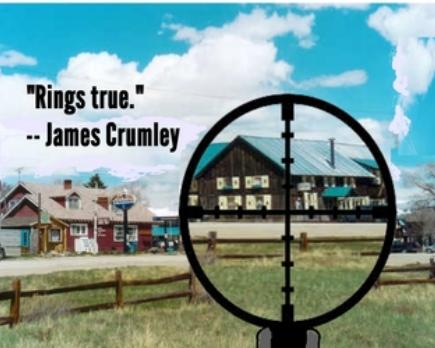


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PELHAM FELL HERE offers readers Frank Johnson's rich back story, an unusual departure from most of today's private eye series. We learn how the ex-military cop and part-time gunsmith Frank, now back living in his hometown of Pelham, Virginia, gets into the private investigator racket. He discovers somebody has killed his cousin Cody Chapman with a twelve-gauge shotgun blast. Enraged, Frank wants some answers and wants them fast. Was Cody involved in an illegal arms smuggling scheme? The disturbing mystery grows deeper when a pair of murderous deputy sheriffs ambush Frank on the river. After killing them in self-defense, Frank must take it on the lam while he continues his investigation, relying on his wits and smarts. Eventually, he finds a vicious group of Neo-Nazis holed up in a remote mountain castle may be behind Cody's murder. Frank realizes he's outnumbered and outgunned, but it hardly deters him from seeing the fight through to the end. Luckily, a couple of bounty hunter pals, Gerald and his kid brother Chet Peyton, throw in with Frank to even the odds. Events heat up to a frenetic pace until the climatic moment when Frank finds himself entangled in a dogfight for his very life.

## **Pelham Fell Here** Details

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### Mary says

Wow! Frank Johnson goes on the run suspected of being a cop killer. He enlists the help of his friend Chet to try to find out who killed Frank's cousin. They encounter a crazy bunch of deadly neo nazis among others. A thriller from start to finish.

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### ? Carol jinx~?~? says

I don't know why I read this Frank Johnson P.I. out of sequence but it doesn't matter. I read The Blue Cheer first and loved the writing and the story and the same goes for this one. The characters were so real that I think I may have seen one of those neo-Nazi's at 7-11. This was a very well-developed story about a small group of neo-Nazi's and their big dream to overtake Washington D.C. and who knows where it would end. Small town sheriffs and their Deputies turn out to be pretty scary too. Ed Lynskey has his own style of writing and it isn't easy to put down.

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### Diane says

Years ago, a friend and I took trip to visit friends who lived on Mobile Bay in Alabama. The guy ran shrimp boats out of the Gulf for a living. This was my first trip to that part of the world and I had a sense that we had stumbled into a foreign country. This sense only deepened when one night at a party at our friends' house, a young guy who worked on one of the shrimp boats told me about a run-in he'd had with another man and how, if he weren't a practicing Catholic, he would have slit the other man's throat.

As I read (*Pelham Fell Here*), by Ed Lynskey, I found my thoughts wandering back to that visit to Alabama. Once again, I was transported to a rural scene far removed from my everyday experiences, with characters who probably would not be numbered among my friends. Even so, Frank Johnson, the would-be PI who narrates the story, is a decent man who is trying to deal with his demons as he and his friend Chet go on the run from the law.

Among the characters are unsavory neo-Nazis (Are there ever any savory neo-Nazis?), some of them rising from the ashes of WWII, a couple of bounty hunters who legitimize Johnson's often outside-of-the-law quest to find his cousin's killer, a beautiful single mother who has qualms about tying her fate to Johnson's, a sheriff who for some reason has a grudge against Johnson, and an attorney who manages to win a case without any evidence to help his client.

The plot moves quickly across the rural areas of Virginia with few detours along the way. Occasionally, Lynskey's quirky use of language slowed me down, but once I got into the book I was able to get beyond that.

This book is the third in a series about the PI Frank Johnson. It is a series worth pursuing.

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### **Barbara Brien says**

While I was reading this book, I was going to give it a nice, solid 3 stars, but the finish wraps it up so nicely (for me) that I ratcheted it up to a 4.

In the beginning - well, even half way through - I did not really like the main character. But he grew, and while he stayed the same character, he learned to go beyond the restrictions and handicaps placed upon him by circumstance.

The writing style is deceptively simple, bordering on rough eloquence.

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### **Toby says**

Bonus points for the shout out to Paul Drake.

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### **David says**

enjoyable with a quick-witted plot....I like Frank Johnson's pet ferret named Mr. Bojangles

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### **Beth says**

Who couldn't be bowled over by a protagonist who takes a contract out on his ex-wife and then befriends a ferret whom he names Mr. Bojangles? Frank Johnson (main protagonist of the series and more sinned against than sinning) manages to become the target of some very nasty neo-Nazis. Truly awful characters! Let the chase begin.

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### **Penny Ramirez says**

I gave it 48 pages. I wanted to like this book - in fact, the mystery was setting up nicely - but the stilted language and bad grammar kept pulling me out of the story.

Another annoyance - not the author's fault - is that the description here on Goodreads says this is book 1 - but its really book 3. Sigh. Guess I should have done more homework BEFORE I went to the trouble to interlibrary loan it from Arkansas!!!!

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### **Chuck says**

Gunsmith turned amateur private eye Frank Johnson is saddened and angered at the murder of his cousin Cody. As he is at the top of the local Sheriff's list of suspects he is doubly determined to find the guilty party. As he makes his way around the Virginia countryside and through castles, Neo-Nazi covens, etc. he adds a couple of part time bounty hunters as reinforcements. Good yarn.

Ed is one of my Goodreads friends. If you haven't tried him I recommend that you do.

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### **Lisa says**

I love fast-paced books with the main character as a good guy who gets himself into trouble, looks at life with a little humor, but takes no garbage from anyone, including neo-Nazis and bad cops (who might also be neo-Nazis). The good guy wins, with a little help from well-meaning friends, but you know he will eventually find himself in trouble again, and you want to find out what he's going to be up to in the future. And it doesn't hurt if he has a pet ferret to show his soft side. This book met all my requirements, and I look forward to reading about Frank Johnson again.

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### **Renee says**

I need an extra half star. Can I call this redneck noir? Pretty cool.

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### **Lorileinart says**

This is my friend Ed Lynskey's book...let us take a peek into his good mind...

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### **Toni Osborne says**

Book 1, in P.I Frank Johnson mystery series

Although this book was written after "The Dirt-Brown Derby" and "The Blue Cheer" it is actually the first in the series. I normally prefer starting with #1 in a series however when researching this author I found different opinions on where to start, very confusing. I solved the problem by contacting the author who graciously suggested I start with "Pelham Fell Here", the real prequel to the other two books.

The story is actually an introduction to the main character Frank Johnson and his life after leaving the Army as a MP and how he was eventually lured into the crazy trade of private detectives. The peaceful town he knew and grew up in is no longer the way he remembers it and marital issues and life in general has left Frank with a major chip on his shoulders. On another note, excessive drinking and an obsession to get even with his ex-wife for leaving him leads to a growing urge to do something he will regret for the rest of his life.

The simple storyline takes place with Frank finding his cousin Cody, once his business partner shot dead in his gun shop in Western Virginia. Frank's troubles take another turn for the worse when he learns his name

is at the top of the list of prime suspects. In order to prove his innocence Frank goes on the lam and stays one step ahead of the law trying desperately to flush out the real killer before the authorities railroad him for a murder he did not commit. Matters take a turn for the worse when he learns a group of neo-Nazis might be behind everything. What the h... did his cousin get involved in?

At first I was totally disappointed with the choppy writing, the extremely slow pace and lackluster story. Luckily I persisted, things picked up and the story transformed itself into a rich, colourful, suspenseful narrative with many layers. The new found captivating pace held my attention to the very last page.

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### **Quinn says**

Ehhh.... If you like books that over indulge in adjectives, this book is for you. To tell you the truth, it just irritated the crap out of me. The story is predictable and child like simple. I kept expecting a twist or turn at the end of the book, something to rescue it from it's drab tired script, but it never came. Pelham Fell Here was released by the Mundane Press, which ironically is appropriately for this book. Mundane.....

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### **stan says**

How do you write a review for a novel so unique in style and prose.

I started to read this book ,it was hard ,not used to the Americanisms . But by the time I was about thirty pages in I was starting to understand the main characters, what a super story i was immersed with the main man . Thank you for Introducing him to me .Many thanks.

I recommend this novel and I have no hesitation to award 5 stars

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