

## Darcie Friesen Hossack



**Darcie Friesen Hossack** is a graduate of the Humber School for Writers in Ontario, Canada, where she studied under Giller Prize finalist Sandra Birdsell. Her first book of short fictions, *Mennonites Don't Dance*, was published by Thistledown Press in September 2010. Acclaimed in the Canadian press, shortlisted for the Commonwealth Prize in the First Books Category, the book was also a runner up for the Danuta Gleed Award.

Darcie grew up in the city of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, though was as much at home on her grandparents' farm in the Mennonite village of Schoenfeld. She eventually moved to Kelowna, British Columbia and married her high school sweetheart, international award-winning chef, Dean Hossack. Being Mennonite, with its accompanying experiences of farm and food, shaped the author's faith and love of land (even

though she's never successfully grown anything in dirt), and led to a syndicated food column.

Darcie has never had to kill a chicken, though she's plucked more than a few, and once brought a pig's snout to school for show and tell.