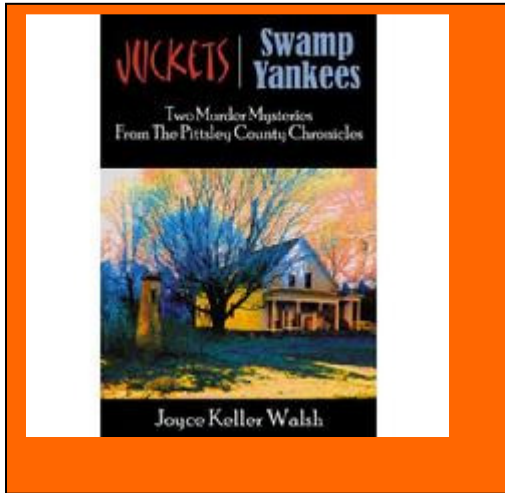


Juckets and Swamp Yankees Book Excerpt
by Joyce Walsh



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“Click-click. Bang!”

Cutter aimed an imaginary rifle at the ceiling, his left arm extended straight to a pointed finger, right fist triggered under his chin.

“So Pa takes his Winchester and starts shootin’ up the damn cherry-picker.”

Standing with his legs at an “A,” he pumped his fist, miming the repeat-lever action and sounding out the double-clicking lever noise

and shot.

“Click-click. Bang!”

Cutter’s voice rose as it gained momentum. “And that Electric truck takes off down the road with the guy still up in the bucket. The guy in the cab is gears to get there and the guy in the bucket is’ bullets and’ his pants. And Pa’s’ and shoutin,’ ‘It’s gonna piss power-company!’”

Nodding perfunctorily, Adam Sabeski continued ladling hot stew into a white cereal bowl from the pot atop his woodstove. “And,” Cutter stroked his black beard, his aquamarine eyes glittering, “we ain’t paid for since”.

When the little Jucket girl, Jeannine Bradburn, disappears on her way home from school the day before a blizzard, the entire town of Pittsley turns out to search for the lost child. What they do not know--and will not, until the following Spring -- is that she was murdered. Only one person, a discredited psychology professor, understands that it is a serial killing.

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Book One and Two in ‘The Pittsley County Chronicles-Trilogy’

In Juckets, the story begins with the disappearance of the little Bradburn girl the day before a blizzard. The entire town turns out to search for her, but what they do not know (and will not know until the following Spring) is that she was brutally murdered. Psychology professor, Julia Arnault, discovers the body in Pittsley Woods. As she pursues the investigation, she begins to fear that the man she is in love with may be a serial killer. Meanwhile, veterinarian Adam Sabeski leads Julia into a Deliverance-like world of backwoods New England to find both evil and humanity in unexpected ways.

Swamp Yankees, the sequel to Juckets, is the second volume of The Pittsley Chronicles-the fictional New England setting comparable to Faulkner's Yoknapatawpha County. While Adam Sabeski is engaged in preventing his Swamp Yankee friend, Cutter, from seceding from the rural town of Pittsley and bringing the entire government down on his head, psychologist Julia Arnault is trying to solve a 20-year-old murder. Desperate to help her suicidal patient, Julia steps outside the boundaries of her office to investigate her patient's history, thereby defying her supervisor, risking her job, clashing with Adam, and jeopardizing her own life.

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