

# Author Bio

**Gayle Wigglesworth**

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Gayle has always been torn between her skills at organization, management and the creative arts. As a young woman she moved to San Francisco on what she considered her life's adventure. And while she took a job in the banking community to support herself, she really wanted to write mystery novels. Unfortunately, while living alone in a "big" city and typing her novel in the late hours of the night, she frightened herself with her plot line and had to pack it away. In fact, she no longer would even read her beloved mysteries; it was way too scary. So instead of writing she concentrated all her energies on her career, eventually rising to the level of a Senior Vice President.

She continued to pursue her creative side by continuing art courses and she became an accomplished potter producing unique pottery, both on the wheel and by hand. Eventually, the children grown and living on their own, Gayle returned to her mysteries and to her writing.

Gayle lived her whole life in California so when her company was sold and she found herself in her latter years looking for a job it was a shock to realize she may have to relocate. She accepted a position in Houston, but her husband assured her they would regard it as a "foreign assignment" and they could move back to the San Francisco Bay Area when she was ready to retire. Little did they know that they would love Houston Texas where they now live. However, with all their family and friends back in California it was difficult to continue the traditional family get-togethers they habitually hosted. Her children whined, "Who's gonna cook?" and called at all times of the day and night for recipes and instructions, which inspired Gayle to write "the book."

*Gayle's Legacy, Recipes, Hints and Stories Culled from a Lifelong Relationship with Food* made it possible for the traditional get togethers and parties to continue, albeit, with other people now hosting the events. This cookbook is more than a collection of recipes, it's a "how to" book. This book, including detailed steps for creating the family's favorite recipes while entertainingly telling family history through the vignettes and photographs, was published in 2003.

And subsequently when the company Gayle worked with in Texas was sold, she decided there was a message to her in that. Instead of taking another position she elected to retire early and concentrate on her writing. She was determined to write and publish a mystery.

Because Gayle and her husband love to travel and have done so extensively, she followed the advice of the experts, "write what you know." Gayle developed a concept for a mystery series where the protagonist, Claire Gulliver, a librarian-turned-travel-bookshop-owner is a nice person who, somehow while traveling, becomes embroiled in situations that are not nice; in fact, sometimes these situations are downright terrifying.

Currently five Claire Gulliver Mysteries have been published. Gayle is currently finishing the sixth which is due out at the end of 2010. Meanwhile she wrote and published a stand-alone mystery, *Mud to Ashes*, and she is working on another series, called *Glenda at Large*.

Gayle spends her time writing, potting, reading, traveling and cooking. You can see her at many of the mystery book conferences promoting her mysteries, occasionally she will conduct a cooking class to promote her cookbook, or conducts a workshop to help people learn to write their own family history/cookbook and once in a while she will do some contract consulting in the banking world. She is a member of Sisters in Crime and Mystery Writers of America.