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GAIL BOWEN

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Gail Dianne Bowen was born in Toronto to Albert and Doris (Miller) Bartholomew, on 22 September 1942. After receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto in 1964 and her Masters of Arts from the University of Waterloo in 1975, she pursued graduate research at the University of Saskatchewan. She married Ted on August 31, 1968. She has 3 children: Hildy Wren, Max Benjamin and Nathaniel Peter; she has 1 grandchild Madeleine Bowen-Diaz. She currently resides in Regina.

Bowen became a sessional lecturer in English at the University of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College in Saskatoon in 1976. In 1979 she and her family moved to Regina where she once more served as a sessional lecturer, this time at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC) and the University of Regina. In 1986 she was appointed assistant professor of English at SIFC.

Gail Bowen is the author of numerous novels. Her first book, *1919: The Love Letters of George and Adelaide* (1987) was written together with Ron Marken, who teaches English at the University of Saskatchewan. This was followed by the highly successful Joanne Kilbourn mysteries. This series includes *Deadly Appearances* (1990); *Murder at the Mendel* (1991); *The Wandering Soul Murders* (1992); *A Colder Kind of Death* (1994); *A Killing Spring* (1996); *Verdict in Blood* (1998) and *Burying Ariel* in 2000. An eighth is in progress.

Two of her Joanne Kilbourn mysteries have been made into tv dramas: *Deadly Appearances* retained it's original title while *Murder at the Mendel* was renamed *Love and Murder*. Shaftesbury Entertainment has the rights to produce four more dramas.

She has also written six plays: *Dancing in Poppies* (1994), an adaptation of *1919: The Love Letters of George and Adelaide*; *Beauty and the Beast* (1993); *The Nightingale*; *The Tree* (1994); *The Stillborn Lover*; and *Peter Pan*. All were performed by the Regina Globe Theatre.

Her awards include a nomination for Books in Canada/W.H. Smith First Novel Award in 1990 for *Deadly Appearances*, Best Novel Award, Crime Writers of Canada for *A Colder Kind of Death* in 1995 and in 1997 she won Woman of Distinction, Arts & Culture, YWCA of Regina.

In addition to writing, Bowen is an occasional broadcast commentator on the arts and political issues in Saskatchewan for CBC Radio and Television.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This fonds consists of approximately 13 centimeters of textual material, 1 video cassette and 3 audio cassettes.

The records in this collection range from 1998 to 2003. Gail Bowen's writing forms the majority of material in this collection. The fonds is comprised of professional correspondence, writing and video tapes.

There are no access restrictions on the records in this fonds.

Related material may be found in 95-4 and 98-50, 2001-11, 2002-44.

Future accruals are expected.

- Box 1
- 1 Dancing in Poppies – Writing (1/2 folders)
 - 2 Dancing in Poppies – Writing (2/2 folders)
 - 3 Dancing in Poppies – Contract and Program
 - 4 Dancing in Poppies - Correspondence
 - 5 Dancing in Poppies – General Notes
 - 6 Dancing in Poppies – Script
 - 7 Contract between Canadian Plains Research Centre and Gail Bowen for Dancing in Poppies
 - 8 Correspondence Gail Bowen – 2001
 - 9 Correspondence Gail Bowen – 2002
 - 10 Correspondence Gail Bowen – 2003
 - 11 Correspondence Gail Bowen – Others
- Box 2
- 12 Miscellaneous
 - 13 Newspaper Clipping and Reviews
 - 14 Photographs (includes 2 photographs)
 - 15 Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Department Heads Meeting Agenda March 26, 2003
 - 16, Writing – The Glass Coffin (2 folders)
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 - 18 Writing – The Mizuko Murders
 - 19 The Mizuko Murders – script
 - 20, Writing – The Unexamined Life in Robertson Davies Fiction (2 folders)
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 - 22 The White Bear – Script
 - 23 Winnie and Company – Notes
 - 24 Winnie and Company – Script
 - 25 Writing by Others
 - 26 Writing – Research Notes
- Tapes
- 1 Gail Bowen – CBC “This Morning” 1998
 - 2 CBC Radio and Regina Community Radio 2002
 - 3 CBC Radio September 17, 2002
- Video
- 1 Who is Gail Bowen?