

Introduction

Saloma Miller Furlong was born and raised in an Amish community in Ohio. Driven by her desire for freedom and more formal education, she broke away from her community — not once, but twice. *Why I Left the Amish* is about the first time she left and its sequel *Bonnet Strings: An Amish Woman's Ties to Two Worlds* is her new book.

Saloma graduated from Smith in May 2007 with a major in German Studies and a minor in Philosophy. Her education has included research on the Amish with Donald Kraybill and a semester abroad in Germany. She has presented talks about the Amish at libraries, colleges, universities, and conferences throughout the country.

Saloma is joined by her husband, David, who wrote part of *Bonnet Strings* from his perspective of the male side of the “Yankee” romance we’ll learn more about.

Please welcome Saloma and David Furlong.