

## Author talk, book reading and signing

Retired Indiana teacher and children's author, Wini Fagen Frances, resides in Washington, Indiana, with her husband, Mike.

Deciding at a young age she wanted to become a teacher, Wini began her career teaching Head Start and running her own nursery school. She has taught every grade in the public schools. For most of her thirty-five years teaching experience, she taught students with special needs. Besides teaching the basic subjects, she stressed the importance of respect and responsibility.

Wini, one of seven children, grew up with a storytelling father. She continued that tradition with her own children and grandchildren. When she retired from teaching, her husband encouraged her to write down and publish her stories.

AUTUMN DAY ON AN AMISH FARM, her second published children's book, was inspired by the Plain People of the Amish community of Daviess County Indiana. The excitement begins when Charlie and his younger brother Sam, two small city mice, visit Country Cousin who lives on an Amish farm. Will Charlie survive his night in the barn? What happens to Sam in the garden? Why did Charlie think he was losing his hearing? Through the delightful adventures of Charlie, Sam, and Country Cousin children will learn interesting things about the Amish way of life.

CHRISTMAS AT A GRAND HOTEL, her first published children's book, was inspired by the two historic hotels in French Lick and West Baden Springs, Indiana when decorated for Christmas. The story takes place in a domed hotel. It also tells about the adventures of the two little mice, Charlie and Sam, and the trouble they get into while waiting for their parents to unload the car. During their escapades they learn about the true meaning of Christmas.

Toddlers and preschoolers like hunting for the mice on the page borders of both books and finding things in the illustrations they heard about in the story. Beginning readers can pick out familiar words. Middle graders take pleasure in reading the story.

Wini has had several book signings in Indiana, as well as Arkansas, Illinois, and Iowa. She has read her book and spoken in schools, libraries, and to different organizations. Her books make wonderful gifts. Her book is also available online at Tate Publishing, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble. Autographed copies may be purchased through Wini. Message her and check out and LIKE her author page on Facebook. <http://www.facebook.com/WiniFrancesAuthor>

Wini enjoys reading her book to children and adults, answering their questions, speaking about the writing process, and selling and autographing her book. She will be speaking to students at Calico Rock Elementary on Monday, Sept. 26, 2016. Autographed books will be available for \$8.00, 20% off list.

This author likes writing about animals. Her third book, FOREST ADVENTURE, has been accepted by Tate Publishing and should be ready for release in mid 2017. She's in the process of writing a book about a raccoon that wrecks a church and another about the adventures of a dog named Zeke. Both stories are based on true happenings.

Wini began writing her Grandma's Magic Car series when she purchased a new car. Her grandsons became the main characters as she told them magic car stories to pass the time when traveling together. She still needs to complete a few more chapters of this book.

She has also written several travel articles. Her travel experiences, mishaps, and adventures have appeared in the Sigourney News Review and Boomer Magazine in her column "The Uninformed Traveler." Each article ends with travel tips. Someday Wini plans on compiling these articles into a travel book and uses that as an excuse to keep traveling. Wini says, "Retirement is great! I don't know how I had time to work."

If you are interested in having Wini Frances come for a book reading/signing or speak to your group about her book, her writing experience, or her travels, contact her on Facebook, or email her at [wini frances@gmail.com](mailto:wini frances@gmail.com) for more information.