

Reanimating the Classics

(NAPSA)—It could be a good thing if the thought of reading a literary classic sends a chill down your spine.

That's the idea behind a new set of "mash-up" novels that combine two of Jane Austen's best-known works with some of the sci-fi and horror world's most menacing—yet popular—monsters. Here's a closer look:

Sea Monsters Attack!

A tale of romance, heartbreak and tentacled mayhem, the New York Times best seller "Sense and



Sensibility and Sea Monsters" expands the original text of Austen's beloved novel with all-new scenes of giant lobsters, rampaging octopi, two-headed sea serpents, swash-

buckling pirates and other seaworthy creatures.

Written by Jane Austen and Ben H. Winters, the story opens as the Dashwood sisters are evicted from their childhood home and sent to live on a mysterious island full of savage creatures and dark secrets. While sensible Elinor falls in love with Edward Ferrars, her romantic sister Marianne is courted by both the handsome Willoughby and the hideous man-monster Colonel Brandon.

Can the Dashwood sisters triumph over meddlesome matriarchs and unscrupulous rogues to find true love? Or will they fall prey to the tentacles that are forever snapping at their heels?

Brain Food

"It is a truth universally acknowledged that a zombie in possession of brains must be in want of more brains." So begins "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies," a mash-up of the literary classic, by Jane Austen and Seth Grahame-Smith.

Already an international and New York Times best seller, this book is now available in a new hardcover edition boasting additional bone-crunching scenes with 30 percent more mayhem and new full-color artwork.

"Pride and Prejudice and Zombies: Deluxe Heirloom Edition" tells the story of Elizabeth Bennet and her quest to rid the English village of Meryton of "unmentionables."

But upon the arrival of the haughty and arrogant Mr. Darcy, she is soon distracted. What ensues is a delightful comedy of manners with plenty of civilized sparring between the two young lovers—and even more violent sparring on the battlefield as Elizabeth wages war against hordes of flesh-eating zombies.

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