

BIRTH: IN THE COMFORT OF HOME by Linda Thrasybule

I was honored that Shannon, the birth mom, allowed me and my fellow intern, Amanda Steen, to witness her birth at home with her family and loved ones. We spent a good amount of time with Shannon and both midwives over the course of her final weeks of pregnancy. We made frequent visits to Shannon's home, and we caught a small glimpse of what midwives do on a daily basis.

As a reporter, I had to ask interesting questions and engage my subjects in compelling conversation. I also had to obtain clear, high-quality audio which was not an easy task.

But after this project, I realized that if you're excited about a story and think it's worth telling, then the hours you spend on it will always be worth it.

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