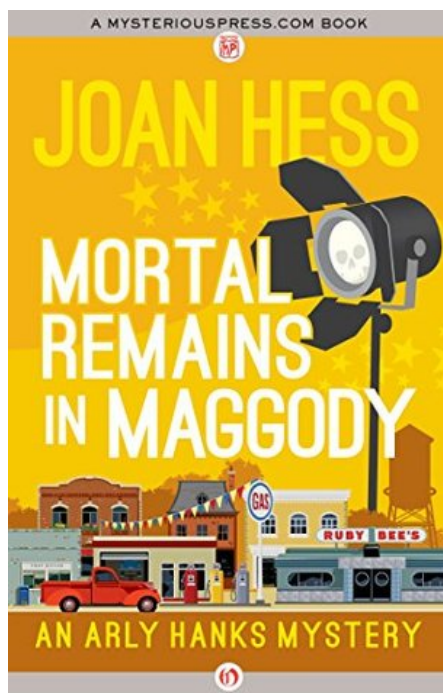




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Another rip-roaring cozy mystery set in outrageous Maggody, Arkansas, a town so strange that even Hollywood filmmakers can't believe it's real.

From the Kwik-Stoppe-Shoppe to the Pot O' Gold Mobile Home Park, there isn't much glamour in Maggody . . . but this flyspeck Arkansas town is about to become famous. When a Hollywood production company chooses Maggody as a backdrop for an X-rated Ozarks "Romeo and Juliet," the locals are starstruck. And as Maggody is flooded with washed-up actors, ruthless producers, and a cynical crew, the townsfolk will do anything for a close-up—even if it means resorting to murder.

Chief of Police Arly Hanks has no time for Hollywood—she's got her hands full with a local arsonist—but when one of the actors is found dead in a bathtub, she's forced to intervene. As the film spins out of control, Arly realizes that the citizens of Maggody will stop at nothing to get their fifteen minutes of fame—even as the town burns down around them.

In the spirit of David Mamet's *State and Main*, this delightful novel shows that when Hollywood collides with small-town values, the movie industry doesn't stand a chance.

Mortal Remains in Maggody is the 5th book in the Arly Hanks Mysteries, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order.

Mortal Remains in Maggody Details

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Deborah Wysinger says

It was hilarious. The confusion was what made it funny. Nothing was straightforward.

Moiria Shepard says

Arly Hanks has to be one of the smartest, spunkiest heroines in the cozy mystery universe. Have read all the books, and it was fun to get back into the mad world of Maggody!

Lee Miller says

This is one of my favorite series, but this entry seemed weaker than the others.

Vicki Strom says

My love of reading was started by a pig... My mother had brought me home a book from the bookmobile. It had a picture of the pig on the cover, and she knew I loved pigs, so she thought maybe I'd be interested. I loved the book, Mortal Remains in Maggody, and have been obsession with books (and pigs) ever since. I read the previous books in the series, and then anxiously waited for the next books to come out. This was much more difficult (in what I believe was around the early/mid 1990s) when I didn't have the internet to stalk my favorite authors to see when they had new releases coming. I had always been a fan of reading, although I'd had limited interest in the required reading of high school and college, but my true obsession with books began when I read this book.

Leigh says

I'm sorry, I just don't get this series. This is the second book in the series I have read and they don't make sense to me. Is the story about the arson or about the porn movie stars' deaths. While I understand the need for subplots, these two were really competing with each other and making it confusing. The sad plights of this community are unfortunate and need some work.

Thelma says

Sorry I actually paid money for this book, which did not catch my fancy at all. Fractured, too many characters and a story that just didn't develop in the first few chapters. I couldn't finish it. Bleah.

Maureen says

Very confusing...so many characters I couldn't figure out the main gal....i was tempted to give up on this plot but I stuck with it ... Not sure that was a good idea but I did finish...proably won't read another one ... Not to my liking

Marjorie says

One of the more depressing stories in the series.

Helaine says

I have a number of the Arly Hanks books and always enjoyed them--sometimes laugh-out-loud enjoyed them. Somehow this book did not seem to be up with the others. Maybe its the times we live in?

Lorraine says

This is the first I've read in the series and I barely finished it. Not at all the funny story I was expecting.

Beverly says

Fun cozy mystery with delightful characters. Imagine Steel Magnolias as a mystery.

Emily Cullen says

Police Chief Arly Hanks is dealing with a repeat arsonist when a Hollywood film company decides to make a movie in Maggody, Arkansas (pop. 755). Arly's got enough on her plate without having the whole town seeing stars. I love the "Arly Hanks" cozy mystery series! This one had a particularly good and funny story and Joan Hess makes these Ozark characters come alive!

Clara Smith says

Not as good a read as the first 2 that I read probably because I thought the Glittertown people were idiots.

Susan says

This is a fun series, but I'm glad I'm able to check them out from the library rather than buying them.

Mary Beth says

Different storyline for this series. Keeps you interested.
