

'Auntie Anne's Pretzels' Founder Shares Her Story of Redemption

Rape. Abuse. Loss of a child. Startling success. Anne Beiler's testimony is one marked by significant pain, but joy, grace and forgiveness triumph over devastation. At 70 years old, the founder of Auntie Anne's Pretzels says one of her ultimate dreams is to see her life turned into a movie.

"If Auntie Anne's wouldn't have been what it would be, I wouldn't be able to share my story," Beiler told Movieguide®. "I'm grateful for the pretzel first and then the platform, and to transition from all of the grief and pain which did happen before I was 18 is a modern-day business miracle."

Much of her testimony is chronicled in her book, *The Secret Lies Within*.

Beiler was raised in the Amish Mennonite tradition. After marrying her husband, Jonas, she slowly began to seek a life in the Mennonite church, and the couple eventually planted a congregation that grew out of a small group.

The couple welcomed not one, but two daughters, and their joy overflowed.

Then, in 1975, tragedy struck.

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