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UNDER the COVERS with Gwyn Cready

A one-night stand with a literary hero has unexpected repercussions

NEW! Mr. Darcy just isn't Flip Allison's style. She prefers hot, steamy novels to the mannerly longing of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. That is, until she pays a visit to Madame K., who promises a therapeutic massage with an opportunity to "Imagine Yourself in Your Favorite Book." Now, Flip's in Regency England...and dangerously close to the handsome Mr. Darcy. So close, in fact, that she discovers a side of him that would have shocked Jane Austen!

Unfortunately, her liaison with Darcy changes the plot of the book, spelling disaster for its characters—not to mention millions of *Pride and Prejudice* fans—so Flip must enlist the help of Austen scholar Magnus Knightley to undo the damage. Too bad Flip can't keep her hands off him either.... *Explicit sex.*

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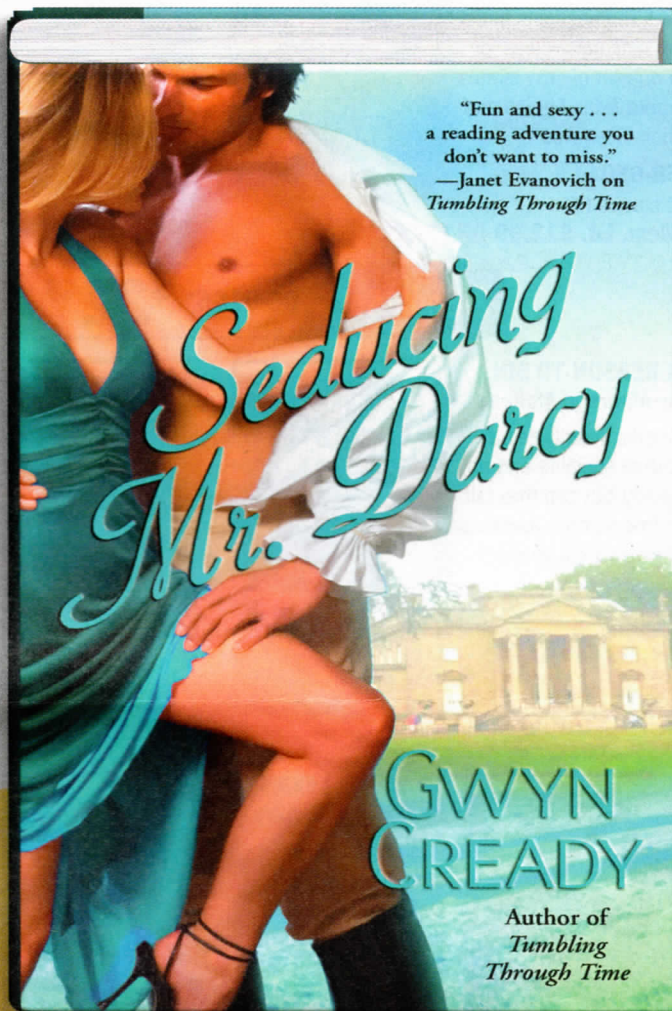
It's safe to say Flip's not the only one who'd enjoy a fling with Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy... but what inspired the "imagine yourself in a book" premise?

Every woman at one point or another has imagined what it would be like to be Lizzy Bennet or Scarlett O'Hara or Ilsa Lund, right? Well, it dawned on me one day that the only thing better than being Lizzy Bennet in *Pride and Prejudice* would be being me in *Pride and Prejudice*.

Why do you think the character of Mr. Darcy holds such universal appeal to women?

Interesting question. I think we love that Darcy dedicates himself to deserving the woman he's been given a chance to win, which is, after all, how the best sort of men should live their lives every day. And, frankly, the fact that he looks like Colin Firth doesn't hurt either.

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