

Putting Twigg in the picture

Inspiration can come at the most unusual time.

Jessica Lawry was feeding her baby at 3.30am one day last year when she decided it would be a good idea to do a picture book about Olympic Gold medal winner Emma Twigg and aim it at young people.

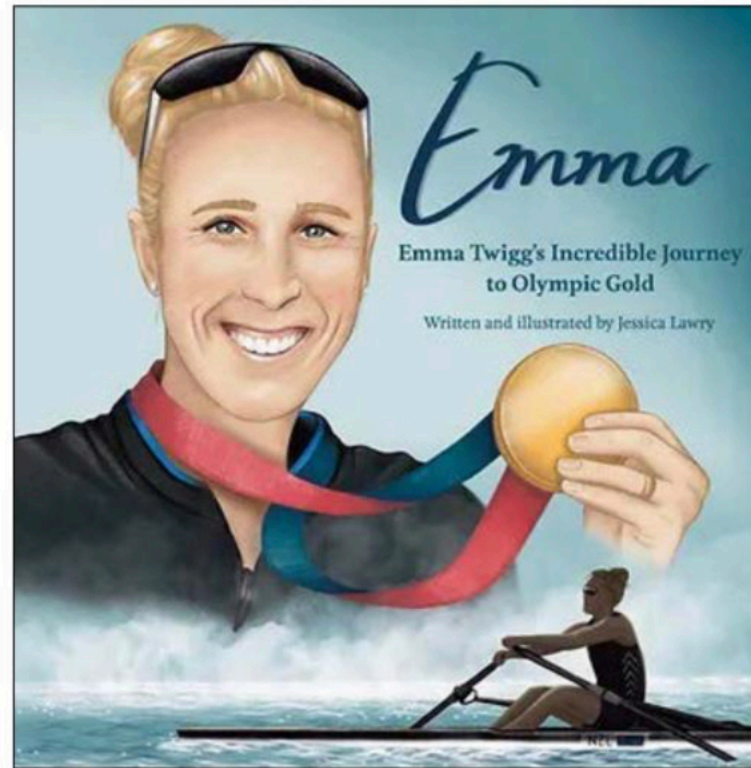
Five days earlier Twigg had won the single sculls at Tokyo - not bad for someone who announced her retirement from rowing five years earlier, having competed at three Olympics and won the world single sculls championship in 2014.

Lawry's plan wasn't so outrageous - she and Twigg had attended Waikato University together and had kept in touch.

The idea was pitched as a way to encourage another generation of young people to succeed - and Twigg agreed.

The result was a picture book - Emma Twigg's Inspirational Journey to Olympic Gold - which tracks Twigg's journey.

Lawry who wrote and illustrated the book said and it was a measure of the fact Twigg is humble that her biggest concerns were that the illustrations showing her rowing were technically correct, rather than how she was



drawn.

Lawry, a mum of three living in Kaipaki, is fine at drawing, but says she is no rower.

Twigg and Lawry will be teaming up for a second time next Thursday afternoon for book signings, this time in Paper Plus, Cambridge.

The book has already been given the thumbs up by Lawry's pupils - she teaches twice a week at Te Kowhai School.