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Short:

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Longer:

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The Embroidery Mystery series features a heroine who recently moved to the Oregon coast to open an embroidery specialty shop. Marcy Singer left her home in San Francisco, along with the humiliation of being left at the altar, in order to move to Tallulah Falls and realize her dream of owning her own shop. She takes along her faithful companion, a one-year-old Irish wolfhound named Angus O'Ruff. She makes many new friends in Tallulah Falls, but she also makes a few enemies. Thankfully, her best friend Sadie MacKenzie and her husband Blake run the coffeehouse right down the street from Marcy's shop, the Seven-Year Stitch; and Detective Ted Nash always has her back. *Publishers Weekly* says, "Fans of the genre will take kindly to Marcy, her Irish wolfhound, Angus O'Ruff, and Tallulah Falls. This is a fast, pleasant read with prose full of pop culture references and, of course, sharp needlework puns." Pat Cooper of *RT Book Reviews* says, "If her debut here is any indication, Lee's new series is going to be fun, spunky and educational. She smoothly interweaves plot with her character's personality and charm, while dropping tantalizing hints of stitching projects and their history. Marcy Singer is young, fun, sharp and likable. Readers will be looking forward to her future adventures." (RT Book Reviews nominated *The Quick and the Thread* for a 2010 Book Reviewers' Choice Award in the Amateur Sleuth category)

Gayle Trent lives in Virginia with her family, which includes her own "Angus" who is not an Irish wolfhound but a Great Pyrenees who provides plenty of inspiration for the character of Mr. O'Ruff.