

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE

THE QUOTATION:

Jane Austen's girls knew to a hair's breadth the fine line between merriment and simple smut. A purity that is ignorance, when the age of childish innocence is past, is mere stupidity, and nobody ever thought Jane valued stupidity.

R(obertson) Davies, *The Cunning Man*
Penguin Books, NYC, 1994; p. 390

THE WORDS

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| A. Rash | K. Churchill |
| B. Delightful situations | L. Unchaperoned |
| C. Appetite | M. New Heart |
| D. Vicarage | N. Navy yards |
| E. Infinite | O. Independent |
| F. East | P. Neediest |
| G. Saint James | Q. Godmersham Park |
| H. Twentieth | R. Miss Woodhouse |
| I. Highbury | S. Austenite |
| J. Enjoyments | T. Nibbled |

HINTS AND SUBTERFUGES

All references to *her* or *she* in the definitions are, of course, to Emma, whose name appears in the shaded squares. I am consistent. Jane Austen is *our author* or *our favorite author*, while *Jane*, as the solver will find, is Jane Fairfax. Yes, I intended to deceive, but Janeites will not be deceived long.

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