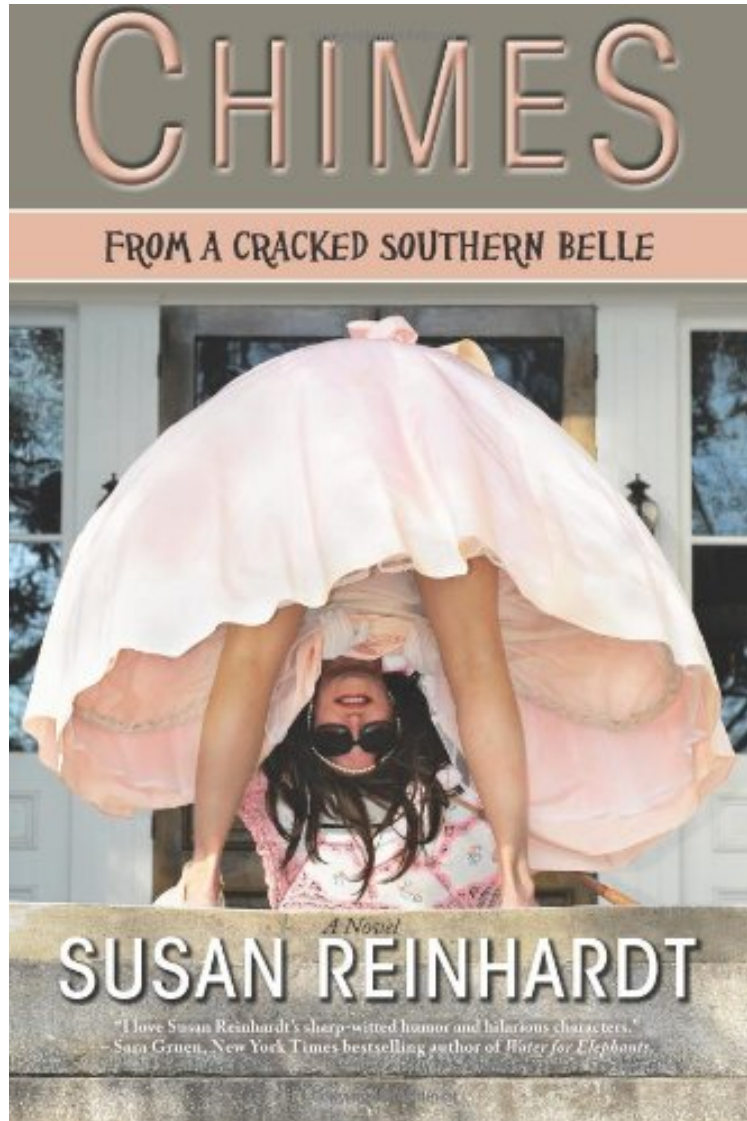


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**Susan Reinhardt : Chimes From a Cracked Southern Belle** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Chimes From a Cracked Southern Belle:

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. A Must-Read Experience By Elaine D. Little  
Chimes from a Cracked Southern Belle is totally amazing. It starts with Susan Reinhardt's usual humor that makes me feel like she REALLY knew my mama, grew up in my community, and had some illegal way of seeing inside my head about so many little things I've never actually shared with anyone. But this is what I've come to expect from Reinhardt, so it was nothing out of the ordinary. So many hilarious anecdotes more than once made my family come down and see what I

was laughing so loudly about---for example: (a) "...the other mothers wore clothes from the Lands End catalog and flat leather shoes and spawned children they dressed in linen and oversized bows and who never got terribly dirty or mucousy...How would I ever fit into this world?" (b) "...She meant well. Only I wasn't well enough for what she meant." (c) "Rev. Bryce Jeter, Satan's Soulmate, had led 26 men and women to salvation during funerals. I always thought it strange that a preacher would issue a call for live souls while trying to send dead ones off with a reverent bang." (d) "...I preferred the Methodist's less dramatic forms of a saving..."It was all the sorts of things I loved from your humor/memoir books, but then again, so much more. The premise of Prudy's near-murder is so twisted that you can't help but laugh a little. We're allowed to do so for so long that it's almost silly, and then----BOOM!---- it gets worse---much, much worse. The real pain in so very intense it's like we've stepped off the edge into a totally different book. Susan Reinhardt NAILS it---the sheer, gut-wrenching pain here is as real as anything else is funny. How can she go to such opposite extremes in 372 pages? And do it SO WELL?The unexpected twists the reader follows with the whole Jeter family are masterfully done. This little book is a classic tale of combining several genres into something all its own, and the author does it with finesse and grace, tears and laughter, and FUN.If you're ready to experience the whole four seasons of emotion, treat yourself and read this book. You won't put it down until you've enjoyed the whole experience!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great blend of tragedy and humorBy sdduganThis book was a great read for me. The author is able to show that both tragedy and humor coexist in life. It is a story of domestic abuse, family relationships, the love of a mother for her young children and finding good in those to whom we serve and those who serve us. As a Southern belle myself I was not offended by her humor, as some of the reviews suggest. As outrageous as some of her characters appear, I found them believable, funny and charming. I recognized a few of them in my own life's experiences. I found her writing delightful and her analogies worth remembering. But more importantly just remember this is a work of fiction. Sit back, laugh a little and enjoy!7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Go Get You SomeBy MurphysmomI am not a fan of fiction but I had to get this because I am a big fan of the author. I am so glad I picked it up and now I can't put it down.The characters in this are hilarious and full of heart. I was trying to describe it to a friend and said, "It's like a really great DESIGNING WOMEN."And to be clear I am talking early '80's DESIGNING WOMEN not the crap that came along towards the end.I feel like I actually know these crazy women and I can practically taste the funeral casseroles. My only complaint is they aren't real because I sure would love to hang out with them. But not at the zoo.I would love to have an audio book of this read by the writer.

Most people think the reason Dee Millings married the best looking man in the Carolinas who turned out to be a complete psycho and near-murderer is because she was raised all wrong. Dee, a 38-year-old heroine to root for, sets out on a path winding with loveable kooks, wanting to prove there is a great life on the other side of tragedy and a crazed ex behind bars who continues to mail threatening letters from prison. Her new adventure begins two years after the crime spree that nearly stopped her heart and left her flat-lining. She packs up her two young kids and settles in her parents' South Carolina hometown where she deals with a delightful, but over-the-top mama who pretends her grown daughters are virgins. Dee finds new purpose for herself and her children, discovering joy in places she never expected it: in a nursing home where she tends to the likes of 104-year-old Annie Sue who still drives and has a hankering for cold draft beer. Offering heaps of comic relief, Dee's Aunt Weepie lives to crash funerals just to get the covered-dish meals after the gravesides, no matter she has no idea who's in the coffins. Her antics lead her to making a daring decision that could change Dee's life forever. As Dee begins a journey toward recovery and becoming a registered nurse, a dark secret resurfaces, one that if handled right, could be her ticket to allowing herself to love again.