets as cooperative as she would like, especially once Mrs. Bennet shows up. Meanwhile, Georgiana has a deeper secret that she's never divulged to her guardians about Ramsgate which also comes into play.

I was also impressed with the way the characters of Jane and Elizabeth both grow and change throughout the story as a result of their experiences. I particularly love Jane's storyline, as she gradually becomes more assertive and bolder about going after what she wants.

This is just excellent JAFF that fires on all cylinders, with great storytelling, a well-conceived and well-integrated plot, fully defined characters, and plenty of romance. Highly recommend!

Patricia Baird says

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Loved this book, one of the best ever and since 2004 I have read lots of P and P variations. 5 stars from me, couldn't put it down. Well written Elizabeth Ann West x

Elizabeth Hossenlopp says

A toast of Whiskey to this wonderful story!

A truly diverting P&P variation by Elizabeth Ann West. Interesting plot twists, indulgence of Whiskey, and an overall fantastic book. Highly recommend it!

Susanne says

A wonderful variation of *Pride and Prejudice* in which Elizabeth goes off in search of Lydia after Wickham

and she elope. While Jane, Uncle Gardiner, and Mr. Bennet head to London, Mrs. Gardiner, the children, and Elizabeth travel to Gretna Green to see if the couple had truly eloped to Scotland.

Once in Gretna Green and with no sign of her sister or the despised Wickham, Elizabeth leaves her aunt, who is determined to return to England, and travels to the next few towns in Scotland in case Lydia and Wickham went farther to marry. While traveling, her carriage had a serious accident, resulting in the death of a child, and Elizabeth is seriously injured. Mr. Darcy finds her as he is staying a short way away at his Scottish estate, and he whisks her away, not realizing how very injured she is. And the story goes on from there.

I really enjoyed the portrayal of Darcy in this one, and Elizabeth meets him with every intention of apologizing for her horrible rejection of his proposals at Hunsford. So they are both in love with each other (Darcy more than Elizabeth, but she catches up quickly). The main problem is his family when they return to London...and her family, too, actually.

The "bad guy" who isn't truly "bad" is Lady Matlock who is trying to patch up Georgiana's debacle at Ramsgate, Lydia's botched elopement, and Darcy and Elizabeth's actual elopement. But she goes about it badly, disproving of all of the Bennets (some with good reason!) and alienating Darcy, Elizabeth, and the Colonel in the process.

I couldn't put this one down--really wonderful!!!
