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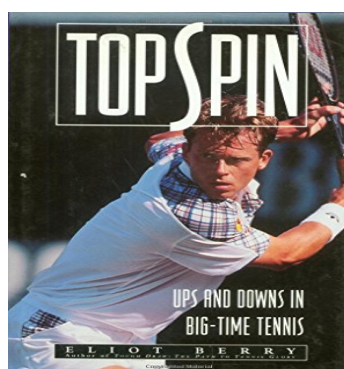
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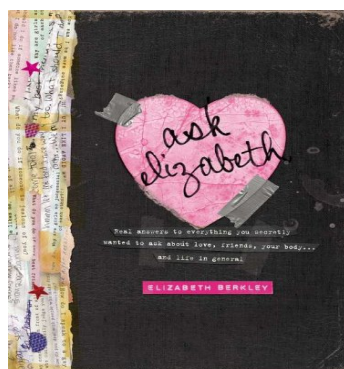
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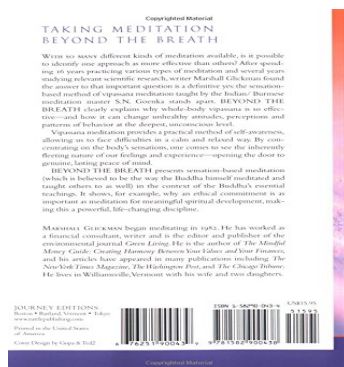
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**What others say about this ebook:**

**Review 1:**

**A wonderful story, starts out rather surprising, with Mr. Darcy having such an awful relative, planning his demise; but all is not lost, because an early, life-saving meeting with Lizzie happens! The rest is History. Great read.**

**Review 2:**

**The book wasn't bad but I have to admit I was bored most of the time. The main plot was more or less finished some 20 % into the book and the rest was mostly fluff with some little plots.**

**I have nothing against fluffy E&D but I just felt I'd read all of that before, somewhere. Perhaps I've read too many P&P fanfics (and I concede it is hard to think of something new in this gender).**

**So, pros: good main plot, good editing, HEA.**

**Cons: filler scenes in the rest of the book (though some of you may like that), too fluffy and perfect (kind Mrs. Bennet, better Mr. Collins, no E&D confrontations - again, there may be those who like that), typical 'fanfiction dialogues' - if you know what I mean, some minor inaccuracies (I am quite sure that in the absence of the owner the heir presumptive had no right to manage the owner's affairs if it was not specifically stated in some document).**

**Personally, I also disliked the way Darcy dealt with Bingley. He behaved very arrogantly and judgmentally towards Bingley. He showed not a bit of generosity to Bingley yet he did to others. This book is clearly not for me but I'm sure there are those who can like it.**

**Review 3:**

**Enjoyed this P&P variation immensely. Would have liked to see a gentler outcome for Bingley but really enjoyed the Colonel's story. Well written.**

**Review 4:**

**This was delightful, thrilling and a little strange in the juxtaposition of characters and events. It almost felt like two books as the tone changed about half way through the story. The first part was full of drama, thrills and an attempted murder of our beloved character. The second part was completing the love stories with our main characters and handling the distribution of justice for the evil committed.**

**This story was laced throughout with FATE changing everything we knew, or thought we knew, about P&P. Events and characters were tossed about and changed up until you never knew from one page to another what was about to happen and what characters would wind up together.**

**In this variation, Darcy's father had a twin brother and he had a son [Orwell Darcy]. His behavior and antics would put Wickham to shame. He had convinced himself that, due to a mix-up with the midwife, HIS father was the first born and true heir. He now felt that Pemberley and everything Darcy had should be his. He was so evil he was willing to kill in order to have what he wanted, or what he desired.**

**After an accident, Darcy realized that if he died without an heir born to him, everything would go to his cousin Orwell Darcy [who was not a nice guy]. He especially worried for Georgiana's safety. Since Darcy did not care for any of the ton ladies, he decided to do his duty to the family and marry his cousin Anne de Bourgh. In route to Rosings, Darcy was attacked and left for dead.**

**Elizabeth was out on one of her walks when her dog found Darcy who was near death. She got help and they took him to Longbourn where they nursed him while he recovered. All this was in**

secret as the doctor informed them that his injuries were due to a murder attempt and not just robbery. When Darcy woke up, he didn't know who he was or what had happened to him.

Our author was so creative as she wove her story and twisted canon a bit and let us see how our characters would evolve if their circumstances were different. Elizabeth and Darcy meet before pride or prejudice was created in their characters. They met on a level playing field and that natural draw or pull between them was allowed to blossom with free reign.

Once the ball was rolling with ODC, then the cascade effect began with Darcy seeing her family in a different light. His relationship with Mrs. Bennet was delightful and how he used her abilities and weaknesses to advantage. He was really brilliant. That continued in his relationship with the younger girls as they fell under the influence of Georgiana and her refined ways.

Mr. Bennet was wonderful as he tried to protect the young man who had captured the heart of his second oldest daughter and his favorite child.

Lady Catherine was a piece of work and really over the top. She was simply delightful and devious as she tried to force a match between the two estates. We also got a glimpse into her reasons for wanting the match. I did not see that coming; it completely caught me off guard. What a surprise.

Mr. Collins: I really liked how his circumstances took a turn for the better. This was his HEA and I've never seen it played like this in any story I've read to date. I really liked how things worked out for him?really creative.

The Bingley group: WOW!!! You reap what you sow, if you don't like weeds, then you better pull them when they first sprout, otherwise you'll have a devil of a time getting the roots that have become entrenched in the ground. That was Bingley's trouble with Caroline. He had allowed her to be domineering, controlling, out of control, and hurtful to those around her. Caroline was herself and perhaps more so than canon. She was really awful and refused to be checked.

Bingley was weak and ineffective in this version and we were allowed to see the consequences of his actions in how everything played out. It was eerie as the author brought him up to what would have been a canon meeting and then suddenly veered us off in another direction. It was a wonderful juxtaposition of what we were expecting and what we were given. What a delicious surprise. I've always wanted to see what would happen if Austen's description of Bingley was accurate. His consequence for being that person cost him and cost him dearly. I really wanted to see that played out and to see how Darcy would handle it? most excellent.

Could be considered a \*\*\*SPOILER\*\*\*

While we had the love story playing on one level, we also had to bring the villains to justice. This was a difficult plot to manage as Darcy had three fronts to consider. There were bad guys in Hertfordshire leasing Netherfield, his odious cousin at Darcy House and a few villains at Pemberley. I felt the assault on Netherfield was managed well with our dear Colonel organizing and leading the attack with the magistrate, several local strong men and Darcy. Darcy and the Colonel then rushed to town to Matlock House to gather additional me and then on to Darcy House. I loved the scene with the Colonel and his sword. Yeah, he was a hero for sure. I cannot spoil his HEA?you will just have to read it.

Darcy's heart and compassion was demonstrated on more than one occasion as he looked for the best in people. He also looked for the best circumstance for them. I loved this Darcy and that

character strength in him. On one occasion, when the law demanded justice, he pleaded for the life of a good man. He felt no one should die for the crimes of others, especially if he could help prevent it. I was constantly surprised at the creative angles the author took to solve problems that I never thought of. It really created a story that was so different, and yet, was completely acceptable to me. Others may not have liked it; however, I did.

**Review 5:**  
**Good storyline**

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