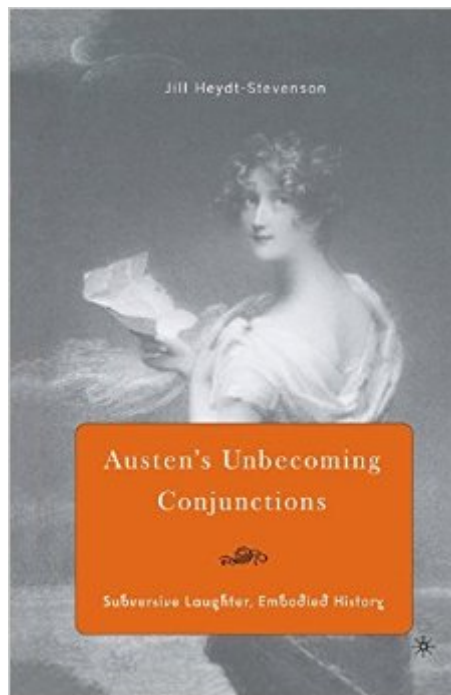


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As a former student of Heydt-Stevenson's I was most pleasantly surprised to find this - - it was a rather long time in preparation. Anyone, whether a student or a casual reader of Austen's work (say, are there any of those around?), should find this eminently readable book a delight.

Heydt-Stevenson's close readings offer observations that are both comical and wry, two qualities not always immediately apparent in Austen's own work. Along with Daniel Pool's historical *What Jane Austen Ate And Charles Dickens Knew*, it's a very enlightening supplement. Yes, Heydt-Stevenson stretches some of her points pretty far in order to persuade. But what would a

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Helpful book. I'm using a chapter in my Jane Austen class next semester.

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