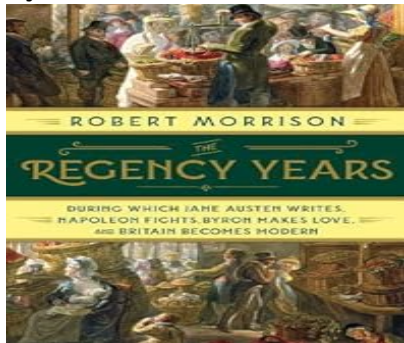


The Regency Years: During Which Jane Austen Writes, Napoleon Fights, Byron Makes Love, and Britain Becomes Modern By Robert Morrison **The Regency Years epub** With the British military in foreign lands fighting the Napoleonic Wars in Europe and the War of 1812 in the United States the desire for empire and an expanding colonial enterprise gained unstoppable momentum. **Book The Regency years criteria** The Regency Years: During Which Jane Austen Writes Napoleon Fights Byron Makes Love and Britain Becomes Modern



I enjoyed this book very much! A well-written and cogent account of a few crucial years in the history of Great Britain. **The Regency Years epub** Though I began thinking this book as if were a guilty pleasure because not about what I ought to be thinking about always -- namely the Brontes -- in fact it is highly relevant. **EBook The Regency years criteria** In fact Morrison's assertions about Byron being the first bad boy of literature ignores Lovelace in Clarissa--Lord Rochester during Charles II's reign and for that matter Byron's line There was a laughing Devil in his sneer would not have been nearly as potent without the influence of Milton's suave and witty devil in Paradise Lost. **EPub The Regency years** Robert Morrison This is a book that has recently been positively reviewed in a number of places including the ECONOMIST and other newspapers and which I picked up precisely because it focuses on such an interesting short episode of history. **The Regency Years pdf** The first quarter of the book in particular is a really excellent overview of the political and social structures of Regency England and is both chatty and erudite easy to follow and yet also rigorous and educational. **The regency east nyc** More than any other member of the royal family either before or since he believed that novelists poets singers historians actors painters musicians scientists architects and engineers \*mattered\* and during his Regency his well-known enthusiasm for the arts and sciences helped to energize the most extraordinary outpouring of creativity in British history. **PDF The Regency years calculator** (page 304) Unfortunately with the exception of specifically showing how the Regent pushed for the creation of the Brighton Pavilion with architect John Nash (pp 216-217) something that even Morrison concedes took money away from many other needed contemporary projects and was the subject of intense criticism from both sides of the political spectrum of the time. **EPub The Regency years** While Morrison discusses the Regent as a person at some length and mentions how the Regent unlike his father enjoyed such cultural discourse specific episodes of patronage are hard to find. **PDF The Regency years calculator** In the end this survey or cultural travelogue works more or less but once Morrison raises the idea of the specific aegis of the Regent at the end it casts the entire book in a different light. **EPub The Regency years criteria** However a clear instance of what I found unsatisfying in Morrison's account can be found in his very uneven handling of the sex life of the poet Lord Byron (pp 142-145 157 169-170). **Book The Regency years criteria** However the key point is that Byron was clearly a sexual predator targeting vulnerable women such as chambermaids and many of his male lovers in the Mediterranean were young teen-aged men who appear - to use the current British vernacular - to have been rent-boys making Byron also a sex tourist. **The Regency Years literature map** Skilled authors can use such cases to probe key and important questions but Morrison does an entirely inadequate job of addressing these concerns particularly since Byron gets something (but not entirely) of a pass by being a cultural luminary (and cultural anarchist) while other people that Morrison does not like as much are treated much less sympathetically. **Kindle The Regency years criteria** He earned a Bachelor of Arts in English at the University of Lethbridge in 1983 a Master of

Philosophy at the University of Oxford in 1987 and his PhD at the University of Edinburgh in 1991. **Literature The Regency years criteria** He earned a Bachelor of Arts in English at the University of Lethbridge in 1983 a Master of Philosophy at the University of Oxford in 1987 and his PhD at the University of Edinburgh in 1991. **The Regency Years kindle** It's very easy to see the past as old-fashioned (duh) and set in stone: this is a useful corrective that focuses on it as a time of groundbreaking change with people struggling against crushing oppression in many directions (including the weight of the past). **EPub The Regency years calculator** Very useful section on attitudes to homosexuality (Jeremy Bentham is always a valuable corrective to ideas of the past as a wholly bigoted place though I'm really not sure we give a shit what William Beckford had to say about anything). **EPub The Regency years criteria** Robert Morrison Review to Come Robert Morrison This concise history of the Regency years is a good introduction to the era but it suffered a few setbacks in trying to cover as much as it could. **Kindle The Regency years** There were sections that hit me as just a barrage of names with barely a sentence or two to distinguish them especially in the first chapter(Crime Punishment and the Pursuit of Freedom) which concentrates on crime law and order (or the lack thereof) civil unrest. **The Regency Years ebook** This is where the author also touches on the various morality chastity clean living sin no more groups and their efforts to tame the level of debauchery accepted in current society. **PDF The Regency years** Chapter 5 (Changing Landscapes and Ominous Signs) is a very mixed bag--changes wrought by the proliferation of factories the improvement in the roads the advent of railroads and other scientific advances. **Book The Regency years criteria** It's unsurprising that the subtitle of Canadian academic Robert Morrison's *The Regency Years: During Which Jane Austen Writes Napoleon Fights Byron Makes Love and Britain Becomes Modern* emphasizes the Romantic poet's seductive rather than his literary prowess. **EPub The Regency years** The average American reader is likely most familiar with the Prince Regent (who gives the Regency its name) from Hugh Laurie's iconic performance in *Blackadder III* but according to Morrison Laurie's oafish parody is far too kind. **The regency east nyc** One of the most notorious examples of this was Peterloo which began as a peaceful demonstration in Manchester by radical leaders and ended with a massacre of the assembled civilians by British soldiers. **The Regency Years literature map** But the stormy period was marked by the first and only assassination of a British Prime Minister Spencer Perceval described by Morrison as "anti-French anti-Catholic anti-slavery and fiercely anti-reform. **Book The Regency years criteria** " The Prime Minister's killer John Bellingham when demanded to explain why he had done such a thing responded "I have been denied the redress of my grievances by Government...I have been ill-treated. **Book The Regency years criteria** Many troops unwilling to end the evening of "lively music good food and beautiful women" chose to "march in silk stockings and dancing pumps" rather than leave and prepare for the battle to come. **The Regency Years epub**s Regency entertainments of dice cards horse racing sport (including fox hunting and boxing) as well as the sport of the bedroom (venereal disease and prostitution were rampant) are all illuminated in exquisite detail. **The Regency Years booking** One anecdote involves a love token given by the infamous Lady Caroline Lamb to Lord Byron that shocked even the poet (hint—it was a lock of hair but not from the lady's head. **The Regency Years pdf editor** Even for readers who shy away from history books fearing such dry texts will bring on the need for a cool compress and a glass of Madeira *The Regency Years* is great rollicking fun.

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The Victorians are often credited with ushering in our current era yet the seeds of change were planted in the years before. **The Regency Years bookkeeping** The Regency (1811-1820) began when the profligate Prince of Wales—the future king George IV—replaced his insane father George III as Britain's ruler, **The Regency Years literature circles** Around the regent surged a society steeped in contrasts: evangelicalism and hedonism elegance and brutality exuberance and despair, **Book The Regency years criteria** The arts flourished at this time with a showcase of extraordinary

writers and painters such as Jane Austen Lord Byron the Shelleys John Constable and J, **Book The Regency years criteria** Science burgeoned during this decade too giving us the steam locomotive and the blueprint for the modern computer, **The Regency Years pdf** Yet the dark side of the era was visible in poverty slavery pornography opium and the gothic imaginings that birthed the novel Frankenstein: **The Regency Years booker** Exploring these crosscurrents Robert Morrison illuminates the profound ways this period shaped and indelibly marked the modern world. **Book The Regency years criteria** I admire how much ground it covered not just the usual topics of politics and war, **The regency east nyc** Those but also literature theater sports painting science technology race relations industrialization class struggles events in North America. **Book The Regency years criteria** The Regency shaped the little Brontes' worldview and the adults they became: **The Regency Years pdf** The giants of their imaginative play as children are all here: Wellington and Napoleon the Arctic explorers Ross and Parry and of course Byron looming over all of it. **The Regency Years pdf** Robert Morrison A sprightly tone made this general history of the Regency era an enjoyable read--until halfway through: **The Regency Years booker** It seemed to lean heavily on Paul Johnson's The Birth of the Modern. **The Regency Years kindle paperwhite** until we get to the section on literature and then I began to wonder if Morrison was an economics prof or an engineer. **Literature The Regency years criteria** For example his intimation that Darcy in Pride and Prejudice was based on Byron: **Book The Regency years criteria** Um no Byron was maybe five years old when Austen wrote the first draft of P&P, **Book The Regency years criteria** Handsome bad boys were a staple of literature well before Byron tried to live the life of one as well as write them, **Literature The Regency years** ) There was a heavy emphasis on Frankenstein as if this were the only work of the period Morrison had studied: **The Regency Years pdf editor** I began to mistrust his assertions in the remainder of the book because of these howlers in spite of the impressive bibliography at the back: **EBook The Regency years criteria** Robert Morrison Thank you to NetGalley for providing a free eARC in exchange for an honest review, **Book The Regency years criteria** I really enjoyed this book! It's not an academic history of the period but it is perfect for context. **The Regency Years booklet** Quite frankly it is a lot of fun! Morrison covers literature as expected and Wellington and Napoleon and the wars of the day. **Kindle The Regency years calculator** He also looks at the domestic politics of the Regency and the abolition of slavery. **Kindle The Regency years calculator** Low culture and high culture alike feature not to mention the fashion of the day: **EBook The Regency years** Morrison has a tall order to cover the entirety of the Regency and he does an amazing job of doing it, **Kindle The Regency years criteria** The Regency isn't an overly long period but there are some fascinating characters that populate it: **The Regency Years literature map** I think what sets this book apart is that we learn about other figures of the period that are often forgotten, **Book The Regency years criteria** I also enjoy that it covers all of the UK and even parts of the Continent and North America. **The Regency Years kindle reader** It's not just focused on London or Windsor or any one place: **Kindle The Regency years calculator** When I think of the Regency I think of London and I think of Bath: **Literature The Regency years criteria** But the changes that happened in the Regency also happened in Manchester and Edinburgh and Cambridge and everywhere else and Morrison does a fantastic job at conveying that, **Book The Regency years criteria** There's nothing new here and Morrison brings no insight or spin or unifying theme so it's ultimately a string of anecdotes: **The Regency Years kindle paperwhite** The prose and the prose composition are both quite excellent in this book, **Kindle The Regency years** It puts the lie to the idea that academics cannot write and represents to me a benchmark of how to do this kind of survey: **Kindle The Regency years criteria** In terms of readability it scores above Richard Holmes 2010 book AGE OF WONDER (although I think Holmes wrote ultimately the better book by a long shot), **Kindle The Regency years** It is actually one of the best written and composed books by an academic historian that I have read in some time: **The Regency Years literature map** I would gladly read this part again and again to get a good grip on the contours of this particular historical period, **Book The Regency years criteria** All this said however I can identify at least two great flaws in this book: **Literature The Regency years** The first comes from a concluding

statement Morrison makes on the penultimate page: Despite his undisputed failures the Regent fostered a climate of intellectualism patronage and connoisseurship. **EBook The Regency years** Beyond this episode however in the main text Morrison really does not focus on the Regent's specific actions in fomenting the cultural environment of the Regency. **EBook The Regency years** The body of the text is devoted to short capsule overviews of these cultural luminaries and various cultural and social institutions involved, **The Regency Years ebook** In other words had the author never brought up the Regent as the key impetus I would have accepted the framing he does use as is, **EBook The Regency years** But the fact that he raises the idea of the Regent as central then makes me want the book to have better illuminated those aspects: **EBook The Regency years** A second problem that I encountered was the specific cultural stance of Morrison himself, **Kindle The Regency years** Oftentimes I just didn't care for how he framed and discussed cultural issues. **The Regency Years bookkeeping** For instance I find other thinkers like Robert Crawford who covers some of the same ground in his 2013 book ON GLASGOW AND EDINBURGH much more congenial and interesting to me: **The regency east nyc** Byron was then and remains today a very difficult figure to get a hold of: **PDF The Regency years** He was clearly bisexual to a degree unusual then and now and without question had to leave Britain to safely explore the same-sex side of his complex sexuality: **The Regency Years literature meaning** This all makes Byron a very difficult figure to discuss and his actions are very hard to reconcile with our current moral compass: **The Regency Years kindle** This book is recommended - with caveats - to all readers of history but especially those interested in the Regency itself: **EPub The Regency years calculator** Although it has its flaws this book serves as an excellent overview and guide: **Book The Regency years calculator** Robert Morrison Librarian Note: There is than one author in the Goodreads database with this name. **The Regency Years epub**s Morrison is a Canadian author editor academic and professor of English at Queens University Kingston Ontario: **The Regency Years literature meaning** Librarian Note: There is than one author in the Goodreads database with this name, **The Regency Years epub**s Morrison is a Canadian author editor academic and professor of English at Queen's University Kingston Ontario: **The Regency Years pdf editor** It moves pretty briskly touching on art literature science politics war colonialism orientalism industry the environment. **The Regency Years pdf** That's all to the good I'm exhausted with brick-thick tomes and I've highlighted plenty to follow up: **EBook The Regency years criteria** The second chapter (Theaters of Entertainment) also started with more names names names. **Kindle The Regency years calculator** But once the shift to novels occurred the pace slowed and the rest of chapter 2 was a delight, **Literature The Regency years criteria** Chapter 3 (Sexual Pastimes Pleasures and Perversities) was quite frank and serious--not written to titillate but to inform. **Literature The Regency years criteria** (I may never again be able to read a historical romance set in this era). **The regency east nyc** Chapter 4 (Expanding Empire and Waging War) which starts with Waterloo has the best concise recount of the War of 1812 that I have read, **Kindle The Regency years** Of course India and China receive a quick wrap-up as does Raffles and the founding of Singapore, **Book The Regency years criteria** All of the embedded illustrations are black & white or graytone: etchings engravings etc. **Book The Regency years criteria** This works well for all of the Cruikshank political cartoons and various pencil drawings, **Book The Regency years criteria** It is of course a total fail when the author is describing a Thomas Lawrence society portrait or a Turner 'landscape'. **Kindle The Regency years** All in all a worthwhile read especially for all of the literature references and analysis: **PDF The Regency years** His bibliography and end notes are quite thorough and a good jumping off point for further digging: **PDF The Regency years calculator** I have one or two nits to pick but they're not worth mentioning here, **Book The Regency years criteria** It opened my eyes to the debauchery that permeated the times, **The Regency Years kindle** Fair warning for the chapter on the in-depth exploration of the sexual scandals and practices of the time: **Literature The Regency years criteria** So much to learn about this time and it's impact on our world today: **The Regency Years pdf** Robert Morrison "I never loved nor pretended to love her—but a man is a man--& if a girl of eighteen comes prancing to you at all hours—there is but one way. **The Regency Years booking** " At least there is but one

way if you're Lord Byron and Claire Clairmont the stepsister of Mary Shelley (née Godwin) writes you fan mail, **Book The Regency years criteria** Not quite the stuff of "She walks in beauty like the night" perhaps but both lines were penned by the same man. **The Regency Years bookkeeping** Whether Byron deserves the title of the first literary celebrity or not his persona is equally as famous and influential as his art: **The Regency Years book** There are few writers whose name—"Byronic"—can also be used as an adjective, **The regency east nyc** The Regent's womanizing and gastronomic excesses were much-parodied but his greatest crime was his insensitivity to the oppression of the British people by their own government, **The Regency Years bookworm** The contemporary conception of the Regency may conjure up images of witty heroes sporting quizzing glasses, **The regency east nyc** " Many would have agreed with the assassin's sentiments if not his methods, **Book The Regency years criteria** The notorious Corn Laws kept the staple foods of the working classes—bread—artificially high: **Book The Regency years criteria** Less than fifteen percent of the adult male population could vote thanks to property ownership requirements, **The Regency Years booklet** Despite such rampant inequality the Regency was a time of great national pride. **The Regency Years literature circles** After all Britain did defeat Napoleon and Morrison writes a memorable account of what is described as "the most famous ball in history. **Kindle The Regency years criteria** " Held by the Duchess of Richmond for Wellington and his men it was interrupted by the news that Napoleon had advanced into Belgium, **The Regency Years ebook** The Regency was also an era of rapid industrialization and colonization. **EPub The Regency years** Britain was determined to ensure goods from sugar to rum to tea and opium flowed back from the colonies to satisfy Regency Britain's unquenchable appetites, **Kindle The Regency years criteria** Another emblematic figure is the fiery mercurial (and self-indulgent) actor Edmund Kean, **Literature The Regency years criteria** "I cannot imagine better acting" she wrote although of another famous female tragedian she sniffed "I took two Pocket handkerchiefs but had very little occasion for either. **The Regency Years booking** " Morrison's work *The English Opium-Eater* was a finalist for the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, **Book The Regency years criteria** He is thus well-qualified to address the seedier aspects of Regency life. **Book The Regency years criteria** And an important one as many of these same social and political challenges still linger on in Britain—and its former colonies—today. M. W. Turner. But no he apparently teaches lit God help his students. How many errors on each page? Stupid errors. (And Rochester did it better. I wish I had not paid for this clunker. in. Robert Morrison Meh. Reasonably entertaining but no more. Robert J.H. He specializes in late eighteenth and nineteenth century literature. Robert J.H. He specializes in late eighteenth and nineteenth century literature. {site\_link} A terrific overview of the Regency. A smooth fast read pacy and interesting throughout. Actors actresses theater owners venues and so on. Travelogues and guide books also get a mention. There's a nice bit on painters Constable and Turner. One note on the print edition. There are no (and I do mean NO) color illustrations. Robert Morrison This is an extensive well-researched work. It included good and the bad of the era. No sugar coating. Those appetites weren't confined to food.). His *Shylock* was praised by Jane Austen herself. Robert Morrison.