



How We Work Together

Eight Years of Collaboration and Counting

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33 Publications Including:

19 Novels

5 Novellas

8 Short Stories

3 Collections



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How We Started

- Writing Class
- Renata Discovers JAFF
- Inviting Summer
- Summer's Take
- Familiarity with each other's work and work ethic

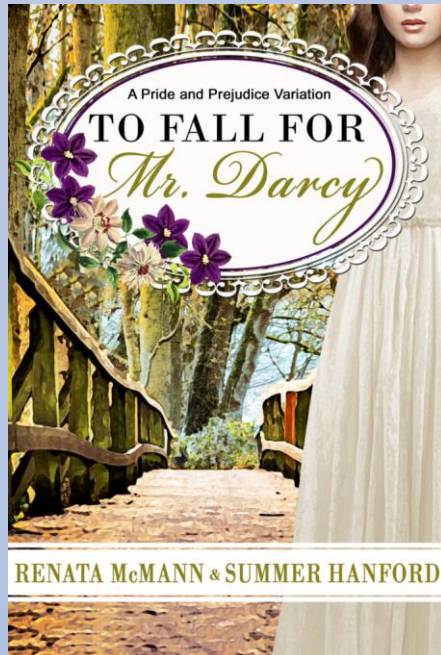


Our Process - Overview

- Renata sends the plot
 - Summer elaborates on scenes and adds details
 - A title is suggested if the working one won't do
 - Renata edits
 - Summer edits
 - Renata goes over the book again with track changes
 - Summer goes over the changes
 - Disagreements are reconciled
 - The book goes to our editors
 - Summer works up a cover
 - We start the blurb
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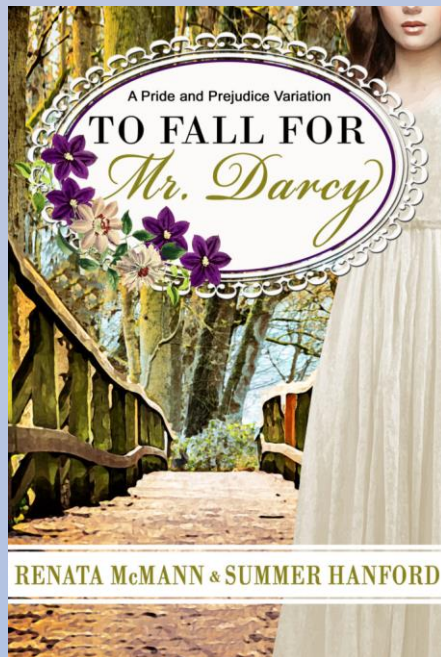
Our Process - Plot

- Example of Plot Change in *To Fall for Mr. Darcy*
- Example of Plot Change in *More Than He Seems*



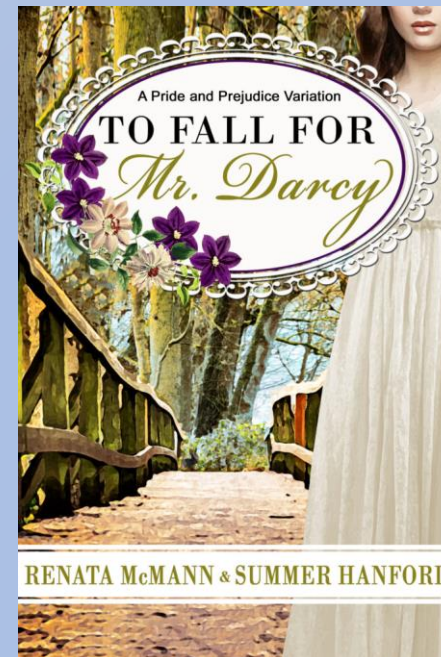
Our Process - Clarity

- Example of Clarity Change in *To Fall for Mr. Darcy*
- Mathematics Example



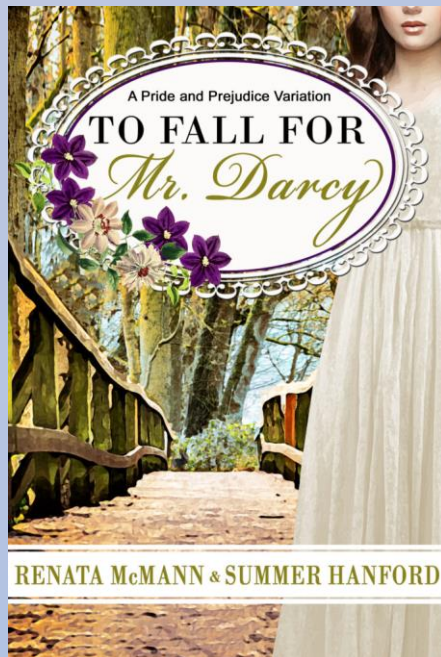
Our Process - Typos

- Example of Typo in *More Than He Seems* – Archive
- Example of Typo in *To Fall for Mr. Darcy* – Thirsty-One
- Psalms
- P~~s~~alms
- Palms



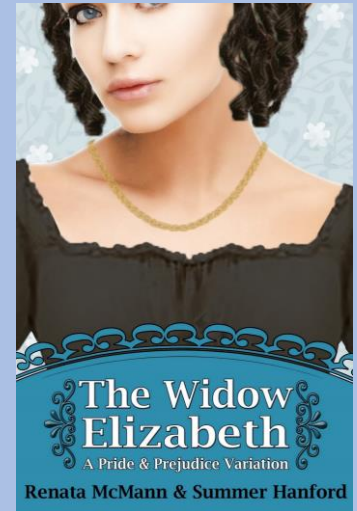
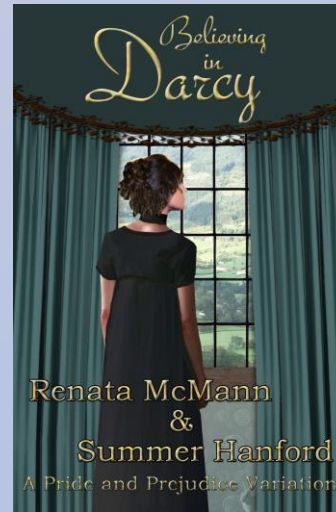
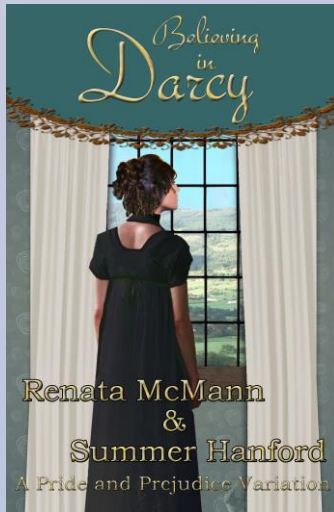
Our Process - Characters

- Example of Character Change in *To Fall for Mr. Darcy*
- Example of Character Change in *More Than He Seems*
- Example of Character Change in *After Anne*

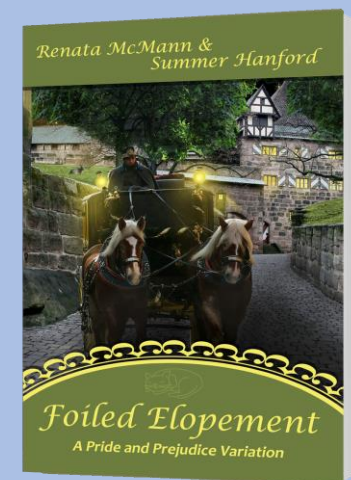
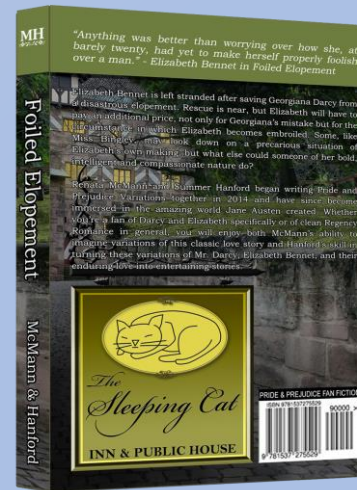


Our Process – Cover Art

Similar, yet opposite, back-and-forth process



Ask Our Readers



Division of Labor

- Manuscript formatting (eBook vs Print)
- Manuscript uploading (eBook vs Print)
- Monitoring performance
- Social media and mailing list
- Large Print Controversy
- Play to your strengths

Key Takeaways

- Know each other's writing and work ethic
- Communication
- Say you're sorry and mean it
- Have a short memory
- Ego Free Writing
- Play to your strengths
- Focus on the goal
- Celebrate successes

Conclusion

- What's Next?
- Thank You!
- Questions?

