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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Sumter, SC Author Releases First Short Story Collection

*Author Jean Bell writes of prison life with unparalleled wit*

**Manning, S.C., Tuesday, November 17, 2015**—Holladay House Publishing released *Prison Grits*, Jean Bell's debut collection of short stories, on Saturday, November 14, 2015.

*Prison Grits* chronicles the escapades of three women who stumble into prison work. They find that a big prison in a small southern town provides a number of opportunities for ladies looking for work. But not all of those opportunities turn out well. Riots, escapes, assaults, and corruption make these jobs way too interesting for some of the ladies in town.

Mrs. Kelly is a widow with a smart mouth, no money, and a love for glitter. She worries that she's too old to supervise young inmates in a prison cafeteria, but she finds out that the inmates aren't the only ones who are up to no good.

Faith Miller is a very strange librarian who uses her prison job to avenge her past. In the process, she creates problems for everyone, even the local Chamber of Commerce.

Wilma's personal life with a suicidal mother and a violent husband makes her an expert on bad luck and bad choices. The mistakes she makes in her security job place her freedom at great risk. She then discovers a world of redemption and multiple second chances.

While on the job, each lady responds differently to the drama of the prison. And along the way, they learn a little more about themselves.

The official *Prison Grits* release party and author signing was held at The Main Room at Hamptons on Saturday, November 14, 2015. Author Jean Bell read an excerpt from the collection and signed copies.

For more information about *Prison Grits*, please contact Holladay House Publishing (803.249.0917). *Prison Grits* is now available for sale from Holladay House Publishing online ([www.holladayhousepublishing.com](http://www.holladayhousepublishing.com)). It will soon be available wherever books are sold.

Format: Paperback: \$16.95 retail

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jean Bell writes from experience. She worked for more than twenty years in the prison system, dealing with issues that dominate the news today: risk-assessment of pedophiles, tracking gang activities, and escape prevention and apprehension. In her last job before retirement, she was in charge of security at her state's largest maximum security prison.

An award-winning writer of essays and short fiction, *Prison Grits* is her first collection of short stories. She is currently at work on her second book, which also has a prison setting. Jean and her husband, a retired college professor, live in South Carolina. They have two grown children, and one grandchild.

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