

# Freya Blackwood

Author and Illustrator



## PUBLICATIONS

*The Great Rabbit Chase*, 2017

*The Terrible Suitcase*, 2012

*The Runaway Hug*, 2011

*Harry and Hopper*, 2009

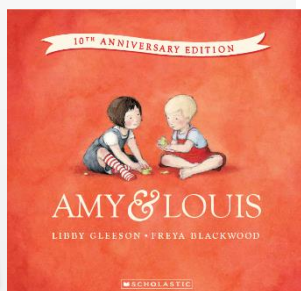
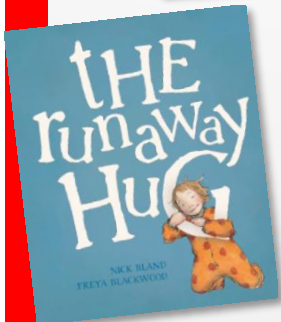
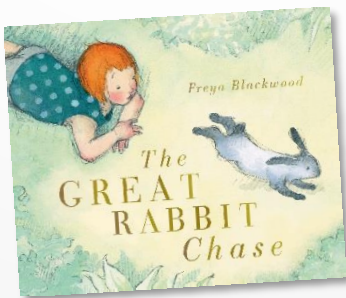
*No Room for a Mouse*, 2007

*Amy and Louis*, 2006

*Waltzing Matilda*, 2006

*The Man from Snowy River*, 2004

*Two Summers*, 2003



Freya Blackwood was born in 1975 in country town, Orange in New South Wales, Australia. As the daughter of a painter and an architect, Freya was encouraged to draw from a young age, and produced many illustrated books as a child. Her life as an illustrator took a small detour as Freya studied a design degree and worked in the film industry, most notable as an effects technician on *the Lord of the Rings Trilogy*.

In 2003 Scholastic Press published Freya's first picture book, *Two Summers*, written by John Heffernan. Since then, Freya has illustrated books written by Libby Gleeson, Margaret Wild, Nick Bland and Kyle Mewburn. *The Great Rabbit Chase* is Freya's most personal book that she has authored as well as illustrated.

Freya now lives back in Orange with her daughter, a naughty dog, and four noisy chickens.

## AWARDS

Freya won the Crichton Award in 2004 for her first book, *Two Summers*, written by John Heffernan, which was also shortlisted for the CBCA Picture Book of the Year.

Since then, she has been showered with awards for her iconic and much-loved work, including the prestigious Kate Greenaway Medal in 2010 for her illustrations in Margaret Wild's *Harry & Hopper* (Omnibus Books, 2008). *The Great Rabbit Chase* was also shortlisted for the CBCA Picture Book of the Year (2018).

## LINKS

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