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""Sons & Daughters"" is Book Two of the romantic, charming and very funny continuation of ""Pride and Prejudice"" that began with ""Darcy & Fitzwilliam"". Mr. Darcy, and his cousin, Colonel Fitzwilliam, are life-long best friends and competitors, whether for the hand of Elizabeth Bennet or for who can avoid Aunt Catherine the longest.

A Pride and Prejudice family saga in the making, in Sons & Daughters we follow the children from infancy to adulthood, with all the terrors in between - unrequited love, mistaken romance, French pornography, parents who just don't understand about love, and children who want to grow up much too fast.

""Laugh until your sides ache and then laugh some more..."" Sons & Daughters will make you laugh and cry...just like life does."

Sons and Daughters Details

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Jackie says

If you like post P&P. this is a well written one. Loved it. Please write more.

Susan says

This is the sequel to Karen V. Wasykowski's 'DARCY AND FITZWILLIAM'. Following the cousins through the next 20 years, and their children's activities and loves

Karen Wasykowski says

Magnificent

Ruth says

It's a very poignant adaptation...so very good!

What is addressed in this variation is how women were / are mistreated, abused and made to marry or do things that are against their own wishes. It has been an on going issue through the ages with women abused by disgusting lecherous men particularly in this era when this was rampant. This P&P variation opens up with a startling incident of the worst kind and absolutely captures the time period by what is done to hide away this terrible incident. Britain has always had a class system that while the upper echelon could hide behind their nefarious deeds, the rest would be scrambling to get back their life with little if any justice. To save all of Elizabeth's dignity and virtue she must keep secrets that could cause the complete ruin of her beloved sisters never mind Elizabeth herself. She suffers terribly from the burden and stress of it all. Elizabeth's portrayal in this story is one of a woman facing a terrible adversary and having the strength and courage to continue on immersing herself in her family. They are her therapy, they are what keeps her going....until she has to face the consequences when once again all the sores she's dealt with are reopened and her secrets may be revealed. This is a worthwhile book to read and I think no matter how difficult the subject this book addresses it with class and depth!

Linda Banche says

Karen V. Wasykowski has done it again with SONS AND DAUGHTERS, an often hilarious, sometimes soul-wrenching, but always engaging tale as she continues the saga begun in the delicious DARCY AND FITZWILLIAM: A TALE OF A GENTLEMAN AND AN OFFICER.

True to the title, Darcy's and Fitzwilliam's children dominate the story. Darcy has three and Fitzwilliam nine.

(Nine, you say? The man has worked overtime.) The book spans twenty years and we laugh and cry along with both clans as the parents age and their children grow and navigate the always difficult transition to adulthood.

Ms. Wasyłowski's flowing prose keeps you turning the pages to see what will happen next. With so many characters, something new, perhaps funny and perhaps heartbreaking, always happens. Like the time when the children, mostly preadolescent, find some erotic prints Fitzwilliam saved and aren't sure what to make of them, although they're certain they must be scandalous, to when Fitz's wife, Amanda, has her ninth child in a very difficult birth.

Ms. Wasyłowski's is a master at writing the emotion of both adults and children, especially as she shows how the children's feelings change as they mature. She also has a good ear for realistic dialog, whether the character is child or adult, male or female. At times, the boys are disgustingly boys, and the girls, while perhaps a little nicer, are the boys' matches in every way. And the parents, as parents do, yell and threaten as well as love their children to distraction.

I only wish the book was longer. With so many characters, Ms. Wasyłowski by necessity had to skim over some stories. I'd like to know more about George and Kathy, and Anne Marie and Mr. Wentworth. Maybe a few novellas?

But if you want more fun with Darcy and Fitzwilliam, read **SONS AND DAUGHTERS**.

Book provided by the author

Charlene says

Wonderful, Funny and definitely diverting. I loved every minute of this story. As the title states this is a story of Darcy and Col Fitzwilliam's children. The story spans 20yrs or so. Our beloved characters are still the same but getting older and having to deal with family and children! And all our favorite characters are there.(Lady Catherine causing trouble). I can't tell you how many times I laughed out loud and had to turn around to make sure no one saw me. The children's antics were funny and reminiscent of what we all experience in a house with children. And lots of children there were. Darcy has only three but Fitzwilliam has nine. This was truly a perfect story of how their lives could be. There were problems to solve but also romance and like I said lots of entertainment. Well done Karen, this is a new favorite for me. I heartily recommend this book to all!!

Kim says

I remember the first time I read *Pride and Prejudice* and chuckled to myself at the little tongue-in-cheek humor that Austen used. Elizabeth's observations and statements (especially about Mr. Collins) regarding those around her were always sure to get a rise out of me. It's this memory that makes me so happy that there is an author in the Austen fan fiction world that can continue to make me laugh with these characters.

Karen Wasyłowski is this author and it was her first book, *Darcy and Fitzwilliam*, that really got me laughing. Between the over-the-top (in a good way) personality of Lady Catherine and the hysterical brotherly relationship between Fitzwilliam and Darcy, I was hooked. When offered the chance to review

book two in the series *Sons and Daughters* I immediately said yes! For who would ever turn down a chance to add humor to one's life?

From Goodreads:

Sons and Daughters, a sequel to Karen V. Wasyłowski's Darcy and Fitzwilliam (which was itself a continuation of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice), again follows the iconic Fitzwilliam Darcy and his cousin Colonel Fitzwilliam. Now we see the two battling best friends as loving husbands and doting fathers, older and a bit wiser, making the sacrifices, the difficult (and frequently unpopular) decisions that men must make for the good of their families and we see their large brood of offspring - the 'Fitzwilliam Mob' - grow from childhood to adolescence then on into adulthood. Along the way, Darcy and Fitzwilliam are viewed by their children first as heroes, then as the enemy, but eventually as mortal human beings and the children's adored champions once again.

I knew from reading book one of this series that I was in for some seriously funny stuff. Wasyłowski is a master at writing humor. It's obvious from the title that the Fitzwilliam and Darcy children play a large part in the plot. Getting the opportunity to see Darcy and Fitz in parental roles was hilarious. Especially Fitzwilliam! His brood runs roughshod all over him, especially his twin sons who are major practical jokers.

The only detraction I would have to list is the fact that there were so many characters, which caused some of the story lines to feel rushed and incomplete. It was a little difficult to keep everything straight because of all the new characters, but once I got the hang of it all was well again. I have to say that this was easy enough to overlook because of how well Wasyłowski was able to hold my attention. The combination of abundant humor and unique storylines was a delight to read and has cemented my interest in this series as a whole. I can't wait to see what else she has in store for us in the future!

Kimberly (Reflections of a Book Addict)

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Stephanie says

This story follows Fitzwilliam Darcy and his cousin Colonel Fitzwilliam and their family. You see their children grow to young adults in this story and their struggles with relationships (even with each other) and their parents. Darcy and Fitzwilliam have to make difficult decisions regarding their family but at the same time you see their love, sacrifices and understanding....

I enjoyed this story immensely. *Sons and Daughters* is delightfully crafted and different from any continuation of *Pride & Prejudice* that I have read thus far. There are humorous, witty- as well as- serious dialogue aspects to this story. The plot is engaging, well written and Karen shows strong emotions in her characters. I found myself reading late into the night, not wanting to put the book down. I look forward to reading more of Karen's stories! I highly recommend this book to Jane Austen fans! You'll love it!

I rated this book four stars!

Stephanie

Layered Pages

Erlynn (BooksHugBack) says

This second book by Karen Wasykowski was actually a pleasant surprise for me. I was not a fan at all of her first book *Darcy and Fitzwilliam: A Tale of a Gentleman and an Officer*. I'm not even all that sure why I gave the second a try, except that it seemed to be getting better reviews. I will add one more to that pile I suppose.

Sons and Daughters follows the children of Darcy and Fitzwilliam from childhood, into adolescence, and finally to adulthood. Darcy and Fitzwilliam are charming to watch as parents and the children are frustrating, hysterical, and endearing. The trouble they get into is entertaining and the life lessons they learn and ultimately their love lives are enjoyable to see develop.

This as a stand alone book is excellent and one not need to have read her first to enjoy this. I am glad that I gave her another try, and look forward to more by this author.

Talia says

A continuation of the previous book and book two of the series. It was strange. It could have been written by someone else. Since I read these back to back, I was surprised at how much her style changed for the second book. It was consistent with book 2 to book 3. The story was still romantic and interesting but less D and F than the first.
