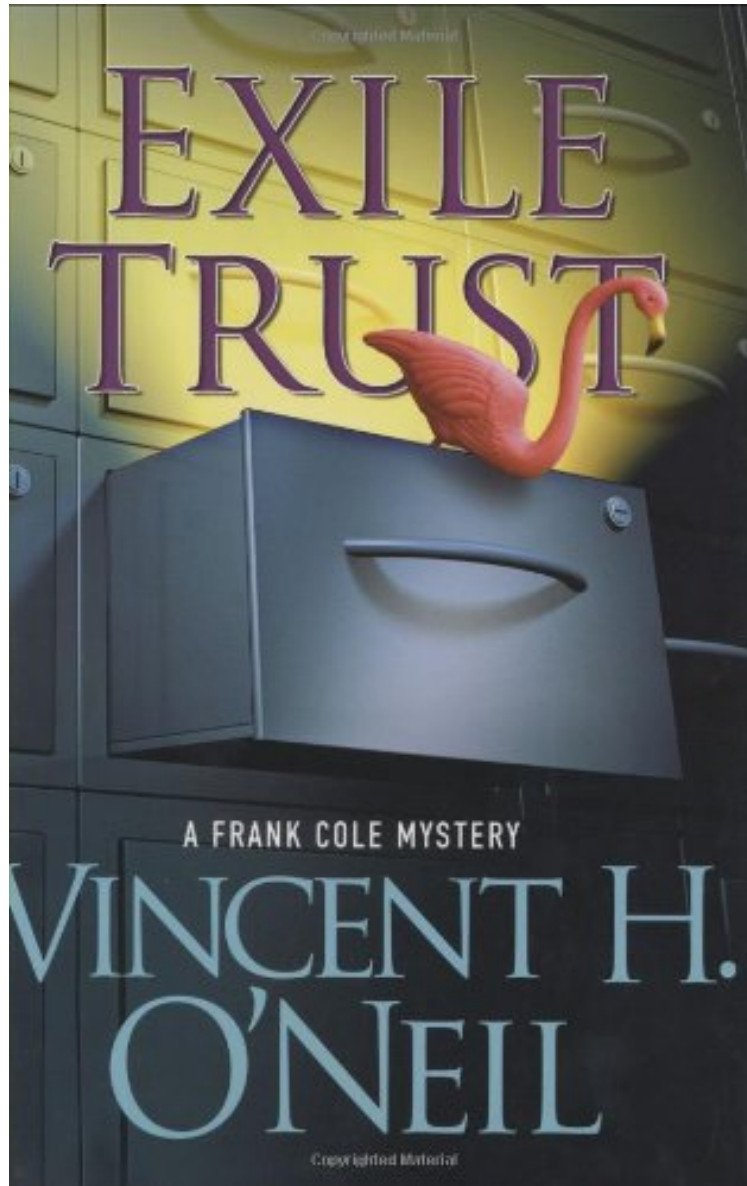


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**Vincent H. O'Neil : Exile Trust: A Frank Cole Mystery (Frank Cole Mysteries)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Exile Trust: A Frank Cole Mystery (Frank Cole Mysteries):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent "Classic" murder mysteryBy Robert EnzenauerO'Neil has continued his "classic" murder mystery in Exile, Florida. O'Neil is a master story-teller, and has further developed a

very interesting character-Frank Cole. The story will "pull you in" and forced me to read in one sitting - fortunately I have a long plane flight and was able to read without losing sleep. (Also has an extra hour due to daylight savings time.) O'Neil does for small-town Florida what another favorite murder mystery author of mine- Brendan DuBois does for coastal New Hampshire. I like Cole as an "under-employed" fact checker, who has the time to follow-up of decades-old real-estate swindles and track-down "missing" safe-deposit holders, conceivably at the heart of one and perhaps two murders. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. You can "bank" on another thought provoking tale from Exile, Florida! By J. B. Thomas, PhD. Vincent O'Neil is a master of weaving the past of Frank Cole into another tale of possible murder in Exile but this time it involves a tale of bank vaults and old real estate interests. What a great way to spend a few hours with the author as he extends our knowledge of what makes Frank "tick" and how his bankruptcy ties with the latest job the Exile sheriff wants him to do. Colorful characters with different personalities are presented through the eyes of the protagonist. When is the next novel due...I'll order it. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. "Trust" me this is good By Michael McGurk O'Neil continues in a string of powerful novels with great twists and turns in the plot. Frank Cole is fast becoming my favorite character in the published world. I won't spoil the story but I read this in one sitting. Just could not stop turning pages. You can "Trust" O'Neil to keep the plot moving and the action too. Mr. O'Neil, please keep them coming! and soon!

Things are about to heat up in the sleepy town of Exile, Florida. When fact-checker Frank Cole is asked to help the Exile Bank update its safe-deposit records, it sounds like a nice, simple job. With the aid of retiree Gray Toliver, Frank starts tracking down bank customers who left the area without emptying their safe-deposit boxes. That's when the temperature starts to rise. Frank learns that an impostor tricked his way into the safe-deposit room a few days earlier, and that he may have emptied one of the boxes. No one can get in touch with the box owner, Dorothea Freehoffer, so Frank decides to go knock on a few doors. The mercury climbs a few more notches when Frank finds out that Dorothea died of an accidental fall shortly before the impostor visited the bank. Frank begins to dig into the accident, only to find more questions than answers. A shady lawyer is making inquiries in Dorothea's neighborhood. A sultry district attorney starts dogging Frank's footsteps. A sealed envelope that Dorothea had hidden with a friend appears, but all it contains is a map of a real estate development that never happened. Throw in a crooked geologist who disappeared in the area twenty years ago, a pair of smooth-talking land speculators, and a visitor from Frank's past who is in no hurry to leave, and Exile is well on its way to the boiling point. The third installment of Vincent H. O'Neil's mystery series continues the story of amateur sleuth Frank Cole as he tries to identify a phantom, track down some missing bank customers, solve a murder, and earn a little Exile Trust.

From Publishers Weekly Frank Cole, now a freelance fact-checker for insurance companies and law firms in the small panhandle town of Exile, Fla., has local police chief Denny Dannon to thank for what at first appears to be a mundane assignment at the outset of O'Neil's enjoyable third mystery (after 2007's *Reduced Circumstances*). Cole agrees to look into a complaint concerning the safe-deposit procedures at Exile's lone bank as well as locate several safe-deposit box holders the bank has lost track of. Of course, things don't turn out to be that simple. When a box owner, Dorothea Freehoffer, takes a fatal tumble down the stairs of her home, Cole suspects foul play. Given the somewhat predictable resolution and dearth of plot twists, some readers may wish the author would provide his engaging protagonist with a more challenging puzzle leading to a better payoff next time. (June) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Frank Cole, a resident of Exile, Florida, ekes out a living as a free-lance fact checker for insurance companies and local law enforcement. When the town's bank discovers irregularities in its safe-deposit boxes, Exile chief of police Denny Dannon recommends Frank as the guy to track down the boxes owners, living and deceased. One box in particular proves vexing. It belonged to a recently deceased woman, but its contents were removed by a man impersonating her long-dead husband. The ensuing investigation takes Frank back 20 years to a long-dormant land deal and then circles back to the present to involve the town's leading land developer. The third Cole mystery advances the protagonist's character credibly, setting the table for more cases, and is populated with an intriguing cast of small-town eccentrics as well as buried motives and simmering feuds. Another very good mystery that somehow manages to mix effectively elements of both the village cozy and the hard-boiled thriller. --Wes Lukowsky About the Author Vincent H. O'Neil holds a B.S. from West Point and an M.A. in International Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. His first novel, *Murder in Exile*, won the St. Martins Minotaur/Malice Domestic Best First Traditional Mystery Novel Competition. He lives in Cranston, Rhode Island.