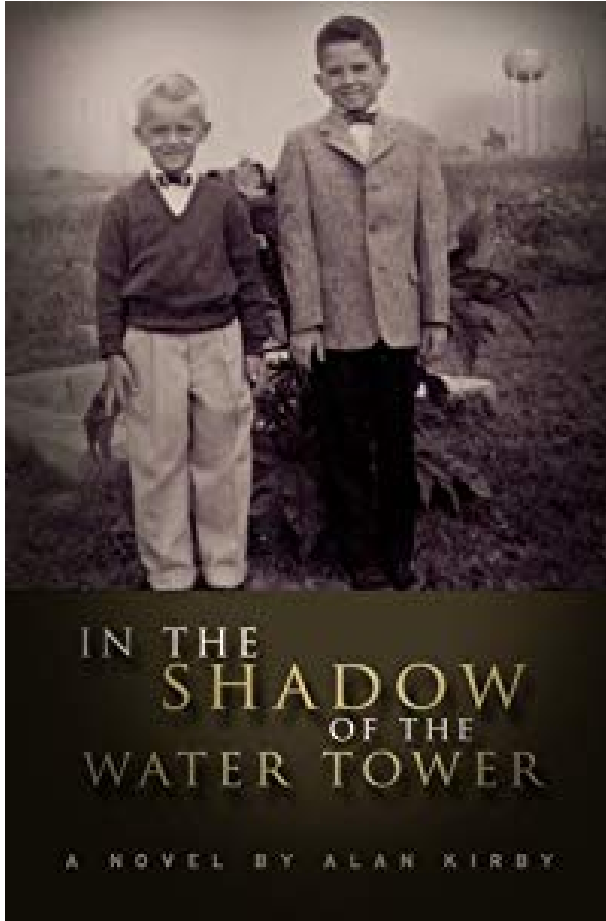


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The Kelly brothers, in their sixties, are living on opposite sides of the country when they receive a call from an attorney in their small hometown of Glenville, Indiana. His request: travel to Indiana to hear the final wishes of a recently deceased former neighbor, "Uncle" Shorty. Travel across country to hear the final wishes of a man who owned little more than an old Plymouth and a checkerboard? The brothers see this as a waste of time—even though Shorty had been a kind and encouraging family friend. But the attorney insists: "After hearing Mr. Hazelton's wishes, both of your lives could be changed forever." Returning "home" after forty years will pull Joe and Darren away from their quiet family lives and thrust them into a world of memorable stories, legendary characters, old grievances, early loves, and a precarious status that elicits greed, false adulation, and even crime. But will it be worth it?