Miss Bennet's Dragon

A Pride and Prejudice Retelling Jane Austen Fantasy book 1



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An unforgettable fantasy reinvention of Jane Austen's classic that is romantic, funny, and more relevant than ever.

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Elizabeth's search leads her to the fabulous Pemberley estate, home of the entitled and infuriating man whose proposal she scorned. There, Elizabeth's worlds smash together—protocol against passion, and exultation against the risk of love.

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And her enemy is not who she thought.

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