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Love and Freindship [sic] is a melodramatic epistolary novelette written by Jane Austen when she was fourteen years old. *Love and Freindship* is set contemporaneously to Austen's writing and consists of a series of fifteen letters, most of which are written from the perspective of the protagonist, Laura, who recounts her extraordinary personal history to her friend Isabel's daughter. The novel satirizes sentimental novels, which were a popular genre at the time. Austen's early works are frequently published with the original spelling errors unaltered, a practice that is particularly conspicuous in the case of *Love and Freindship* because of the spelling error in the title. Austen dedicated this novelette to her cousin Eliza de Feuillide, who is believed by literary critics to have inspired multiple characters in Austen's writings, including the titular character in the novel *Lady Susan*.

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