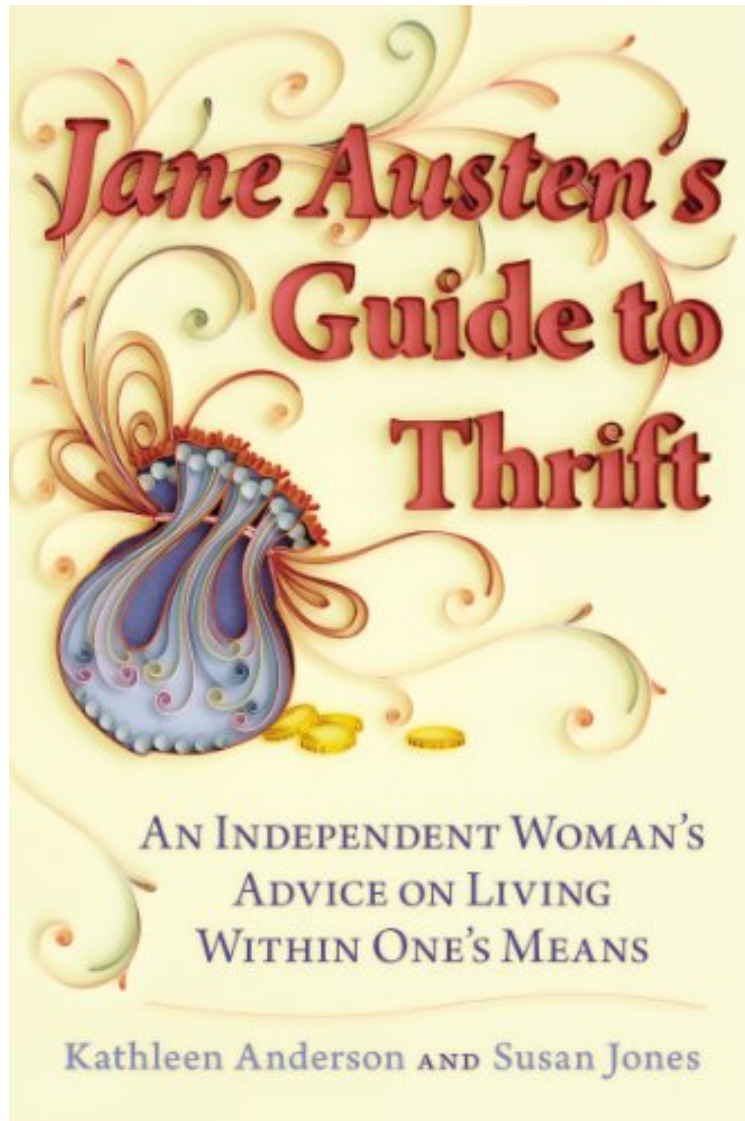


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Have Some "Sense and Sensibility" - Read This Book! By RebeccaIt is a truth universally acknowledged that oft times a person has the need to shop. Whether it is for a limited edition DVD of the Colin Firth Pride and Prejudice, or even a thing as simple as food, there is always something that needs to

be bought. Dr. Kathleen Anderson and Dr. Susan Jones write delightful tips on how to be thrifty, and ultimately, satisfied with life, through the guidance of Jane Austen's words in their book, *Jane Austen's Guide to Thrift: An Independent Woman's Advice on Living within One's Means*. Whether you are the frugal type like Charlotte Lucas (*Pride and Prejudice*), or a little more eager to buy like Lydia Bennet (*Pride and Prejudice*), there is a character that fits everyone's spending style. More importantly, there is guidance on spending, saving, investing your money as well as in your relationships that will inspire you to tweak some habits. A thoroughly enjoyable book, *Jane Austen's Guide to Thrift* is a must read! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An easy, breezy read with substance. By Miami girl! This book could be called "Jane Austen's Guide to Life" but that title was already taken. Subjects covered range from living within one's means to pursuing "healthy, authentic, loving relationships." *Jane Austen's Guide to Thrift* is an easy, breezy read with substance. It can be enjoyed by those who love Jane Austen/Regency period trivia, devotees of bargain-hunting and seekers after moral guidance. The book is a great value just for its suggestions of uses for old bridesmaids' dresses, but it also reveals the origins of the term "mall" to describe a shopping district and a particularly disturbing way to adulterate tea. I can think of many types of readers who would enjoy this book, but it should certainly be mandatory reading for recent college graduates and Janeites - especially if they are both. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I learned many practical things in this delightful book. By Romancing the Book. Reviewed by Robin. Book provided by the publisher for review. Review originally posted at Romancing the Book. As Jane Austen fan I decided to review the *Jane Austen's Guide to Thrift*. I wasn't sure what to expect but I found that overall I was pleasantly surprised. I learned some new things and some not so new things to help save a little bit for a rainy day. I liked how the two authors have brought the characters from the different stories into the telling of how to be thrifty. I thought of it as a fun way of letting me the reader know, what they would have done in order to save or not save whichever the case may be. All were right on target for today's society but rather a stretch for the characters. But if said characters lived now I could easily visualize them doing some of the things in the book. Having stated that, I also want to say that for someone that is not familiar with Jane Austen's works they would not be able to visualize the same things. I enjoyed learning about Anne Elliot's take of thrift store shopping. Examining the items you want are important. The price may seem good for brand name designer (but there is a reason it is in a thrift store) sometimes it may have minor repairs. So why buy the item if you cannot do the repair or if you have no intention of fixing the item. You see you are still wasting money. Also, the repair may cost more than the item itself and really may not be worth it. Sometimes going to a T.J. Maxx or Marshall's is better in the long run as you can obtain designer fashions at discounted prices. Things like five dollar jeans to run around in and do yard work is a great deal instead of spending whatever the going price is for a better pair of jeans to do the same thing. Dresses you have worn for say weddings or bridal parties would make great dresses for some young girls homecoming or prom dress. This gets those dresses out of your closet and helps some young girl have a night to remember that is affordable. Websites listed in book. We learn how Lucy Steele shows us how even though she hates certain people because they have money she can show us how easy it is to save and invest what little we have. As it then grows we are able to afford better things like the rich and famous. Taking a little and tucking it away before buying major items saves us in the long run. We don't put it on credit cards and pay more for the item itself. Charlotte Lucas shows us how to save on household items. Sometimes it is better to buy in bulk. You save money over the long run instead of running to the store every few days for the same items. Making meals in slow cookers affords us of being able to buy the less expensive cuts of meat to obtain the same overall meals as the more expensive and also frees up our time. She also helps us with ideas for natural cleaning items that cut done on the cost and also are good for the environment. We learn many practical things in this delightful book. There is a little bit of everything for everyone discussed in this book; from homemade gifts, re-gifting (when to and when not to), health and beauty, entertaining, traveling and so much more. Things don't have to cost us a fortune to make life a little more affordable. So if you are a Jane Austen fan or not there is a little bit of something for everyone that wants to learn ways of saving more in today's world. I truly enjoyed it. I think you will find something that you also can learn and maybe save for that new couch you have been wanting.

Embrace your inner Jane and find a new way of life in thrift! Jane Austen knew that wealth and grandeur had little to do with happiness, and that fashionable new dresses and reticules to impress Mr. Darcy simply were not the path to fulfillment—especially when one accrues debt in the process. It's as true today as it was then. Whether you have a fortune or not, you're well advised to make the most of your income—and save for your future. Now, using the timeless wisdom and example of Jane Austen's memorable heroines, this book offers everything the modern lady needs to know about: *Clever investing* *Keeping up appearances on a budget* *Giving and receiving graciously* *Finding treasures at flea markets and church rummage sales* *Planning a party that only looks extravagant* And more. *Jane Austen's Guide to Thrift* shows how to make your circumstances significantly less reduced, and how to live a life of elegant economy and joyful generosity—whether you're as much as Emma Woodhouse or as little as Miss Bates.

About the Author Kathleen Anderson and Susan Jones have published essays in *Persuasions: The Jane Austen Journal* and numerous other academic and creative journals. They are both professors of English and members of the Jane Austen Society of North America.