

Freya Blackwood

Author and Illustrator



PUBLICATIONS

The Great Rabbit Chase, 2017

The Terrible Suitcase, 2012

The Runaway Hug, 2011

Harry and Hopper, 2009

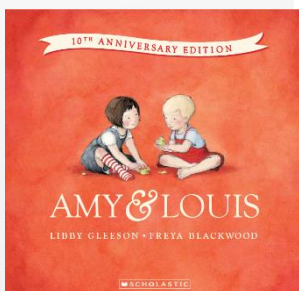
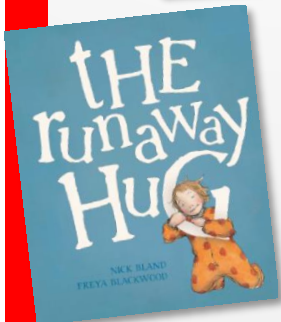
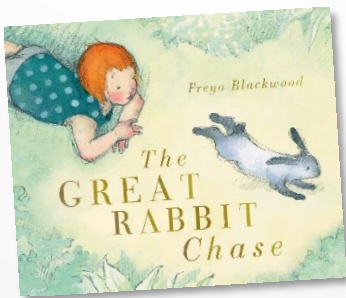
No Room for a Mouse, 2007

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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