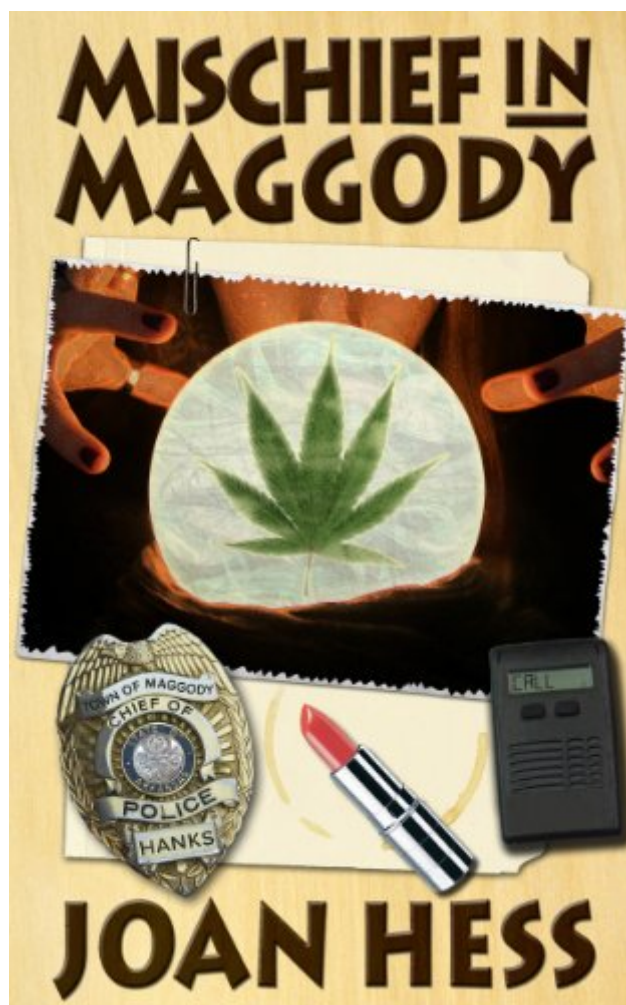


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Mischief In Maggody (Arly Hanks Mysteries Book 2)



Synopsis

Nothing ever happens in Maggody, Arkansas (population 755), which is how police chief Arly Hanks likes it. Just back from vacation, she finds a psychic has set up shop in town, some hippies have re-opened the Emporium general store, and the high school has a new guidance counselor. Arly finds no problem with any of the above, but does get alarmed when Robin Buchanon, local prostitute and moonshiner, disappears. After begrudgingly accepting help from the psychic, Robin's body is found on the edge of a marijuana field, killed by a booby-trapped shotgun shell. Arly stakes out the field to catch the culprits when they come for their crop, but somehow the marijuana is harvested precisely when she leaves for a few hours. Arly knows her target was tipped off, but by whom? The psychic, the guidance counselor, or the hippies?

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Customer Reviews

If you're a fan of the Maggody series, or looking for a great summer read then this is the book for you! Joan Hess brings her characters to life in this book! You'll find yourself laughing out loud at the antics of Hammet, Ruby Bee, etc. This book is the best in the series (all though I love them all!), I've

read each of the books in this series several times over & this one is my favorite by far!

This is not your typical murder mystery. Although the victim, a moonshine making, ginseng picking, illegitimate baby producing mountain woman dies around chapter three, no one will realize that she is dead until about halfway through the book. The first half is taking up with the humorous goings on of the wacky inhabitants of Magoody who seem to include at least one example of every unflattering hillbilly stereotype in existence. When the mountain woman goes missing, her five wild children are dragged into town for their own good. The mystery is as much about who their fathers might be as who is responsible for the booby-trapped dope field that took their ma's life. In the end, or rather long before the end most readers will have figured out the answers to both of these questions. Fortunately, the mystery plays back seat to her large cast of crazed characters. If the authors raunchy sense of humor hits your funny bone you will be turning the pages faster and faster trying to find out what nutty thing will happen next.

Hilarious little book, I was reading instead of doing things I should have been doing. Language was an eye opener, but the sources made it so understandable. Characters were characters, to say the least. Highly recommend for a lighthearted break from reality.

Every Maggody book makes one laugh and takes you away from the terrible world events. The characters are wonderfully drawn and wholly enjoyable. I envy those who have not yet started the series. What a great time you are going to have!

I found the Maggody mysteries in a wonderful case of serendipity and now I can't get enough. They have me turning pages as fast as I can to find out what hilarious development is next. One of the few writers that make me laugh out loud, and frequently. Joan Hess has created characters that you would never admit to knowing, but secretly wish you had met. They are at the same time outrageous and very real.

i have fallen in love with arley hanks and the maggody series. best understood if you start with book one but wonderful no matter where you start. can't wait until they are all an e-book.

As usual, Joan Hess is funny and fun. The poverty of children in America is also shown as a serious problem but with a happy ending for the murder victim's children.

While the story flows well in this mystery, why have so much filthy language and so many detailed sexual scenarios? If the author is trying for authenticity in dialogue, this is fiction and seeing the "F-word" and other "curse words" every other page is jarring and unnecessary, and not representative of most people. It doesn't further the story and offers readers an uncomfortable place to be in throughout the book. Some of the characters are interesting, but continually reading about "sleazy" people feels like work instead of pleasure. I have read one other Maggody book, but if this had been my first I wouldn't have read another. And many of these fictional Southern characters really make Southerners look bad, resembling the often-used negative stereotypical portrayals that those who don't live in the South like to perpetuate. This book excels at that. A good writer, but some maturity would help the work.

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