

Karolyn Smardz Frost

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Some 85 people attended our second annual celebration of Black History Month. This year's guest speaker was, Karolyn Smardz Frost, winner of the 2007 Governor General's Literary Award (Non-Fiction) who had the audience completely captivated.

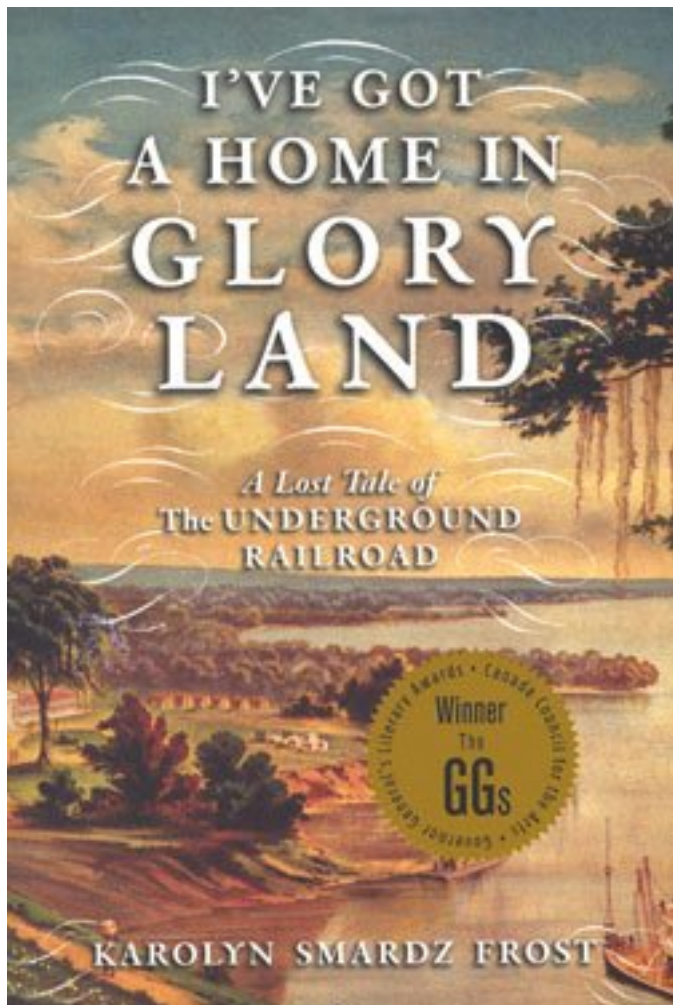


Karolyn Smardz Frost, an animated and enthusiastic story teller, relates some of the amazing story of finding the remains of the Toronto home of Thornton and Lucy Blackburn, during an archaeological dig in the playground of Toronto's Sackville Street School in 1985. The Blackburn's were African American slaves who escaped via the Underground Railway. After 20 years of research and study, what has emerged is book, *I've Got a Home in Glory Land* in which the author brings to life an incredible story of the Blackburn's family history, their escape from slavery and their life in Canada. Interwoven in the tale are an amazing number of circumstances,

coincidences and historical.



Karolyn Smardz Frost autographing copies of her award winning book for appreciative fans.



"I've Got a Home in Glory Land is a triumphant blend of archaeological and historical research with literary story-telling. Karolyn Smardz Frost uses the flight of Thornton and Lucie Blackburn from slavery in Kentucky to freedom in Toronto to bring the Underground Railroad and its passengers to life in remarkably rich detail. Moving and informative in the best sense, the book will become an instant classic."

Links of Interest:

[The Thornton and Lucie Blackburn House](#)