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GAIL BOWEN

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**Biographical Sketch:** Gail Dianne Bowen was born in Toronto. 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 undertook graduate research at the University of Saskatchewan.

Bowen was a lecturer in English at the University of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College in Saskatoon. In 1979 she and her family moved to Regina where she once more served as a 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 (now the First Nations University of Canada), and was Chair of the English Department for six years.

The first six books in the Joanne Kilbourn series (about a widowed mother, political analyst and university professor who finds herself occasionally involved in criminal investigations in various parts of Saskatchewan) include *Deadly Appearances* (1990); *Murder at the Mendel* (1991); *The Wandering Soul Murders* (1992); *A Colder Kind of Death* (1994), winner of the Crime Writers of Canada Arthur Ellis Award; *A Killing Spring* (1996) and *Verdict in Blood* (1998) have appeared as made-for-television movies with world-wide distribution. *Burying Ariel* (2000); *The Glass Coffin* (2002); *The Last Good Day* (2004); *The Endless Knot* (2006) *The Brutal Heart* (2008), and *The Nesting Dolls* (2010) have met with critical and commercial success and many have been adapted as Canadian television movies by Shaftesbury Films. In June 2008, Reader's Digest named Bowen 'Canada's Best Mystery Novelist'.

Bowen's short story *The King of Charles Street West*, which appeared in *Toronto Noir* (2008) published by Akashic Books, New York, was singled out for special praise by Publishers' Weekly.

Bowen has had four plays produced at Regina's Globe Theatre – *Dancing in Poppies* (1993) which was presented in a special performance for Prince Edward, *Beauty and the Beast* (1993); *The Tree* (1994) and an adaptation of *Peter Pan* (1997). Manitoba Theatre for Young People chose *Peter Pan* as its 2000 Christmas production. The Grand Theatre in London, Ontario presented *Dancing in Poppies* in 2002 and *Peter Pan* in 2003.

Bowen's adaptation of *Doctor Doolittle* was broadcast on CBC's Showcase in April 2006, and the University of Regina produced a theatrical version of the play simultaneously. *Saving Lonesome George*, Bowen's original play about the last of the Galapagos tortoises, was produced by Persephone Theatre in 2008 and was produced by Carousel Players in 2009/10.

Bowen's radio play *The Word According to Charlie D.* was broadcast on CBC's Showcase in October 2006. Her *Long Time Listener/First Time Caller* is CBC's World Play for 2008 and was rebroadcast on CBC in May 2009 and will also be adapted for Orca's new series, Raven Books.

Bowen was Writer in Residence for the Toronto Reference Library in May and June of 2009 and she has written the introduction to "Essays on Canadian Detective Fiction" that will be published by Wilfred Laurier Press in 2009. She will be a mentor at the SFU Mystery Writers Retreat on Saltspring Island in June 2010.

Bowen's short story *The Foad Toad* was published in the University of Regina's *University Affairs* publication in 2010.

Bowen has won the Crime Writers of Canada's Arthur Ellis Award for Best Novel, 1995, for *A Colder Kind of Death* and was named Canada's Best Mystery Novelist by *Reader's Digest*, 2008.

**Scope and Content:** This collection is comprised of 1.23 metres of material and ranges in date from 1999 to 2011, the predominant dates are 2007 to 2008.

Professional Development and Writing by Gail Bowen are two of the main series as this collection is primarily made up of drafts of two of Bowen's books in the Joanne Kilbourn series,

these are: The Nesting Dolls and The Brutal Heart Murders. Also included are 9 photographs and 2 audio cassette tapes

**Custodial History:** These materials were kept by the donor until they were transferred to the Archives and Special Collections in February 2010.

**Legal Agreement:** The donor agreement was signed with Gail Bowen on February 25, 2010.

**Future Accruals:** Future accruals are expected.

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**Related Accessions:** Related Accessions may be found in 95-4 and 98-50, 2001-11, 2002-44, 2003-15, 2006-10, 2007-21 and 2009-8.

**Note on Arrangement:** The Writing by Gail Bowen series contains drafts of Bowen's book, *The Longest Day*, former 'working' titles of this work were The Dancing Bear; The Longest Night of the Year; The Luckiest Girl in Churchill Manitoba and The White Bear. The files for these titles are arranged alphabetically.

Box 1	AUDIO VISUAL MATERIAL		
	1	VHS Tape #1 ( <i>A Charlie D. Mystery - The Word According to Charlie D.</i> ) - CBC Radio)	n.d.
	2	VHS Tape # 2 <i>Asleep At the Wheel</i> - Tribute to Bob Wills	n.d.
	BIOGRAPHY		
	3	By Julie McIntyre, Grade 6	March 10, 2010
	CORRESPONDENCE		
	4	Mitchell, June	n.d.
	5	Schorr, C.S.W.	n.d.
	6	Suthul____t, Linda	n.d.
	FINANCES		
CONFIDENTIAL	7	Public Lending Right Commission	February 17, 2010
	8	Royalty Statement (U of R)	2007
	9	Town & Country Plumbing and Heating	June 12, 2007
	GAIL BOWEN FAN CLUB SELF APPOINTED		
	10	Original (removed from binder)	July 12, 1999
	PERSONAL		
CONFIDENTIAL	11	Computer Purchase	2008
	12	Health Records	2009
	PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES		
	13	Artist/Art Candlelight and Jazz - Book Donation	February 1, 2003
	14	Avenue Community Centre - Book Donation	n.d.
	15	Balcarres Community School Public Appearances/Readings	n.d.
	16	Calgary Public Library - writer-in-residence	6/09/2010
	17	Campbell Collegiate - Public Appearances	n.d.
	18	Canadian Cancer Society - Book Donation	April 2009, 2010
	19	CBC - Summer Reading Interview	July 2009
	20	Cheryl Tardif - Correspondence	April 2010
	21	Discovery of Writing Public Appearances/Readings	April 19, 2007
	22	Festival of Words	July 2009
	23	Gary Merasty, M.P - Correspondence	June 4, 2007
	24	Godfrey Dean Art Gallery - Workshop	n.d.
	25	Interview - Questions (and answers) for Gail Bowen	January 17, 2010
	26	Kama 2009 Reading Series - Public Appearances	2009
	27	Limestone School of Community Education	2007
	28	Murder Mystery Readers Weekend with Suzanne North and Gail Bowen	n.d.

RESTRICTED	29	National Post - Summer Books Section	June 6, 2008	
	30	Saskatchewan Honours Advisory Council	April 26, 2007	
	31	Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology- Program Head Workshop for SIAST - Key Note Speaker	2010	
	32	Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame - Correspondence	March 31, 2008	
	33	Simon Fraser University (SFU) Salt Spring Island Mystery Writers Retreat	June 11, 2010	
	34	Spotlight on the Past, Celebrity Readings from Archives in Saskatchewan - Public Readings/Appearances	February 4, 2010	
	35	St. Peter's College - How to Write a Novel Workshop	April 19, 2010	
	36	Toronto Public Library - Writer-in-residence	2009, 2010	
	37	Vancouver International Writers & Readers Festival - Public Appearances/Readings	October 19-24, 2010	
	38	Wordfest 2010	October 2010	
	39	Yukon News - Interview	April 27, 2007	
		OVERSIZE		
		40	Sox and Shoes (Wine tasting to toast mystery novelist Gail Bowen)	December 8, n.d.
		PUBLICITY		
	41	Clippings about Gail Bowen		
	42	Fine Lifestyles Regina Interview	Spring 2010	
	43	Random House, Inc.	2007	
	44	Short statement about Summer 2007	September 15, 2007	
	45	Television Interview	n.d.	
	RESEARCH			
	46	Alicia Ross Murder - Newsclippings	September 2005	
	47	Artist/Gallery Relationships	July 13, 2008	
	48	Explosives - Correspondence with Rick Mitchell	January 20, 2010	
	49	How to Write a Play - Corner Gas (television series example)	n.d.	
	50	How to Write a Synopsis	June 25, 2006	
	51	How to Write a Treatment	June 25, 2006	
Box 2	WRITING BY GAIL BOWEN			
		<i>The Brutal Heart</i> (Joanne Kilbourn Series)		
	52	Being Joanne Shreve (Draft 1 Anglin Lake)	August 5, 2006	
	53	Being Joanne Shreve (Draft 1 Anglin Lake)	August 9, 2006	
	54	Being Joanne Shreve	October 10, 2006	
	55	[Notes]	n.d.	
	56	[Notes]	n.d.	
	57	[Notes and Revisions]	n.d.	

	58	Chapter one	September 14, 2006
	59	Chapter one	December 6, 2007
	60	Chapter two	n.d.
	61	Chapter two	August 15, 2006
	62	Chapter two	October 12, 2006
	63	Chapter two	April 2007
	64	Chapter two	June 10, 2007
	65	Chapter two	November 9, 2007
	66	Chapter three	n.d.
	67	Chapter three	n.d.
	68	Chapter three	n.d.
	69	Chapter three	April 18, 2007
	70	Chapter three	November 10, 2007
	71	Chapter four	n.d.
	72	Chapter four	June 18, 2007
	73	Chapter four	November 13, 2007
	74	Chapter five	November 15, 2007
	75	Chapter six	n.d.
	76	Chapter six	n.d.
	77	Chapter six	July 9, 2007
	78	Chapter seven	n.d.
	79	Chapter seven	November 23, 2007
	80	Chapter eight	n.d.
	81	Chapter eight	n.d.
	82	Chapter eight	n.d.
	83	Chapter nine	n.d.
	84	Chapter nine	n.d.
	85	Chapter nine	August 8, 2007
	86	Chapter nine	October 2007
	87	Chapter ten	n.d.
	88	Chapter ten	August 18, 2007
	89	Chapter ten	December 6, 2007
	90	Chapter eleven	n.d.
	91	Chapter eleven	December 12, 2007
	92	Chapter twelve	December 19, 2007
	93	Chapter thirteen	n.d.
	94	Chapter fourteen	n.d.
	95	Chapter fourteen	n.d.
Box 3	96	Chapter fifteen	n.d.
	97	Chapter fifteen	January 6, 2008
	98	Forbes, Dinah - Correspondence	January 11, 2007
	99	Middle	July 4, 2008
	100	Notes	n.d.
	101	Penultimate Draft 1 of 2	January 2008
	102	Penultimate Draft 2 of 2	January 2008
	103	Photographs (includes photographs #1 - 9)	n.d.
	104	Printer's Proof	4/3/2008
	105	Publicity	Fall 2009
	106	Publicity	August 26
	107	Research	3/12/2007
	108	Revisions on paper and transferred to draft	January 27, 2007
	109	Salient points about Novel # 11 and some legal questions	n.d.
	110	Season of Carnage	April 19, 2007

	111	Thank You Card	n.d.
	112	Unknown Part	n.d.
	113	Unknown Part	n.d.
		<i>Burying Ariel</i> (Joanne Kilbourn Series)	
Box 4	114	Background and Lesson Plan	n.d.
		<i>The Contest</i> (Radio Play)	
	115	Script	n.d.
		<i>Dancing in Poppies</i>	
	116	(Notes for Canadians at War: Maverick Legacy)	November 12, 2010
		<i>Doctor Dolittle</i> (Radio Play)	
	117	Notes	n.d.
	118	Script for Play	December 2004
	119	Script for Play	February 2006
	120	Script for Play	March 2, 2006
		<i>The Endless Knot</i> (Joanne Kilbourn Series)	
	121	Chapter Two	n.d.
	122	H. Irene - Correspondence	June 1, 2007
	123	Publicity	March 11, 2007
	124	Research - The Journalist and The Murderer	February 24, 2004
	125	Unknown page	n.d.
	126	Eulogy for Mary Sutherland	February 1, 2009
		<i>The Foad Toad</i>	
	127	<i>The Foad Toad</i>	2009
	128	<i>Jung Love</i>	July 10, 2008
		<i>Kaleidoscope</i> (Joanne Kilbourn Series)	
	129	Chapter one	April 2010
	130	Chapter six	November 30, 2010
	131	Leland Hunter - Notes	January 20, 2010
	132	Loose page (memo) for book 13	n.d.
	133	Notes	n.d.
	134	Opening Scene	n.d.
	135	Pages 1-100	November 9, 2010
	136	Scenes 1 to 5	n.d.
	137	The Roof Garden	February 19, 2010
	138	The Roof Garden - Notes	February 19, 2010
	139	Unknown Part	n.d.
	140	Unknown Part	n.d.
	141	Unknown Part	n.d.
	142	Unknown Part	December 2010
	143	Upslidedown	October 10, 2010
		<i>The King of Charles Street West</i> (Toronto Noir, 2008)	
	144	Correspondence	[2007]
	145	Manuscripts, notes and drafts	June - September 2007
	146	Research - Toronto Summer of Love	May 29, 2007
Box 5		<i>The Last Good Day</i> (Joanne Kilbourn Series) (title was Death at Lawyer's Bay)	
	147	The Last Good Day	n.d.
	148	Death at Lawyers Bay 1 of 2	n.d.
	149	Death at Lawyers Bay 2 of 2	n.d.
		<i>The Longest Night</i> (former titles were The Dancing Bear; The Longest Night of the Year;	

		The Luckiest Girl in Churchill Manitoba and The White Bear)	
		The Dancing Bear	
	150	Draft (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	February 2004
	151	Draft three - treatment	September 16, 2006
	152	Draft five - treatment	October 23, 2006
		The Longest Night (of the Year)	
	153	Draft - First	January 28, 2008
	154	Draft - Three	April 10, 2008
	155	First Part	May 11, 2008
	156	Notes	n.d.
	157	Notes - Ursula Meeting	November 23, 2007
	158	Notes from February 14, 2008 draft	March 4, 2008
	159	Penultimate	February 14, 2008
	160	Possibly Complete	May 20, 2008
	161	Scene 25 (end of)	n.d.
		The Luckiest Girl in Churchill Manitoba	
	162	Act 1, Scene A	June 28, 2006
	163	Correspondence	2006
	164	Draft Treatment	July 7, 2006
	165	Draft Treatment, edited	August 23, 2006
		The White Bear	
	166	The White Bear	May 29, 2004
	167	The White Bear - Scene C	n.d.
		<i>Long Time Listener/First Time Caller (A Charlie D. Mystery - The Word According to Charlie D.)</i>	
	168	Final Draft for CBC Radio	November 15, 2007
	169	Long Time Listener/First Time Caller; (A Charlie D. Mystery - The Word According to Charlie D.)	June 16, 2009
		<i>Love You To Death (A Charlie D. Mystery - The Word According to Charlie D.) (Radio Play)</i>	
Box 6	170	Chapter eleven	August 21, 2009
	171	Chapter twelve	September 5, 2009
	172	Complete Draft	July 22, 2009
	173	Complete Draft	July 22, 2009
	174	Complete Draft	September 1, 2009
	175	Draft - second	September 6, 2009
	176	Incomplete Draft	July 17, 2009
	177	Notes and Idea for Radio Play	August 22, 2007
	178	Orca Books Publishing - Correspondence	January 28, 2010
	179	Publicity	
	180	Radio Play Script	n.d.
	181	Research - Erotomania	n.d.
		<i>The Nesting Dolls (Joanne Kilbourn Series) (title was The Spur)</i>	
	182	[Notes]	n.d.
	183	[Notes]	n.d.
	184	[Notes]	n.d.
	185	[Notes]	June 19, 2008
	186	[Notes]	April 20, 2009
	187	Bella's Notes	November 22, 2009
	188	Calendar	April 10, 2010



	189	Chapter one	n.d.
	190	Chapter one	March 2009
	191	Chapter one	April 13, 2009
	192	Chapter one	April 22, 2009
	193	Chapter one	July 30, 2009
	194	Chapter one	November 28, 2009
	195	Chapter one	December 16, 2009
	196	Chapter two	n.d.
	197	Chapter two	December 20, 2008
	198	Chapter two	March 26, 2009
	199	Chapter two	December 8, 2009
	200	Chapter two	December 16, 2009
	201	Chapter three	n.d.
	202	Chapter three	August 3, 2008
	203	Chapter three	July 2009
	204	Chapter three	November 27, 2009
Box 7	205	Chapter three	December 16, 2009
	206	Chapter four	n.d.
	207	Chapter four	August 3, 2008
	208	Chapter four	November 27, 2009
	209	Chapter four	December 16, 2009
	210	Chapter five	n.d.
	211	Chapter five	n.d.
	212	Chapter five	n.d.
	213	Chapter five	n.d.
	214	Chapter five	n.d.
	215	Chapter five - Blood Relations	[June 29, 2008]
	216	Chapter five	February 18, 2009
	217	Chapter five	December 16, 2009
	218	Chapter six	n.d.
	219	Chapter six	February 22, 2009
	220	Chapter six	July 26, 2009
	221	Chapter six - Birds at Alwyn's	09/02/2009
	222	Chapter six	November 29, 2009
	223	Chapter six	December 16, 2009
	224	Chapter seven - [Notes]	n.d.
	225	Chapter seven	n.d.
	226	Chapter seven	n.d.
	227	Chapter seven	n.d.
	228	Chapter seven	n.d.
	229	Chapter seven	n.d.
	230	Chapter seven	March 2, 2009
	231	Chapter seven	November 29, 2009
	232	Chapter eight	n.d.
	233	Chapter eight	n.d.
	234	Chapter eight	n.d.
	235	Chapter eight	n.d.
	236	Chapter eight	n.d.
	237	Chapter eight	[09/02/2009]
	238	Chapter eight	March 20, 2009
Box 8	239	Chapter nine	n.d.
	240	Chapter nine	n.d.
	241	Chapter nine	n.d.
	242	Chapter nine	n.d.

	243	Chapter nine	n.d.
	244	Chapter nine	April 13, 2009
	245	Chapter nine	April 18, 2009
	246	Chapter nine	August 11, 2009
	247	Chapter ten [Notes] Part 1 of 2	n.d.
	248	Chapter ten [Notes] Part 2 of 2	n.d.
	249	Chapter ten	n.d.
	250	Chapter ten	n.d.
	251	Chapter ten	n.d.
	252	Chapter ten	n.d.
	253	Chapter ten	n.d.
	254	Chapter ten	n.d.
	255	Chapter ten	August 20, 2009
	256	Chapter eleven	n.d.
	257	Chapter eleven	n.d.
	258	Chapter eleven	n.d.
	259	Chapter eleven	August 21, 2009
	260	Chapter eleven	August 23, 2009
	261	Chapter eleven	September 2009
	262	Chapter twelve	n.d.
	263	Chapter twelve	n.d.
	264	Chapter twelve	August 21, 2009
	265	Chapter twelve	September 2009
	266	Chapter twelve	September 2009
	267	Chapter twelve	November 27, 2009
	268	Chapter thirteen	n.d.
	269	Chapter thirteen	n.d.
	270	Chapter fourteen	n.d.
	271	Chapter fourteen	n.d.
	272	Chapter fourteen	n.d.
	273	Chapter fourteen	n.d.
Box 9	274	Chapter fourteen	n.d.
	275	Chapter fourteen	n.d.
	276	Chapter fourteen	October 19, 2008
	277	Complete - The Nesting Dolls	November 2009
	278	Correspondence re: Ontario Book Publishing tax credit	January 21, 2011
	279	Early Draft Notes	February 19, 2008
	280	Editing by "Marjorie" and "Dinah"	February 19, 2010
	281	Events of Saturday December 5, 2009	October 20, 2009
	282	Final Scene	n.d.
	283	Research Material	n.d.
	284	Some New Licks for Book #12	April 14, 2008
	285	The Spur	June 29, 2008
	286	The Spur	December 20, 2008
	287	Timeline	n.d.
	288	Two things for first page of revisions next go round...	n.d.
		<i>One Fine Day You're Gonna Die (A Charlie D. Mystery - The Word According to Charlie D.)</i>	
	289	Chapter two	n.d.
	290	Correspondence and Galley Proof	June 18, 2010
	291	Publicity	Fall 2010
	292	Script	n.d.

	293	One Fine Day You're Gonna Die	January 25, 2010
	294	Unknown Part	n.d.
	295	Unknown Part	n.d.
	296	Unknown Part	n.d.
	297	Unknown Part	n.d.
	298	Unknown Part	n.d.
	299	Unknown Part	n.d.
		<i>Saving Lonesome George</i>	
Box 10	300	Correspondence and Administration Documents	March 2008
	301	Correspondence and Administration Documents	2009-2010
	302	Notes	September 2006
	303	Second Draft	October 26, 2006
	304	Teacher's Study Guide	n.d.
		<i>The Shadow Killer (A Charlie D. Mystery - The Word According to Charlie D.)</i>	
	305	The Shadow Killer	n.d.
	306	The Shadow Killer	September 3, 2010
	307	The Shadow Killer	September 15, 2010
	308	A Shared History (Blog)	January 29, 2010
	309	Thoughts on Saskatchewan	August 26, 2005