

KAROLYN SMARDZ FROST Toronto-born archaeologist and historian whose 1985 excavation of the Thornton and Lucie Blackburn site made history. *I've Got a Home in Glory Land* is the fruit of more than twenty years of historical detective work into this fugitive slave couple's dramatic escape to Canada via the Underground Railroad. Smardz Frost divides her time between her Collingwood, Ontario, home and cottage on Nova Scotia's South Shore. <a href="http://www.halifaxwritersfest.com/html/karolyn\_smardz\_frost.html">http://www.halifaxwritersfest.com/html/karolyn\_smardz\_frost.html</a>; recipient of the 2007 Governor General's Award for Non Fiction; Executive Director of the Ontario Historical Society; "BA in archaeology, a master's in Classical

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