

## Author Biography for **GAYLE ROPER**



Gayle Roper



Gayle is the award winning author of more than forty books. She has been a Christy finalist three times for her novels *Spring Rain*, *Summer Shadows*, and *Winter Winds*.

Her novel *Autumn Dreams* won the prestigious Romance Writers of America's RITA Award for Best Inspirational Romance. *Summer Shadows* was voted the Inspirational Readers Choice Contest Book of the Year (tied with fellow author Brandilyn Collins). Gayle has won the Holt Medallion three times for *The Decision*, *Caught in a Bind*, and *Autumn Dreams*. *The Decision* won the Reviewers Choice Award, and Gayle has also won the Award of Excellence for *Spring Rain* and the Golden Quill for *Summer Shadows* and *Winter Winds*. Romantic Times Book Report gave Gayle the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Gayle's recent novels have been well received by readers and critics alike: of *Fatal Deduction* (2008), Publishers Weekly said "Roper's dialogue and character development are spot-on, which is no small feat, considering that Libby's world is peopled by everyone from elderly patricians to two-bit gangsters...This novel is a pleasure from start to finish." Of *Shadows on the Sand* (2011), Romantic Times awarded four stars and called Roper's characters "exciting and fresh," going on to say that "This richly told story deftly combines a budding romance with riveting crime drama."

For her work in training Christian writers Gayle has won special recognition from Mount Hermon CWC, St. Davids CWC, Florida CWC, and Greater Philadelphia CWC. She directed St. Davids for five years and Sandy Cove CWC for six. She has taught with Christian Leaders, Authors and Speakers Services (CLASS), serving for several years as their writer in residence. Gayle enjoys speaking at women's events across the nation and loves sharing the powerful truths of Scripture with humor and practicality.

Gayle is married to Chuck Roper, and has been "for more years than seems possible!" Gayle and Chuck live in southeastern Pennsylvania where they enjoy their family of two great sons, two lovely daughters-in-law, and the world's five most wonderful grandchildren.

Gayle is a believer in Jesus as the Son of God and her Savior. This belief informs her worldview and is evident in all her stories. She and her husband carried this belief with them years ago as they helped plant a church with seventeen people. That church has now grown to over two thousand. As Chuck says, "next to our family, it's been our greatest adventure."

When she's not writing, or teaching at conferences, Gayle enjoys reading, gardening, and eating out every time she can talk Chuck into it.