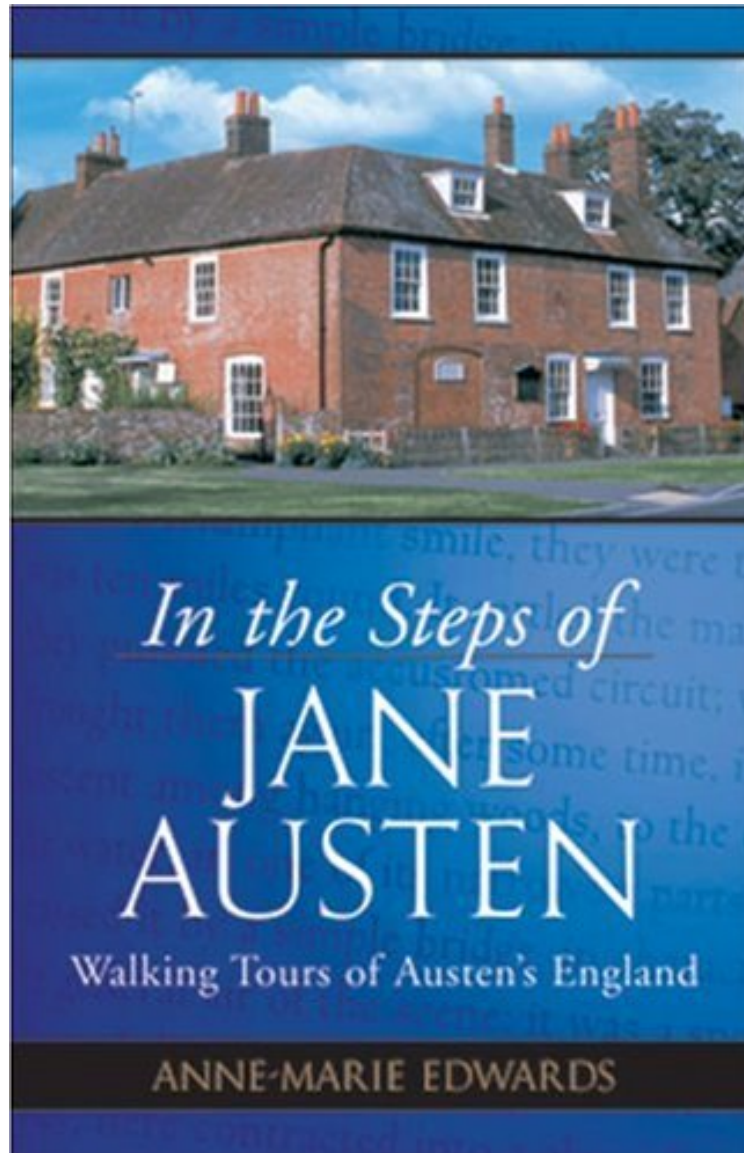


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Anne-Marie Edwards : In the Steps of Jane Austen: Walking Tours of Austen's England before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised In the Steps of Jane Austen: Walking Tours of Austen's England:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Could be worth 5 start, if not the urgent need for update and clearer mapsBy YORAM COHENI purchased the book in preparation of a walking tour "In the Footsteps of Jane Austen",

which I am planning for September 2014. On first reading, it seemed quite satisfactory, apart from the maps, which are sketchy and far from clear. I particularly liked the close association between Jane Austen's life and work and the details of each walk. However, further preparations, and drawing information from the internet and other books, revealed several inadequacies. For example: 1. Being written in 1991, even the 2006 Third Printing which I bought, could not possibly have contained the important news of the 2011 and 2012 of "Remains of Jane Austen's Steventon home (having been) unearthed" (BBC News). 2. On the area map on Page 42, Oakley Hall still appears as "Hilsea College", even though it was restored in 2003 to its original glory and has been used as a luxury hotel ever since. 3. The treatment of Lyme Regis is quite insufficient. It touches only upon its connections with Jane Austen, but fails to mention that "The town is noted for the fossils found in the cliffs and beaches, which are part of the Heritage Coast—known commercially as the Jurassic Coast—a World Heritage Site." (Wikipedia) These were but three examples of those I have noticed. I imagine the actual visit in September will reveal further inadequacies. However, all said and done, Anne-Marie Edwards' book is still the best single book of its kind, and an up-to-date revision of facts and maps would make it a truly 5 Star book. Yoram Cohen, March 21, 2014 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Could have been more useful... By Andrea Overall this is a good starting point reference for walks/hikes through Jane Austen inspired areas. It felt like the authors went into great detail in the beginning, but later walks it feels like they were running out of energy. Description got shorter and more vague. The parking references are out of date and in some cases do not offer you the least expensive option (particularly in the various city walks). The maps were terrible, we had to create our own maps from the descriptions which took LOTS of time before the directions provided made any sense. If you have the time to "recreate" maps and re-read the walks over and over it will be a good reference. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Gordon F. Rayner Daughter loves it. Price was great

This detailed and engaging account of Austen's life and work is arranged as a series of walking tours through the towns and countryside she knew and loved—the settings for her novels. This book introduces the people she met on her journeys and explores the country houses, churches, great estates, and elegant cities she knew, which have changed surprisingly little in the course of two centuries.

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