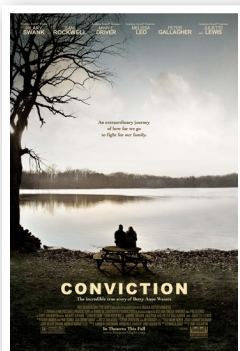




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Synopsis



Betty Anne Waters is a high school dropout who spent nearly two decades working as a single mother while putting herself through law school, tirelessly trying to beat the system and overturn her brother's unjust murder conviction.

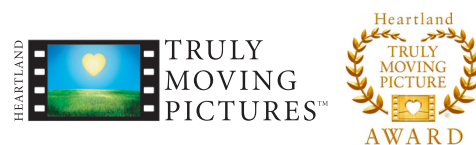
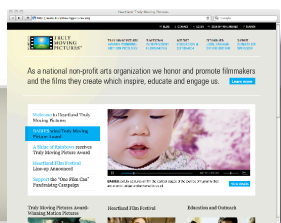
Discussion Questions

- *Conviction* is based on a true story. Could you relate to Betty Ann Waters' belief that her brother was innocent? Have you ever believed in something so completely that you dedicated yourself to the cause in a way similar to Betty Ann?
- Kenny and Betty Ann share a very strong sibling relationship. Can you identify with their sibling bond? Do you have a person in your life you would pursue saving in the way Betty Ann did for Kenny?
- Betty Ann's dedication to her brother's cause created strife in other areas of her life. How did her commitment to her brother impact her family life and friendships? Would you have done the same?
- Betty Ann dedicated 18 years of her life to overturning her brother's conviction. She did this with no way of confirming that her efforts would pay off. Have you ever done something without knowing that you would have results?
- Did Betty Ann's achievements change your ideas about what things you are capable of accomplishing?



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Do Your Research

- Betty Ann works with The Innocence Project to help overturn her brother Kenny's conviction. The Innocence Project is a national litigation and public policy organization dedicated to exonerating wrongfully convicted individuals through DNA testing and reforming the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice. Research the history of The Innocence Project and see all the wrongful convictions they have overturned throughout the years. www.innocenceproject.org.
- Research the criminal justice system to get a better understanding of how it works and why and how people can sometimes be wrongly convicted of a crime.
- The story of Kenny and Betty Ann Waters is only retold until Kenny's conviction is overturned. Research what happened after Kenny was released from jail and discover what Betty Ann went on to do.

Get Involved

- Perhaps this story helped you understand some injustices that are present in the legal system. If this movie introduced you to new ideas or gave you an understanding of how the legal system works and you would like to get involved in some way, there are any number of ways to get involved.



The Innocence Projects suggests the following ideas to get started:

- Connect with the Innocence Network organization in your community.
- Find an organization in your community that helps convict's families.
- Find even more suggestions here: <http://www.innocenceproject.org/fix/What-can-I-do.php>

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