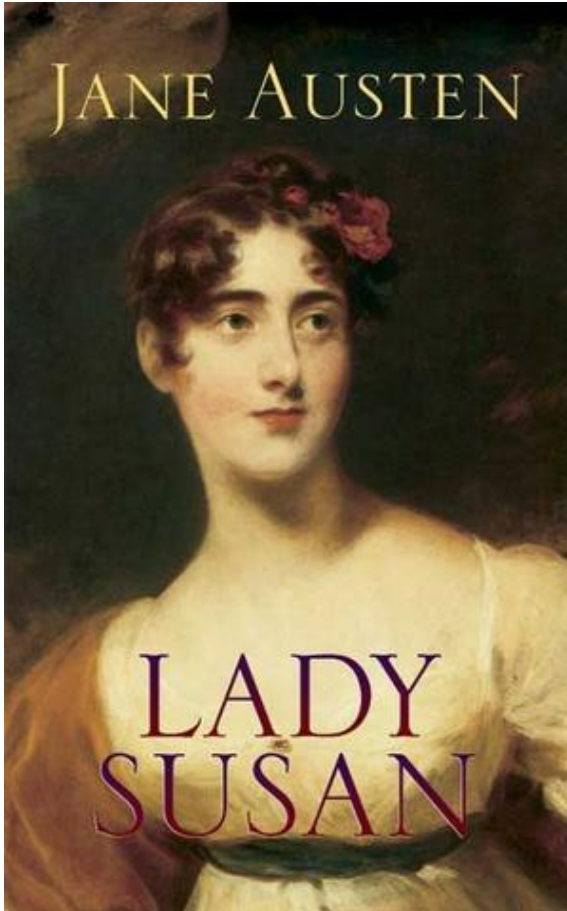


Pauline Beard and Jennifer Snoek-Brown will be discussing with you *Lady Susan* on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>. at 1pm at the home of Bill and Marna Boyd.



We hope that everyone will have the chance to read the novella *Lady Susan*...various editions are available...and come with questions and comments on the characters and technique.

For example do you have any empathy for Lady Susan? Is she like Mrs.Bennet simply trying to marry off a daughter? Does she remind you of other later Austen characters?

Does the epistolary technique confuse or irritate you? One benefit: It does provide different first-person perspectives on the same event. For example when Lady Susan's daughter, Frederica writes the letter to Reginald, we receive viewpoints on that letter from Lady Susan; her daughter; Reginald and his sister, Catherine. We learn why the letter was written; who

delivered it, and what happened after its deliverance. Jane Austen abandoned the technique ...can one appreciate why?



If possible also watch the film *Love and Friendship* (on DVD) and our discussion might compare and contrast the above perspectives with that of the film. Is something lost in the film translation? Do you see other areas where the film perhaps loses something crucial in limiting the perspectives? "Or does the film add perspectives by including new characters who are not in the novel?"

Whit Stillman is the writer director of the film and is one of the Plenary Speakers at next year's AGM in Huntington Beach...we might develop our discussion into a panel presentation.... Below is a link to an interesting interview with Stillman.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/08/movies/whit-stillman-interview-jane-austen-love-and-friendship-lady-susan.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/08/movies/whit-stillman-interview-jane-austen-love-and-friendship-lady-susan.html?_r=0)

Looking forward to the discussion. Please r.s.v.p Bill and Marna: (503) 230 9099. [wjboyd.ipad@gmail.com](mailto:wjboyd.ipad@gmail.com) and let them know if you will be bringing something for the table.

Pauline and Jennifer. Our favorite Lady Susan quotation: "Facts are such horrid things!"