



Betsy Duffey and Laurie Myers were born into a writing family. Their father wrote engineering textbooks and magazine articles; their mother, Betsy Byars, was a distinguished children's author and the winner of numerous book awards, including a National Book Award, a Newbery, an Edgar and many others.

They grew up in Morgantown, WV and after careers in medical fields they both began writing. For over twenty years they published more than thirty-five children's novels with a variety of companies, both individually and together.

Their books have:

- ~ *Won the state children's book awards in LA, SC, PA, OR*
- ~ *Been nominated for state children's book awards in CA, TX, MD, NH, MI, WV, VA, NE, PA, AZ, LA, OR, FL, NV, IL, IN, UT, SD, OK, IA*
- ~ *Been chosen for the International Reading Association's Teachers' Choice, Parents' Choice, and Children's Choice lists*
- ~ *Been chosen ALA notable book*
- ~ *Been a Junior Library Guild selection - several times*
- ~ *Been Bank Street Best Children's Book - several times*
- ~ *Been nominated for the Parents' Guide to Children's Media Award*
- ~ *Been nominated for the Crown Award - several times*

Their first collaborative efforts were with their mother. When their mother retired, Laurie and Betsy formed The Writing Sisters to express their faith in their writing and more directly use their talents for the glory of God. Their desire is for their fiction to show the power of God working in the world through Scripture.

Betsy and her husband live in Atlanta, GA. They lead a community group and mentor young engaged couples preparing for marriage. As a licensed counselor she worked for four years with homeless women in Atlanta performing individual and group therapy, often using writing as a tool for healing. Over the years Betsy has spoken at hundreds of elementary schools and has shared her ideas about healing and story with women's groups. She has two grown sons.

Laurie and her husband live in Augusta, GA where she helped begin an urban Christian school for low-income families and serves on their Board as Treasurer. She leads Bible Studies for young wives in Medical Campus Outreach. She has spoken in elementary schools across the country, sharing with students her passion for writing. Laurie has three grown children.

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