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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, several grandchildren and 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 later becoming associate professor and head of the department, retiring from SIFC (First Nations University of Canada) in [2008].

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. The first six of this series have been made into television dramas: *Deadly Appearances* (1990) retained its original title while *Murder at the Mendel* was renamed *Love and Murder* (1991), others include: *The Wandering Soul Murders* (1992); *A Colder Kind of Death* (1994); *A Killing Spring* (1996); *Verdict in Blood* (1998); *Burying Ariel*, (2000); *The Glass Coffin* (2002); *The Last Good Day* (2004); *The Endless Knot* (2006) and the 11th book in the series, *The Brutal Heart* was published in August 2008.

She has also written six plays: *Dancing in Poppies* (1993), an adaptation of *1919: The Love Letters of George and Adelaide*; *Beauty and the Beast* (1993); *The Tree* (1994); *The Stillborn Lover*, and an adaptation of *Peter Pan* in 1997. 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, in 1997 she won Woman of Distinction, Arts & Culture, YWCA of Regina. In 2008, special praise was given by Publishers' Weekly for Bowen's *The King of Charles Street West*, a short story which appeared in **Toronto Noir** published by Akashic Books, New York. In 2008, Reader's Digest named Bowen 'Canada's Best Mystery Novelist' and in 2009 she received the Crime Writers of Canada Derrick Murdock Award for contributions to Canadian crime writing.

Her adaptation of *Doctor Dolittle* was broadcast on CBC in 2006 and the University of Regina produced a version of the play simultaneously. *Saving Lonesome George* was produced by Persephone Theatre in 2008 and the Carousel Players in 2008-2009.

In May and June 2009 Ms. Bowen was writer-in-residence at the Toronto Public Library and 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 collection consists of approximately 82 centimeters of textual material and 4 audio cassettes and 2 photographs. The records in this collection range from 2001 to 2009, 2006 to 2008 are predominant.

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	1	1919 The Love Letters of George and Adelaide (includes 4 cassette tapes)	
	2	CALENDAR AND CONTACTS 2008	
		CORRESPONDENCE	
	3	? Terri	Jan 2002
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	5	Boyle Marilyn	March 2008
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	8	Darrell and Jody	July 2008
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	11	Greenall High School n.d.	
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	20	Sask Book Awards	October 2007
	21	Soucie, Christine	2008
	22	University of Regina Archives and Special Collections	2007
	23	University of Regina External Relations	2008
	24	University of Regina Faculty of Education	2007
	25	Wroth, Ann n.d.	
		FINANCIAL RECORDS	
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		INTERVIEW	
	27	Regina Read and Writes on CJRT 91.3 FM – Host: Susie Ross, Gail Bowen and the Art of Mystery Writing	October 16, 2007
	28	NEWSCIPPING FEATURING GAIL BOWEN	
	29	PHOTOGRAPHS (Includes 2 photographs)	
		PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	
	30	Reading	2007
	31	Stratford Book Festival	November 2003

## PUBLICATIONS FEATURING GAIL BOWEN

- 32 McClelland and Stewart Catalogue Fall 2006, Fall 2008  
 33 Reader's Digest (page 46) (2 copies) June 2008

## [RESEARCH MATERIAL]

- 34 Japan's Decade Long Recession by TaDahiro Uematsu n.d.

## TEACHING MATERIAL (All material on diskettes was printed)

- 35 English 389 (includes diskette)  
 36 Greek Mythology, Formalist criticism, Heroines and Heroes etc. (on Microsoft  
 excel Disk) (includes diskette)  
 BOX 2 37 Gail's Class 1/2 (includes diskette)  
 38 Gail's Class 2/2

## WRITING BY GAIL BOWEN (All material on diskettes was printed)

- 39 AOL Disk 4 (includes diskette)  
 40 December 2004 Musings - includes Peter Pan (includes diskette)  
 41 Muzuko Murders November 4, 2002 (includes diskette)  
 42 Nat's Disk Fall 2002 (includes diskette)  
 BOX 3 43 One Act Plays (includes diskette)  
 44 Pale Criminal (includes diskette)  
 45 Peter Pan – Current June 2003, July 2003 1/2 (includes diskette)  
 46 Peter Pan – Current June 2003, July 2003 2/2  
 47 Peter Pan – April 2003 (includes diskette)  
 48 Popcorn (on Microsoft Excel disk) (includes diskette)  
 49 Promo Letters August 18, 1998 (includes diskette)  
 BOX 4 50 Snowman (includes diskette)  
 51 Winnie – Acts 1 and 2 October 2002 (includes diskette)

## WRITING BY GAIL BOWEN

## The Brutal Heart

- 52 [Notes] for April 8  
 53 Chapter 1 October 2007  
 54 Chapter 2 n.d. 1/4  
 55 Chapter 2 n.d. 2/4  
 56 Chapter 2 n.d. 3/4  
 57 Chapter 2 n.d. 4/4  
 58 Chapter 3 Printed October 6, 2007  
 59 Chapter 3 Printed October 30  
 60 Chapter 3 [July 8, 2008]  
 61 Chapter 4 n.d.  
 62 Chapter 4 October 7, 2007  
 63 Chapter 4 Printed March 16, 2005  
 64 Chapter 4 Printed January 5, 2009  
 65 Chapter 5 n.d.  
 66 Chapter 5 Printed October 9, 2007  
 67 [Chapter 5-7] n.d.  
 68 Chapter 6 n.d.  
 69 Chapter 6 Printed October 9, 2007

	70	Chapter 7 Printed July 27, 2007
	71	Chapter 7 Printed October 10, 2007
	72	Chapter [7, 8] Printed August 3, 2007
	73	Chapter 10 Printed August 20, 2007
	74	Chapter 11 n.d.
	75	Chapter 11, 12 n.d.
	76	Chapter 12 to 16 Printed September 19, 2007
	77	Chapter 13 n.d.
	78	Chapter 13 Printed October 4, 2007
	79	Chapter 15 n.d. 1/2
	80	Chapter 15 n.d. 2/2
	81	Chapter 16 n.d.
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	86	Final Things 2/3
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	89	Publicity Event Schedule n.d.
	90	Scene Setup n.d.
	91	Uncorrected Proof n.d.
	92	Unidentified n.d. 1/2
	93	Unidentified n.d. 2/2
	94	Death Circle / Death Mirrors Printed June 7, 2008
		Delia's Boy
	95	Delia's Boy n.d.
	96	Delia's Boy August 16, 2008
	97	Delia's Boy Notes for Novel #12
	98	Delia's Boy March 2008
		Doctor Dolittle
	99	Unidentified n.d.
	100	Notes for Meeting May 22, [2006]
	101	Notes for Meeting May 30, 2006
	102	J.K.S Draft 1 Anglin Lake (Being Joanne Shreve) August 5, 2006
	103	Jung Love July 2008
		The King of Charles Street West
BOX 6	104	The King of Charles Street West copy-edited page proofs (includes correspondence from Akashic Bookstore)
	105	The King of Charles Street West Printed September 10, 2007
	106	The King of Charles Street West Printed September 19, 2007

- 107 The Longest Night of the Year
- Murder at Lawyers Bay
- 108 Notes to Check / Outline for Chapter 4 n.d.
- 109 Notes on Murder at Lawyers Bay [November 2003] 1/2
- 110 Notes on Murder at Lawyers Bay [November 2003] 2/2
- Saving Lonesome George
- 111 First Draft August 15, 2006
- 112 Second Draft October 2006 1/2
- 113 Second Draft October 2006 2/2
- 114 Printed January 13, 2007
- 115 Fourth Draft February 2007
- 116 Notes from Reading December 6, 2006
- 117 Persephone Draft January 2008
- The Spur
- 118 Printed August 4, 2008
- Winnie and Company
- 119 Winnie and Company Act 1 Printed May 15, 2002
- 120 Winnie and Company Research: [origins of Pooh] 2002
- 121 Winnie and Company Research: Pooh Perspectives 2001
- 122 Winnie and Company Printed May 27, 2002
- The World According to Charlie D.
- 123 The World According to Charlie D. (with visitor sticker) n.d.
- 124 The World According to Charlie D. Act 2 n.d.
- 125 The World According to Charlie D. Lyrics Research 2006: Green Day  
Time of your Life; Definitions: Death and Wikipedia Orpheus
- BOX 7 126 The World According to Charlie D. Lyrics Research 2007: Radio Head  
Creep; Jan Arden I would Die for You; Sarah McLachlin Possession;  
Police Every Breath You Take; Marilyn Manson Sweet Dreams;  
Steven Page and E. Robertson Straw Hat and Old Dirty Hankie;  
Anne Murray You Needed Me
- 127 The World According to Charlie D. n.d.
- 128 The World According to Charlie D. Second Proposal n.d.
- 129 The World According to Charlie D. Treatment: the Rosebud Question  
n.d.
- 130 The World According to Charlie D. Unidentified Draft n.d.
- 131 The World According to Charlie D. Draft 1 May 2006
- 132 The World According to Charlie D. Draft 2 June 2006
- 133 The World According to Charlie D. Draft June 12, 2006 correspondence
- 134 The World According to Charlie D. Notes from Meeting October 29,  
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- 135 The World According to Charlie D. Long Time Listener / First Time  
Caller Printed November 6, 2007
- 136 The World According to Charlie D. Long Time Listener / First Time  
Caller Draft 1 October 2007 1/3
- 137 The World According to Charlie D. Long Time Listener / First Time  
Caller Draft 1 October 2007 2/3

- 138 The World According to Charlie D. Long Time Listener / First Time  
Caller Draft 1 October 2007 3/3
- 139 The World According to Charlie D. Long Time Listener / First Time  
Caller Printed September 7, 2007
- 140 The World According to Charlie D. Love You to Death Printed August  
2007
- 141 The World According to Charlie D. Love You to Death Word Play August  
2007