Meet Shannon Hayes

THE RADICAL HOMEMAKER



I GREW UP ON SAP BUSH HOLLOW FARM, and in 1999, after getting engaged, Bob and I bought a sunny little cabin 7 miles up the road. It was the biggest move of my life. The cabin blossomed into a solar home where Bob and I produce handcrafts and school our two daughters while working on the farm with my mom and dad. I also write.

I hold a bachelors degree in creative writing from Binghamton University, and a masters and Ph.D. in sustainable agriculture and community development from Cornell. My essays and articles have appeared in myriad regional and national publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Boston Review*, and *Northeast Public Radio*. My quirky lifestyle, my (admittedly imperfect) attempts to live a life of personal accountability and sustainability, and my research and writings about homemaking as an ecological movement have landed me and my family on the pages of the *New York Times*, *Brain Child Magazine*, *U.S. News and World Report, Lancaster Farming*, *Small Farm Quarterly*, *Hobby Farm Home Magazine*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Atlantic*, *National Public Radio*, *Grit*, *Yes! Magazine*, *Elle Magazine*, *Juno*, the national newspapers of Germany, Turkey and Canada, the *Arab News* and the *Pakistan Observer*.



I’ve written six books: *The Grassfed Gourmet, The Farmer and the Grill, Radical Homemakers, Long Way on a Little, Cooking Grassfed Beef*, and, most recently, *Homespun Mom Comes Unraveled*. They are available for sale [here](http://theradicalhomemaker.net/meet-shannon/), as well as through most conventional channels.

From May through Mid-December, I write weekly essays that appear here on this blog, as well as through *Yes! Magazine*. During the winter I hibernate and work on my book manuscripts. I have a long list of writing projects to fill those months. At the top right now is my first novel, *Angels and Stones* (almost done…I think!); as well as a non-fiction project – *Radical Pleasure: Unleashing Faith, Hope, Healing and Resilience in Hard Times*.