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by Julie Klassen

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**Julie Klassen in her  
Regency-era gown**

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## Bestselling Regency Author Julie Klassen Hits Publishing Milestone; Celebrates Jane Austen Convention

Minneapolis, MN—Award-winning, bestselling author Julie Klassen is releasing her tenth novel, *The Painter's Daughter*, on December 1. The novel received starred reviews from both *Library Journal* and *Booklist*, calling it a “gorgeous story of love and redemption” and a “richly nuanced and superbly written inspirational Regency romance.”

Her previous release, *The Secret of Pembroke Park*, was recently honored as a finalist in the Goodreads Choice Awards 2015, one of ten romances chosen out of all of the books published this year. It also won the Minnesota Book Award for genre fiction.

In addition to celebrating this milestone, Klassen recently attended the Jane Austen Society of North America's Annual General Meeting. Over 800 writers, readers, and historians attended the international literary conference, held this year in Louisville, Kentucky.

As well as attending classes about the life and times of the Regency era, attendees enjoyed a tea workshop, Regency style show, and English country dance lessons. Many attended the closing ball attired in Regency finery, including Klassen, whose dress was created according to patterns of the time period. “Because I write novels set in the time period when Austen's novels were published, I see the conference as a chance to conduct research and have fun with fellow Austen enthusiasts,” Klassen said of the event.

### About *The Painter's Daughter*

*After the man she loves abruptly sails for Italy, Sophie Dupont's future is in jeopardy. Wesley left her in dire straits, and she has nowhere to turn—until Captain Stephen Overtree comes looking for his wayward brother. He offers a startling solution to her dilemma, but matters of the heart are not so easily resolved.*

### About the Author:

**Julie Klassen** loves all things Jane—*Jane Eyre* and Jane Austen. A graduate of the University of Illinois, Julie worked in publishing for sixteen years and now writes full time. Three of her books have won the Christy Award for Historical Romance. Julie has also won the Midwest Book Award and Christian Retailing's BEST Award, and has been a finalist in the Romance Writers of America's RITA Awards and ACFW's Carol Awards. Julie and her husband have two sons and live in a suburb of St. Paul, Minnesota. For more information, visit [julieklassen.com](http://julieklassen.com).

If you're interested in interviewing Julie about her books or achievements, contact Amy Green (information in the sidebar).