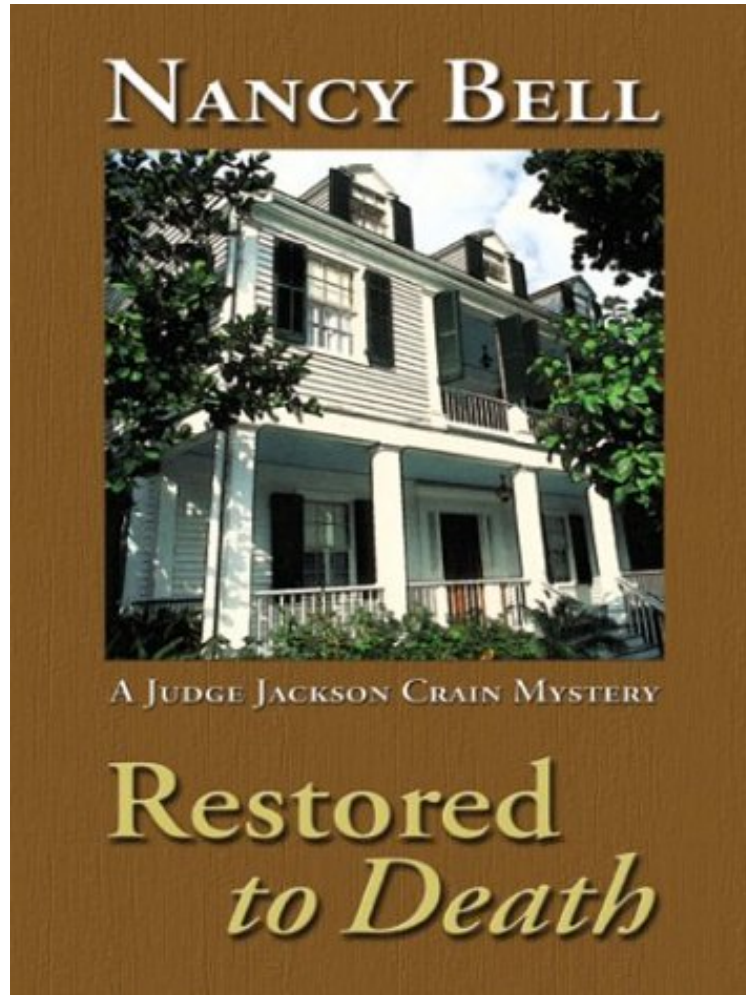


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Nancy Bell : Restored To Death (Judge Jackson Crain, Book 1) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Restored To Death (Judge Jackson Crain, Book 1):

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Reinforcing my enjoyment of East Texas towns.By Patricia UpchurchI believe I recognize Post Oak and its inhabitants. It's about three towns down the road from me. I went to Sunday school with some of the people. Nancy Bell writes with an deep knowledge of the area. I hope Judge Jackson Crain will be around for a long time. The story began with a reference to Atticus and Scout and they would have felt right at home with all the characters portrayed in RESTORED TO DEATH.5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. interesting small town regional mysteryBy A CustomerPost Oak, Texas is a very tiny town where everyone seems to know one another, even their darkest secrets. To the surprise of the locals, the single father of a teen, Judge Jackson Crain, is seeing a visiting outsider preservationist out in the open. However, the county magistrate, like

everyone except one person, has no idea who strangled his sister-in-law Dora Hughes and a transient. Jackson investigates, as he needs to know. Still, in spite of the two murders, the women continue to meet at the Knit Shop to share tidbits about anyone who is not there. On the other hand the men never gossip except over coffee at the Wagon Wheel. While chitchat seems to be the cottage industry of Post Oak, the killer has struck at least twice but will the law figure out the identity in time to stop the culprit before he or she kills again. RESTORED TO DEATH is an interesting small town regional mystery that brings to life the townsfolk (and a few corpses) so that the reader understands down home Texas. Jackson is a delightful main character, but even he seems overwhelmed by the obvious typecasting that engulfs him. The who-done-it pales next to the ensemble cast so that Nancy Bell's tale is not quite a Biggie. Harriet Klausner² of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not Quite There By nancyyipes A fast read, shivery in spots, that keeps you guessing for a while. Just a bit too much of the "unseen eyes watching" lurks in the shadows. Great that Judge Crain has an excellent relationship with his just-turned-teenage daughter - gives us hope that maybe single parenthood has some benefits. The clues and red herrings are nicely mixed up with interesting tidbits about townsfolk. This is a good beginning for a series and that leaves enough questions to keep the reader looking for the next adventure. The spelling of Texan's speech rings true to the ear and is fun to say aloud. Bell makes good use of small town busybodies' curiosity to move along the love interest. She leaves out some of the real flavor of the neighborhood so the reader has no sense of what any given character will do or say next. The two murders in RESTORED TO DEATH are described after the fact so the reader can easily pretend they are bloodless. Even the figure looming over a third victim, tire iron raised, does not inspire fear in the reader. After ignoring lots of real clues and questions, the law personified by a nice guy sheriff finally shows up in the right spot in the nick of time. It's easy mind candy but maybe the next one will be better.

Jackson Crain is a widowed county judge who lives with his delightfully idiosyncratic thirteen-year-old daughter. When his deceased wife's sister is bludgeoned to death, and her husband, Ron Hughes, is accused of the crime, the judge decides to assist in the investigation. Available only in Americana 4 5 Series.

From Publishers Weekly All you fans of Bell's six cozies about small-town Texan Biggie Weatherford and her 12-year-old grandson, J.R. (Biggie and the Meddlesome Mailman, etc.), should saunter on down to Post Oak, Tex., and meet Judge Jackson Crain and his 13-year-old daughter, Patty. The judge's beloved wife has been dead for two years, and the ladies of the town, particularly Dora, his shrewish sister-in-law, are determined to find him a nice, motherly replacement. Dora's henpecked husband, Ron, has found consolation in the arms of Muriel, the waitress at a popular restaurant. The day after Dora ridicules Ron's request for a divorce, she turns up dead on the patio. Whom would you suspect? Meanwhile, in the mansion on the hill, the elderly couple purported to be the town's wealthiest citizens are being plagued by noisy intruders in the attic and mysterious fires in the living room. Then a farmer's son stumbles across a pretty girl, naked and dead in his field. Everyone expects Jackson to sort it all out, but he's having serious distractions of his own in the form of an exotic newcomer with whom he's fallen hopelessly in love. Bell's plot sprawls like its location, but it all comes together in a most unexpected and gratifying conclusion. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. Praise for Restored to Death "Fans of Bell's six cozies about small-town Texan Biggie Weatherford . . . should saunter on down to Post Oak, Tex., and meet Judge Jackson Crain"--Publishers Weekly "Quaint characters and locales, frequent humor, and comfy prose commend this to all collections."--Library Journal "Restored to Death brings to life the townsfolk (and a few corpses) . . . [of] down home Texas. Jackson is a delightful main character"--Midwest Book "A reading adventure"--Cozies, Capers, and Crimes