

Rachel Whiteread

b.1963



Dame Rachel Whiteread DBE makes sculptures, which typically take the form of casts. She was the first woman to win the Turner Prize. Whiteread was one of the Young British Artists who exhibited at the Royal Academy's Sensation exhibition in 1997.

This work is called *Untitled (For Frank)* and is one of a series of works casting bookshelves. She is known for making solid casts of the open space in and around pieces of furniture such as tables and chairs, architectural details and even entire rooms and buildings.



Do some further research on Rachel Whiteread and then answer these two questions.

1. What technique does Whiteread typically use to make her work and what is the subject matter?
2. A number of her sculptures have caused controversy, why do you think this is?