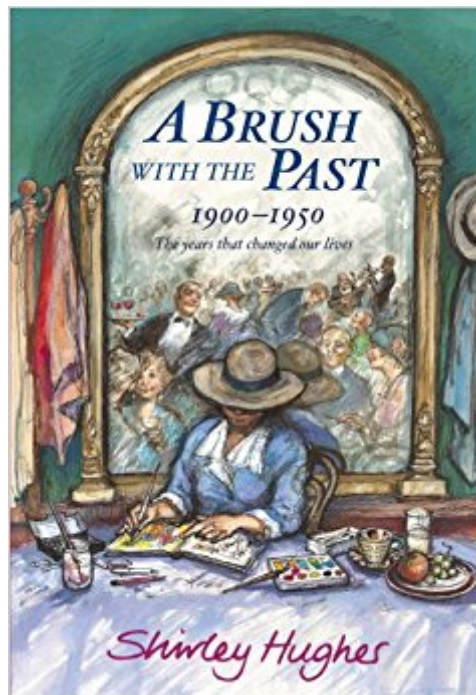




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Shirley Hughes was born and grew up in West Kirby, near Liverpool. She studied at Liverpool Art School and at the Ruskin School of Art in Oxford, before embarking on a career as a freelance illustrator. At first she worked as an interpretive illustrator, but she began to write and design her own picture books when her children were very young. Her first book, *Lucy and Tom's Day*, was published in 1960. Now living in London's Notting Hill, Shirley Hughes has illustrated over two hundred children's books and is renowned as a champion of children's literature. Honoured with an O. B. E. in 1999 for her outstanding contribution to children's literature, Shirley Hughes is a household name. # Winner of The Other Award, the Kate Greenaway Medal and the prestigious Eleanor Farjeon award.

this is a wonderful book! I used it as "another reference" for a talk I gave to a large women's literary group entitled, "Woman Illustrators of Children's Books". Shirley Hughes does endearing and heartwarming work ----- ask most any picture reading Mom and Dad not to mention their lucky children. This book took you from Ms. Hughes's childhood (it is basically an autobiography) through to the present concerning her start in illustrating and inserted along the way are typically wonderful double page Shirley Hughes illustrations covering the time span from approximately 1927 until now. Delightful! Especially when you grew up in that timeframe yourself! I'm ten years younger but experienced much the same history. A delightful read and the illustrations alone make it a book to treasure. Now what I REALLY want is one of her prints-----I'm saving my pennies!

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