

About The Author

DR. SUSAN HARRIS HOWELL

“Susan Howell has managed to write one of those rare cozy mysteries that is as comforting as a weighted blanket—even as it gives you thrills and chills.”

-Nathan Gower, author of *The Act of Disappearing*

Dr. Susan Harris Howell is a psychologist, speaker, and author of *The Spirit of Vanderlaan*, her debut novel released in December of 2024. This book is a fun, cozy, ghost story featuring a professor, Samantha Hayes, and her lively band of students who get caught up in solving a campus mystery. This book draws on her teaching career of over thirty years to capture the camaraderie and warmth between a professor and the assortment of personalities which inhabit her office.



Susan is always eager to share how being a university psychology professor inspired her to write a novel about one. She also enjoys sharing insights she’s gained from the challenge of writing books while holding down a “day job.” Susan is available to speak at conferences as well as community, church, and book discussion groups.

Dwayne, Susan’s husband of over forty years is also a writer, retired university professor, and minister. They have two grown children, a daughter-in-law, and an adorable grandson. They also have a beagle named Doc who tries their patience on a regular basis. While he doesn’t understand anything Susan says, he is completely supportive of her speaking and writing endeavors.

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Dr. Susan Harris Howell is a psychologist, speaker and author. As a psychology professor for over thirty years, she has taught courses in gender studies and the integration of faith and psychological science. She has published extensively on gendered socialization and its impact for women within their families, society, and the church. Much of her work has been published by the Christians for Biblical Equality (CBE) organization. Her book, **Buried Talents: Overcoming Gendered Socialization to Answer God's Call**, extends her focus to the subtle ways women are discouraged from entering any male-dominated occupation.

Her passion is in helping others recognize the impact gendered socialization has for the decisions they make, particularly those which impact their occupational choices. She strives to broaden their perceptions of what they are capable of pursuing, so they feel freer to follow their call rather than the gendered restrictions too often imposed by others.

Susan and her husband, a Baptist minister, have worked within the church throughout over forty years of marriage to create more inclusive communities in the congregations they have served. During that time, they have consistently raised awareness and advocated for equality between women and men in each sphere of life.

While she is a frequent speaker at conferences, she is also available to speak to colleges groups and churches, and participate in podcasts, webinars, and book discussion groups.



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