

# Hints from various quarters

Lampoonery

Following a constant stream of suggestions from the Prince Regent's chief librarian, Jane Austen composed a secret satirical manuscript, *Plan of a Novel*, according to hints from various quarters. Here's the plot:

- Heroine a faultless Character... perfectly good, with much tenderness & sentiment, & not the least Wit... Her Person, quite beautiful - dark eyes & plump cheeks.
- Wherever she goes, somebody falls in love with her, & she receives repeated offers of Marriage.
- Often reduced to support herself & her Father by her Talents, & work for her Bread... worn down to a Skeleton, & now & then starved to death.
- Throughout the whole work, Heroine to be in the most elegant Society & living in high style.

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