

# Miep Gies: The Woman Who Hid Anne Frank and the Rest of the Frank Family in the Secret Annex



## Behind the Bookcase: Miep Gies, Anne Frank, and the Hiding Place by Barbara Lowell

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Miep Gies was a Dutch woman who helped hide Anne Frank and her family from the Nazis during World War II. She risked her life to help the Franks, and her story is a testament to the power of human compassion.

## Miep's Early Life

Miep Gies was born in Vienna, Austria, on February 15, 1909. Her parents were poor, and she had to work from a young age to help support her family. In 1920, Miep and her family moved to the Netherlands.

Miep was a kind and compassionate woman. She loved to help others, and she was always willing to lend a helping hand. In 1941, she began working as a secretary for Otto Frank, Anne's father.

## Hiding the Franks

In 1942, the Nazis began to round up Jews in the Netherlands. Otto Frank knew that he and his family would soon be in danger, so he decided to go into hiding. He asked Miep to help him find a place to hide.

Miep found a secret annex in the back of Otto's office building. The annex was a small, hidden space that was perfect for hiding. The Franks moved into the annex on July 6, 1942.

Miep helped to keep the Franks hidden for two years. She brought them food and supplies, and she kept them informed about the war. She also provided them with emotional support.

## **The Raid**

On August 4, 1944, the Nazis raided the secret annex. They arrested the Franks and the four other people who were hiding with them. Miep was also arrested.

Miep was interrogated by the Nazis, but she refused to tell them anything about the Franks. She was eventually released, but she never saw the Franks again.

## **After the War**

After the war, Miep continued to work for Otto Frank. She helped him to publish Anne's diary, which became a worldwide bestseller. Miep also spoke out about the Holocaust and the importance of tolerance.

Miep Gies died on January 11, 2010, at the age of 100. She was a remarkable woman who risked her life to help others. Her story is a testament to the power of human compassion.

## Legacy

Miep Gies is remembered as a hero who helped to save the lives of Anne Frank and her family. She was a kind and compassionate woman who risked her life to help others. Her story is a reminder of the importance of tolerance and compassion.

There are many memorials to Miep Gies around the world. In 2010, a statue of Miep was unveiled in Amsterdam. The statue is a tribute to her courage and compassion.

Miep Gies' story is also told in a number of books, movies, and documentaries. Her story is a reminder of the importance of standing up for what is right, even when it is difficult.

Miep Gies was a remarkable woman who risked her life to help others. Her story is a testament to the power of human compassion. Her legacy will continue to inspire people for generations to come.



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