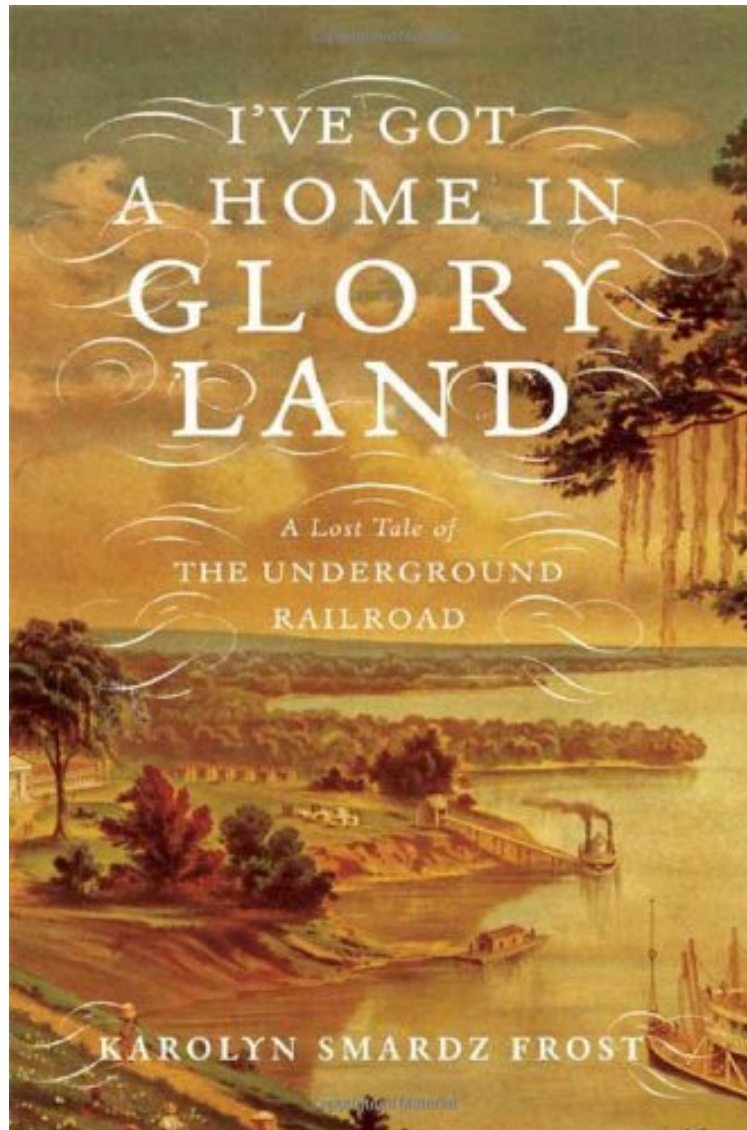


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It was the day before Independence Day, 1831. As his bride, Lucie, was about to be "sold down the river" to the slave markets of New Orleans, young Thornton Blackburn planned a daring—and successful—daylight escape from Louisville. But they were discovered by slave catchers in Michigan and slated to return to Kentucky in chains, until the black community rallied to their cause. The Blackburn Riot of 1833 was the first racial uprising in Detroit history.

From Publishers Weekly In 1985, archeologists in downtown Toronto discovered what would become the most highly publicized dig in Canadian history: the remains of a house belonging to former slaves Thornton and Lucie Blackburn, who, as it turns out, were key figures in the Underground Railroad. Fleeing Louisville, Ky., in 1831, shortly before Lucie was to be sold down the river, the Blackburns used forged documents to cross the Ohio River and eventually make their way to Detroit. They built a life in the "nominally Free Territory of Michigan," until Thornton was recognized and arrested, along with Lucie. Before they could be convicted and returned to slavery, though, the first racial uprising in Detroit—a crowd of friends and abolitionists who marched on the jail—gave them the opportunity to escape. Fleeing to Toronto, Thornton's case established the promise of the Underground Railroad: Canada's refusal to turn the former slaves over to Michigan's governor established Canada as a haven for escaped slaves (so long as they weren't wanted for capital crimes). Frost spent years researching this story, as attested to by 100-plus pages of notes. Unfortunately, the voices and personalities of the Blackburns themselves remain sketchy; Frost fills in numerous chinks in their story, using first-hand accounts from others in similar situations, but it still feels like the Thorntons have, once again, evaded capture. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist \*Starred\* In downtown Toronto in 1985, archaeologists uncovered remains of a house that had belonged to Thornton and Lucie Blackburn, fugitive slaves who settled in Canada in 1833 and later became successful business owners. Smardz Frost was part of the archaeology team and went on to undertake 20 years of research on the fascinating couple. In this richly detailed book, she recounts the perilous journey of the couple from Louisville, Kentucky, to prevent threat to their marriage by the imminent sale of Lucie. They were pursued to Michigan, where they were captured. Protest by Detroit's black community halted the return of the Blackburns to Kentucky and set off the riots of 1833. The couple was spirited across the river to Canada, but Michigan's governor demanded their extradition, setting in motion a legal and diplomatic battle between the U.S and Canada over the issue of fugitive slaves and firmly establishing Canada as the end point of the Underground Railroad. Smardz Frost's fascination with her subject and love of detailed historical documentation are evident in this engrossing look at a couple who defied slavery with their escape and their assistance to other fugitive slaves. Vanessa Bush Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved "Karolyn Smardz Frost's superb research has produced a wonderful account of the underground railroad, elevating Thornton and Lucy Blackburn to their rightful place in the dramatic story of pre-Civil War slave resistance, abolition, and African American life on both sides of the U.S.-Canadian border. This finely detailed account depicts a truly international antislavery movement." -- James Oliver Horton and Lois E. Horton, coauthors of Slavery and the Making of America and Hard Road to Freedom