

author profile



AMY R. SINGER

Born in New Jersey, Amy R. Singer has spent most of her life in Canada and likes it there. A professional editor and proofreader in the advertising industry since 1986, Amy used to think she was wasting away the Bachelor's degree in Radio & Television Arts she earned at Ryerson University. But since 2006, she's quit her day job and is now wasting away her degree with a career in knitting, as a full-time writer, and editor of the online knitting magazine Knitty.com.

Thanks to the gentle patience of her grandma Lillian, Amy learned to knit when she was six. She vaguely remembers creating large, shapeless blobs of garter stitch, but has managed to block out the details. Allergic to wool and oversensitive to most animal fibers, she has cultivated an intense appreciation for cotton in every form. If you ask her what she's coveting now, however, she'll tell you that nothing turns her crank like a skein of handdyed silk from Handmaiden.

Amy launched Knitty.com, a Web-only knitting magazine with a sense of humor and absolutely no doily patterns, in the summer of 2002. By winter 2006, Knitty welcomed its 23 millionth visitor. She also writes a column for *Interweave Knits* magazine and keeps a blog on their website about knitting and the Internet. Her third book, *No Sheep for You: Knit Happy with Cotton, Silk, Linen, Hemp, Bamboo and Other Delights*, launches in spring 2007 from Interweave Press.

Other obsessions include sporadic attempts at fitness with a flat-water kayak or touring bike and collecting vintage stuff. And spinning silk hankies on her growing collection of drop spindles.

Amy lives in Toronto with her husband, Philip, and their two mini-rex rabbits, Boeing and Squeeze.

VITAL STATISTICS

**Homeground:**  
Toronto, Canada

**Books:**

*No Sheep for You*  
(Interweave Press, 2007)

*Big Girl Knits*  
(Potter Craft, 2006)

*Knit Wit*  
(HarperResource, 2004)

Amy R. Singer has also  
contributed to:

*Knitting Yarns and Spinning Tales*  
(Voyageur Press, 2005)

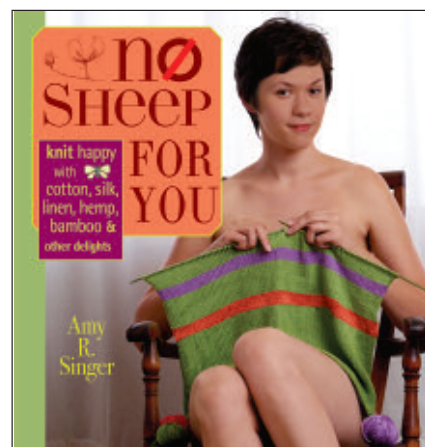
*Knitgrl2*  
(Watson-Guptil, 2006)

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