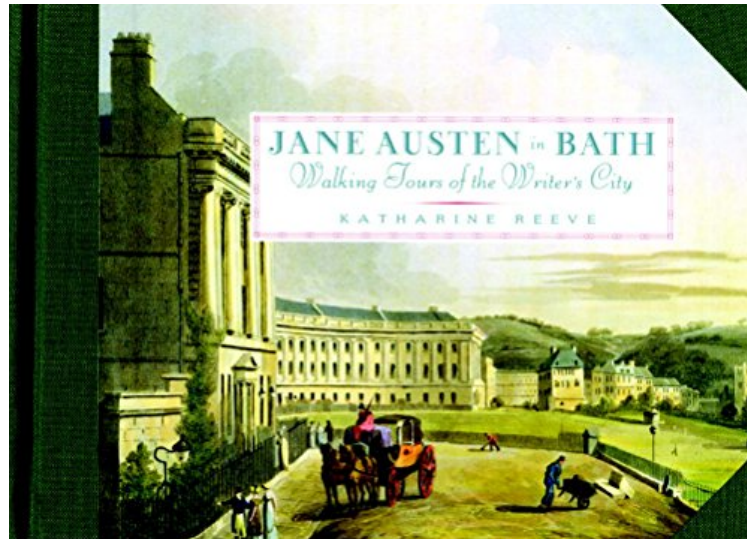


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Katharine Reeve : Jane Austen in Bath: Walking Tours of the Writer's City before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jane Austen in Bath: Walking Tours of the Writer's City:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An Excellent Guide to A Fascinating City By YORAM COHENI, together with my two sons and daughter-in-law, visited Bath about three weeks ago and used this book as our guide. It proved excellent. Regrettably, Bath itself looked rather run down and ill maintained, as opposed to the shining white Bath I had remembered from the 1990s. It was a pity, too, that the on-going Jane Austen festival had no visible presence in the streets. You either had to book in advance very expensive tickets to the indoors events, or you missed the whole thing. However, this has nothing to do with the excellent quality of this handy guide. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Excellent reference on Bath in Jane Austen's day By Janet R. Justiss For those interested in a view of the city in Jane Austen's time, this slender volume, written by a guide from the Jane Austen Center, presents a wealth of information. Need to know which were the most fashionable residences? Where the poor lived in the most unsavory areas? Where the warehouses were located that stockpiled furniture for those who wanted a furnished townhouse, quickly? Reeve's book has it all and more. An excellent resource for the period writer. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Armchair Bath Explorer By Phyllis A. Karr I couldn't get to Bath itself, but needed to research it for an Austen-related novel of my own. While I cannot say this answered ALL my questions, it was certainly a dandy starter; and Wikipedia filled in much of the rest. I'd call it an excellent addition to any Jane Austen collection, so snap it up while it's still in print. The great difficulty I can see with it as a guide to carry with you around the city is that ... it's so darn beautifully printed and bound, seems rather a shame to subject it to the rigors of a pocket companion during walking tours.

Jane Austen in Bath: Walking Tours of the Writer's City is a beautifully illustrated book organized into four walking tours around the city of Bath—where she set both *Northanger Abbey* and *Persuasion*—two novels that mirrored her own experience: that of an impressionable, optimistic young girl hoping to meet the man she would marry and later, that of

a mature woman disappointed in love. It was in Bath that many of Austen's own romantic adventures and misadventures occurred, and this book artfully weaves together the story of Austen's life there with those of her beloved characters. This guidebook describes the places frequented by Austen and her characters. Readers can stroll along the shady, tree-lined walk where Anne Elliot met Captain Wentworth after he returned from seven years at sea, and visit the galleries that hosted the glittering balls where the impressionable young Catherine Moreland made her debut. Bath is an exquisite, perfectly preserved Georgian town located in the stunning countryside just an hour and a half from London. It was a spa town in Austen's day and still is. The streets, crescents, gardens, and buildings look almost exactly the same as they did then. Many of the places that she frequented are still there—visitors can still buy the traditional Sally Lunn rolls at the same bakery/café that Austen frequented; enter the famous Pump Rooms and Assembly Rooms where she drank the waters, gossiped, and danced; stroll the unique Georgian crescents and pleasure gardens where she enjoyed fireworks and lavish public breakfasts; and see the homes Austen and her family lived in, some of which are now open to the public. *Jane Austen in Bath* is the perfect companion to discovering the vibrant and fashionable social scene of Bath during both Austen's time and today.

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