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If only I wrote Regency...

My visit to Bath, England stirred up the desire to write Regency. At least a temporary urge, for once back in London, I came to my senses. I'd never be able to keep straight the British titles, all those Lords, Viscounts and Earls and the manners of the *ton*! Oh, but Bath has not changed since Jane Austen lived in her flat at #4 Stanley Place. As my sister and I walked the streets, we passed the Roman Baths, and the Pump Room where the *ton* drank the healing waters and paraded around the room to be seen in their latest fashions. To be anybody, you must be a part of the gossip swirling around the room, and the juicier the better. Dances and gambling were held in the Assembly Rooms which now is the Museum of Costume.



When Judy and I arrived home from London, the very next day we watched Jane Austen's *Persuasion*. The second half takes place in Bath. We recognized the Pump Room, the Assembly Rooms and the distinct characteristic of the architecture - the curved Crescent Flats, now home to movies stars! The rumor is Nicolas Cage and Johnny Depp want to buy one of these million dollar flats. The BBC version was filmed several years ago, and the buildings were stained a brackish black from the soot and dirt. Since then, Bath has been cleaned up and their buildings restored to

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their golden hue. When first built at the turn of the 19th century, the building's stone facade was white. This is mentioned in *Persuasion* when one of Jane Austen's character moans about Bath with its blinding white buildings! It must have been a sight.

I love to write historical fiction, but Regency, well...I wouldn't attempt it. I don't have the patience to keep within the rules of Regency writing. Luckily, there are excellent writers that love the challenge, and have kept Jane Austen's legacy alive.

<http://www.cityofbath.co.uk/>

<http://www.museumofcostume.co.uk/>

<http://becksposhnosh.blogspot.com/2005/05/pump-room-bath-england.html>

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