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The fiestet grandma in texas: "Mrs. Fiona "Biggie" Wooten Weatherford is well-known for landing five-pound catfish, mowing down mailboxes when she drives, as well as owning half the county. Now she's mobilizing the local ladies against City Hall's new garbage dump, right next to the graveyard of their forefathers -- especially James Royce Wooten, founder of the town and namesake of Biggie's eleven-year-old grandson, J.R.

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Christine says

Good plot. Liked that narrator is 12 year old, not the adults. Author seems to be working too hard to use local dialect and stereotyped country sound.

Ivy M says

This was a new author and new series for me. I found it okay but will not be looking for any more books in the series at this time. I found the story slow and kept wandering off into left field a lot. It took forever to even get to the mystery much less anything else.

Stephanie says

This is a short cozy based in the south. Some humor, some mystery, some characters, all in the name of entertainment!!

I normally collect the entire series before I start reading the first book in case it is so good I can't wait to get to the next book, but this series was just okay. I have the rest of the series, but will get back to it another day!

This is a quick read, if you need something just to fill in a day or so between other activities or more serious issues, this may be just the ticket!! On the other hand, **not** one I would say you need to run right out and get started reading because it is so great...

Tiffany Manning says

Nancy Bell's Biggie and the Poisoned Politician is the first in her Dead Letter Mysteries. It is narrated by J. R., a 12-year-old who lives in Job's Crossing, Texas, with his grandmother, Mrs Weatherford, aka Biggie. Ms. Bell creates an authentic voice for J. R. who reports on words and activities of adults without understanding them, in much the same way as Scout in To Kill a Mockingbird and Huck in The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

Those who like a rural setting with rich and unique characters will enjoy this book. The mystery is interesting, but the humor and collection of characters is what makes this book worth the time to read.

Mary says

I really enjoyed all of the Nancy Bell/ M.C. Beaton books. I'm happy to see that she has written more.

Marilyn says

This book would appeal to those mystery readers that enjoy southern, folksy southern sleuths. This book is definitely acceptable for all age groups.

As a native Texan I could not tolerate the use of "don' cha know." Again, I inherited the language from my early Texas pioneer family. I could tolerate the other non-Texas expressions that kept me in the Southern states.

Every time I read the "don' cha know" I was transported to Garrison Keillor's Minnesota or another northern State, as this is a foreign expression to a real Texan based on at least 4 or more generations of native Texans.

Again, this read would appeal to anyone that enjoys a folksy read in an imaginary tiny Southern town. Also, the last page includes a recipe for "Willie Mae's Special-Occassion Gumbo. I know persons that would buy the book just to try this Southern recipe.

Esther Smith says

Being acquainted with this neck of the woods, I found this book delightfully funny. It is chuck full of funny East Texas quirkiness with a mystery on the side. I loved the characters and quickly devoured the series.

Thomas says

Cute in places.

Kathie Mccoy says

once you get used to the strange wording it's not that bad. sadly I was halfway through before I decided to finish it.

Amy "the book-bat" says

This was a fun and easy read. The narrator is an 11-year-old boy. Biggie is his grandmother. The characters are interesting and there was plenty of action to keep me interested. I enjoyed the humor and the "down-home" sayings. There is even a recipe at the end of the book (even though the dish isn't mentioned during the story). I will be reading more of this series. :-)

Rkb 2015 says

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It took a while to discover that it was set in Texas. Louisiana, Tennessee, and West Virginia were all mentioned, but the story wasn't set there.

Sally says

This story was told from the viewpoint of a boy, and set in a small Texas town. Biggie is his grandmother who works out the clues for solving the mystery. I would categorize this book as a cozy mystery. Characterization of townsfolk is entertaining.

Carol says

I have read most of the "Biggie" books and enjoyed them all. They are cozies and Biggie and her grandson are like friends.

Spuddie says

#1 in the Biggie Weatherford cozy mystery series set in fictional small-town Texas. The story is told through the eyes of Biggie's 12-year-old grandson J.R., and is a light, humorous mystery mostly focusing on small-town Texas life. Biggie is a wealthy widow and one of the movers and shakers in tiny Job's Crossing, and she pretty much does as she pleases and usually gets her way.

So when a new landfill is built next to her family's cemetery, she doesn't have a hissyfit--she gets moving, marshalling her supporters to get rid of it. When the mayor--an overweight, blustery man with a heart conditions--keels over in his whipped cream at a table in the local diner, with Biggie and J.R. looking on, it's first thought he just had the inevitable heart attack. But Biggie thinks he was poisoned and sets out to prove it, although she's not sure why just yet. It must have something to do with her lodger's car blowing up though, don'tchathinkhoney? Two such bizarre events would just have to be linked, since nothing much exciting happens in Job's Crossing.

I downloaded this from the library because I needed something quick and light (and of course, the first in a series) and distracting, and it was a rather fun listen. However, not sure I will continue on--there is way too much sticky-sweet southern humor for my usual taste, and if I do listen further (I believe the library has most of the series available as audio download) it will be with plenty of space between the books.

Sarah Adamson says

A really interesting book set in a small town in Texas. The detective is Biggie, the wealthiest woman in town. The story is told by her 12 year old grandson who lives with her. A fast paced easy to read book with some nice twists and an unusual ending. I will definitely try more in this series.
