

PRESS RELEASE
Betty Inman Shortt, Author

Betty Inman Shortt, local writer and former teacher, announces the release of her new book, *The Weird Adventures of the Inman Twins*.

The story is set in the late nineteen fifties in Sparta and Ozark MO. It features twelve-year-old twin sisters who have a knack for investigating trouble before anyone else knows it exists. The plot is both intimidating and humorous, bouncing back and forth, holding the reader's attention. *Midwest book Review* says: ...“Can two young girls confront a dangerous woman and win? The tale line starts out slowly and simply, but weaves a compelling plot that is satisfyingly different from your usual Encyclopedia Brown style approaches for this age group, making it a recommended pick for a wide audience.”...

The intended audience for the book is nine to twelve, but it seems to appeal to adults as well. Local residence will recognize references such as Sparta, Ozark, Highway 14, Highway 65, Greene Co., *The News Leader* and familiar Ozark's scenery. It gives young readers a view of life in the rural fifties. Although the book is fictional, it is based on real family events and the towns of Sparta and Ozark as they were in 1957.

Betty is a native of Sparta, MO. Betty Inman Shortt is an award-winning author, honors graduate from Missouri State University, a retired high school English teacher, and native of southwest Missouri.

She loves to read, write, travel, volunteer, and enjoy family and friends. She thrives on mystery, humor and intrigue. Her I-pad is filled with books that fill that need.

Her son, daughter, and two granddaughters are her pride and joy. Her book, *The Weird Adventure of the Inman Twins* was inspired by her desire to share her childhood with Ava and Maggie, her granddaughters.

Betty has an adult mystery, *Too Old for Murder*, coming out in the fall of 2017.

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