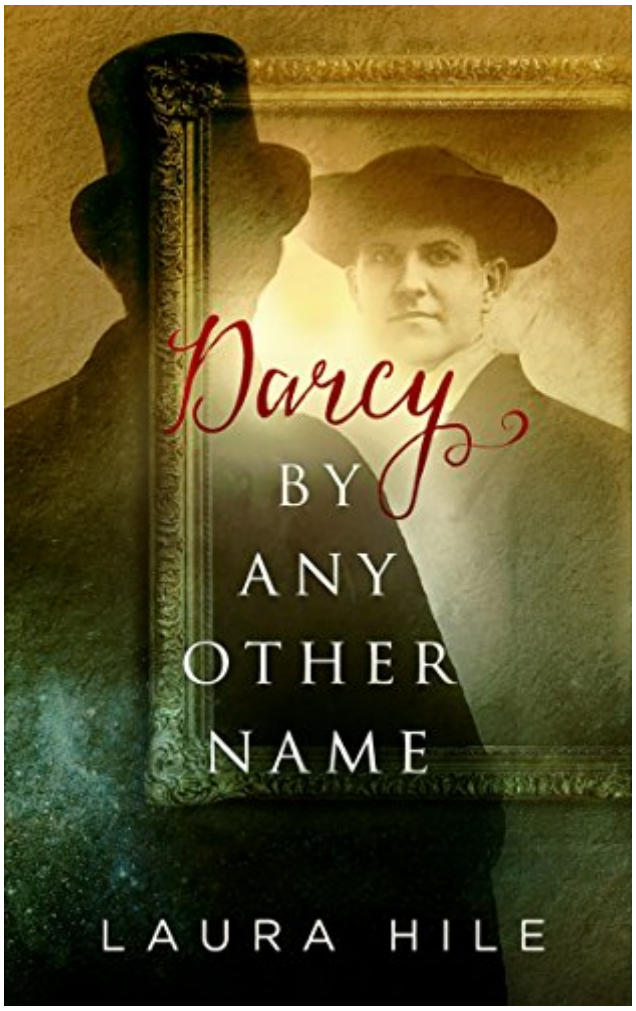
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Synopsis

At Netherfield, a glorious evening of music and dancing...But out in the garden two men are arguing, while a ferocious rainstorm swirls round. And then the unthinkable happens: a lightning bolt from heaven strikes. In that instant everything changes.Jane AustenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s heartthrob hero becomes the bumbling Reverend Collins.Shorn of his fortune, his social standing, and his good looks, Mr. Darcy is trapped in Mr. CollinsÃ¢â ¬â„¢ body. And Mr. Collins wakes up to discover that he is master of Pemberley. Could there be anything worse?But the inner man is still Darcy. He is in love with Elizabeth Bennet. And now he is living in her house.Discover the Pride and Prejudice Ã¢â ¬Ëœbody swapÃ¢â ¬â„¢ that has readers laughing in surprise and delight.

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Customer Reviews

I picked this up after reading the sample, intending to just get the flavor of more of the story before returning to another book I was already reading, but a funny thing happened. I never stopped reading! It just grabbed hold of me and wouldn’t let go. It is NOT a short book, but I read it in one

sitting and just loved it all.When Darcy and Mr. Collins both are struck by lightening and severely injured the night of the Netherfield ball, a Freaky Friday transformation occurs. When he finally wakes up, Darcy is confused to find himself apparently at Longbourn listening to the Bennet sisters talking and giggling in his bedroom. He gradually comes to the realization that his consciousness is trapped in Mr. Collins' body. He has no wealth, no prestige, he's a nobody in society, and he's already pegged as a fool by everyone in the Bennet household except Mrs. Bennet and Mary. However, the one advantage that he finds in this position is his proximity to Elizabeth and the fact that Mrs. Bennet encourages her to spend time with him. Certain as he is that his condition must be temporary, at first he attempts to mimic Collins' behavior, but gradually, as he becomes less optimistic about ever becoming "himself" again, his own personality asserts itself.This situation alone has lots of potential, and Ms. Hile ups the ante in many ways. She sends Lady Catherine to Netherfield to watch over her injured nephew, and then there's a snowstorm that prevents Darcy from getting to Netherfield to confer with Collins and strands Anne deBourgh at Longbourn for several days. Anne becomes bosom buddies with Lydia and Kitty, and you know that's not going to lead to anything good! Another medical problem emerges at Longbourn. Colonel Fitzwilliam arrives after receiving a summons from Darcy, but will he figure out the truth or think he's a madman? Tension in the story builds in several ways with a potential crisis involving Wickham that Darcy does his best to prevent as well as Collins' enjoyment of his newly elevated status and his manipulations to win Elizabeth for himself.The writing is fluid, clever and imaginative. Obviously, there's a lot of humor in the situation, especially in scenes between Darcy and Collins, which must have been a lot of fun to write. The twist on what I always call the "infamous proposal scene" is just a hoot. There are also quite a few lovely romantic moments between Darcy (as Collins) and Elizabeth.In short, Darcy By Any Other Name has a little bit of everything and is an exceptional novel from this talented JAFF author.

Oh my word, I haven't enjoyed JAFF this much since Carolyn Whyte's books!! I first encountered a review for this book on a JAFF review blog I follow, and instead of adding it to my wish list, I had to buy it right then. It was money well spent!!This book is essentially, as another review states, Freaky Friday meets Pride and Prejudice. Darcy leaves the manor at the Netherfield Ball to get away from the embarrassing scene being caused by Bingley's guests-mainly the Bennet family. Collins, who most improperly introduced himself to Darcy earlier in the evening follows him. The two have words and are struck by lightning. When Darcy wakes up, he is in the body of the fat, toad-like rector from Hunsford.Oh boy. You can imagine his shock and denial. How could he, Fitzwilliam Darcy of

Pemberley be reduced to such a state? Gone are his handsome good looks and trim figure. Instead he has sausage-like fingers, a portly belly, and terrible hygiene. But being in the rector's body has some perks. He is living in the same house as his Elizabeth.As he learns to get around the situation he finds himself in, Darcy gets the opportunity to discover that wealth and good looks are not the only thing it takes to win a lady's hand, let alone her heart. Darcy changes, and as he changes, Elizabeth falls in love with him. There is just one problem: She thinks he is William Collins.The Bennets are having quite the time, with the biggest snow storm Hertfordshire has seen in years, Mr. Bennet getting sick, and unexpected guests coming to call. Will Jane get her Mr. Bingley? What about Mr. Collins? Will he irreversibly alter Darcy's life and his good name?As time moves on, Darcy resigns himself to staying in Collins' body for the rest of his life. So naturally, being in love with Elizabeth, he proposes. But what will happen to his Elizabeth when he ends up back in his own body?This book nailed it. A concept that seemed so laughable was made into a riveting story. JAFF lovers, BEWARE. If you have a full time job, or even a part time job, you will want to save this for the weekend. Case in point: I buy the book. Husband gets home from work. "You're finished with that already?? When did you buy it?" I answer sheepishly: "Today...BUT IT WAS SO GOOD!!!" I literally couldn't put it down.You will laugh out loud. You might cry. You will be angry, happy, excited, anxious and more when you read this book. It doesn't end how you would expect, but I still liked the ending. I loved the epilogue, but I would have loved to see a little more detail in it. To the author, well done! To the prospective reader, Happy Reading to you!!

I so enjoyed this variation of Pride and Prejudice meets Freaky Friday. But I also saw glimmers of Beauty and the Beast as Mr. Darcy learned so much about himself and others while he was someone else and made appropriate and even sacrificial changes. It was touching to see Lizzie fall in love with him simply because of his character and heart. So much was humorous with slip ups and the perceptions of others. The scene in the church near the end made me cry as it was so dear. I was sad to see this story end as I grew quite fond of this Lizzie and Darcy. I also appreciate that it was a clean story and that much of the wisdom and mystery was based on Scripture but not in some overly sweet goo. Thank you Laura for writing a most compelling and amusing story with the Austenesque characters still true to themselves, yet the primary characters we care about grew in maturity, character, and honor. This one is definitely in the top 5 of P&P variations!

This is the first book I have read by Ms. Hile, and it was very good. It didn't have many mistakes, nor did the plot lack. It was a great idea which was executed well. I felt Col. Fitzwilliam was a little out of

character, but it was understandable. Anne de Bourgh was different, but that added some zest. I must admit my favorite relationship was not Elizabeth and Darcy/Collins, but actually Darcy/Collins and Hill. Look forward to your next release.

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