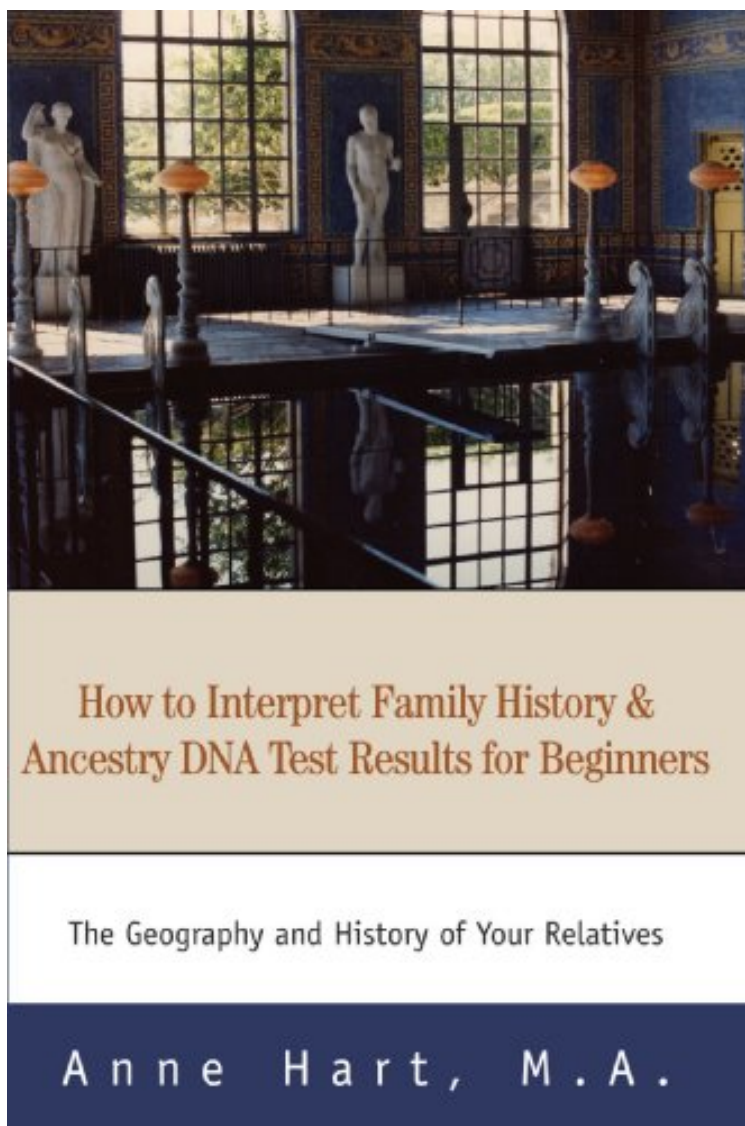



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Anne Hart, M.A., is a journalist who writes how-to books on DNA-driven genealogy, family history research techniques, ethnology, folkloric traditions, anthropology for history buffs, creative writing techniques, and historical adventure novels.