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The Corner Shop. color. 22 min.

Lauren P. Steiner, LB Productions.

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VHS/DVD \$14.99. Public performance. Social Sciences

Beauty shop, hair salon, or beauty parlor: whatever the name, it is a place of tradition, friendship, and feminine culture. Through humorous and touching interviews, *The Corner Shop* explores this phenomenon and focuses on the importance of the beauty shop to women of all ages. Stylists discuss why they got into the business and the longevity of their association with clients—some customers even have final requests to have their hair done for their funeral. The stylists also talk about client expectations and how every aspect of the customers' and their own lives is open for discussion. The camaraderie of the beauty salon extends beyond the operator and the particular customer to all of the clients in the salon. A beauty shop is a place where women go to be pampered physically and emotionally through conversation, friendship, and the power of touch. This insightful program is a perfect complement to *Barberland* (Video Reviews, *LJ* 2/15/06); a worthwhile addition to both academic and public libraries .

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