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This accessible history tells the story of how adult Christians of the 1500s first shaped the Anabaptist believers church tradition and of how it lives on today and can be joined by any who identify with Anabaptist understandings of following Christ.

"I can't wait to use this with my high school Anabaptist theology and history class as well as my new members' classes. It's an accessible, user-friendly, up-to-date resource that reflects the vitality and diversity of those who have lived and currently are living the Anabaptist story." --*Sheri Hostetler, Pastor, First Mennonite Church of San Francisco*

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"As a first-generation Mennonite, I'm grateful that this resource invites me to reflect on my part of the story, what it means to be an Anabaptist today, and how relevant early Anabaptist positions like nonviolence are in today's world." --*Carlos Romero, Executive Director, Mennonite Education Agency*

"This is an excellent overview of Anabaptist history, from its humble beginnings through persecution to the present day. It will be a wonderful addition to any classroom or personal study." --*Tony Hartman, Middle School Bible Teacher, Sarasota Christian School*

"This much-needed interpretation and narrative presents not only a concise and teachable history of Anabaptist history but also a usable past that challenges us toward Christian renewal and witness." --*Lloyd Weiler, Chair, Board of Directors, Muddy Creek Farm Library; Mennonite historian*

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