AUTUMN LEAVES
A DNA Memoir

BY SHARON BETH

What if your search to discover your roots unearthed a secret buried for over sixty years—one that would not only rewrite your family's story forever, but shatter the heart of someone closest to you?



About the Book

At just twenty-two, Sharon Beth began studying her family's heritage. Over time, she became the family's historian, carefully documenting generations of stories, photographs, and shared memories. Then, a shocking DNA test revealed a secret buried for over sixty years that left Sharon faced with one of the toughest decisions of her life: reveal the truth and risk shattering the heart of someone dear to her, or stay silent. Autumn Leaves follows her journey to uncover the truth and discover a family she never knew existed. Through tales of love across social and religious divides, it takes readers from the 1950s tenements of New York's Lower East Side to the world of burlesque, and on to present-day California—all woven together by a diamond necklace and a haunting song of lament.

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Sharon Beth is a writer, teacher, and special needs advocate who resides in Danville, California, with her husband and two teenagers. Autumn Leaves is a deeply personal account of the highs and lows of her DNA journey, written in the hope of helping others who carry a similar burden. Sharon is a Certified Handwriting Specialist, a college graduate with two teaching credentials, and an active member of the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society.

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