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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 .65 metres of material and ranges in date from 2008 to 2011, the predominant dates are 2010 to 2011.

Writing by Gail Bowen is the main series in this collection as it is primarily made up of drafts of another of Bowen's books in the Joanne Kilbourn series titled *Kaleidoscope*. This collection also includes 1 VHS tape and 2 compact disks.

Custodial History: These materials were kept by the donor until they were transferred to the Archives and Special Collections in January 2012.

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Note on Arrangement: A few pages in the collection were photocopied for preservation purposes.

Box 1	Audio Visual Material	
	1 VHS Tape: Glen Miller – PBS: Mendel Interview, Deadly Appearances (#1) Compact Disk: Long Shadows – Gail Bowen Bio Movie (#1) Compact Disk: EBU Broadcast – Gail Bowen reading excerpt from Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory" (#2)	n.d.
	2 Blog – by Gail Bowen	
	3 Clippings about Gail Bowen	
	Correspondence	
	4 Crime Writers of Canada	2009, 2011
	5 Deal Terms for "The Happiest Girl in Churchill"	June 24, 2006
	6 General and Thank You Cards	2011
	7 Mysteries and More Blog by Bill Selnes	March 14, 2011
	8 Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum	February 2008
	9 Scott Plear, re: copyright waiver	July 30, 2010
	10 University of Regina Archives and Special Collections	February 25, 2011
	Orca Book Publishers	
	11 Catalogue	Fall 2011
	12 <i>Oh Dad, Poor Dad (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i> – Draft for Orca Book Publishers	May 28, 2010
	13 <i>Oh Dad, Poor Dad (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i> – Note	n.d.
	14 Questionnaire for Author	September 2009
Restricted	15 Trade Book Contract for Charlie D #2	November 2009
Restricted	16 Trade Book Contract and Royalties for <i>Long Time Listener, First Time Caller</i>	June 2009
	Personal	
	17 Calendar Pages for October	2010
	18 Choc'la Cure	November 5, 2010
	19 Das Rheingold Metropolitan Review	March 10, 2010
	20 Lease Agreement	2010
	21 Stationary	n.d.
	Professional Activities	
	22 23 rd Vancouver International Writer and Readers Festival	October 19-24, 2010
Restricted	23 Calgary Public Library – Contract for Services Writer-in-Residence Program	2010
	24 Calgary Public Library – Writer-in-Residence	n.d.
	25 Canadian Broadcasting Corporation	February 2012
	26 Cumberland Art Gallery – Heart of the Rider Nation Art Exhibition Catalogue 1910-2010 includes Bowen contribution and <i>The Final Two Seconds</i>	September 4-30 th , 2010
	27 Lethbridge Public Library – "Word on the Street" Festival	September 25, 2011

	28	Scene of the Crime	August 14, 2010
	29	Sorrento Centre	January 27, 2010
	30	St. Albert Public Library and Readers Fest	2011
	31	Strathcona County Library – Reading by Gail Bowen	October 21, 2011
	32	University of Regina Archives and Special Collections	February 2011
	33	Word Fest	October 15, 2010
	34	Publicity (by Gail) for CBC Canada Reads Club	Summer 2009
		Travel	
	36	Saskatoon	n.d.
		Writing About Gail Bowen	
Box 2	36	<i>Love you to Death Mysteries in Paradise Re: Love You to Death (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i>	December 29, 2010
	37	Love you to Death Puget Sound Council for Reviewing Children’s Media re: <i>Love You to Death (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i>	June 2010
		Writing by Gail Bowen	
		<i>The Brutal Heart</i>	
	38	Article for Prince Albert Daily Herald	March 20, 2011
	39	Certificates from McClelland and Stewart (includes correspondence)	May 25, 2011
	40	<i>Burying Ariel (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.) – Background Notes</i>	n.d.
	41	Christmas Books for CBC Radio	December 22, 2008
	42	<i>Dancing in Poppies – Program – Grand Theatre (2 copies)</i>	October 25 - November 10 2002
	43	<i>The Endless Knot</i>	n.d.
	44	<i>El Dorado – Draft for CBC 5 Minute Mystery</i>	February 2012
	45	Facebook – Remembering Alan Blakeney	April 19, 2011
	46	<i>The Gifted – Re: Retrospective: JKS #14 – June 4, 2011 – (later became “The Gifted, a Joanne Kilbourne novel”)</i>	June 13, 2011
		<i>Kaleidoscope</i>	
	47	Re: Dish On The: Joanne Kilbourn Shreve – Curriculum Vitae	n.d.
	48	Re: Jo’s Ruminations on Charlie	n.d.
	49	Re: Linda Fritz: Menu Suggestions	January 16, 2011
	50	1 of 2	June 29, 2011
	51	2 of 2	June 29, 2011
	52	Chapter 1 – Calendar for The Roof Garden	April 22, 2010
	53	Chapter 1 – Notes – Calendar for the Roof Garden	n.d.
	54	Chapter 1 – Notes – Leland Hunter	January 20, 2010
	55	Chapter 1 – Notes – The Roof Garden	n.d.
	56	Chapter 1 – Opening Scene	n.d.
	57	Chapters 1 to 3	January 14,

	58	Chapter 2 and 3	2011
	59	Chapter 3	April 22, 2010
	60	Chapter 3	n.d.
	61	Chapter 3	June 15, 2011
	62	Chapter 4	n.d.
	63	Chapter 4 – Notes	n.d.
	64	Chapter 4	October 31 st
	65	Chapter 5	2010
	66	Chapter 6	n.d.
	67	Chapter 7	February 2011
	68	Chapter 8	December 30,
	69	Chapter 8	2010
	70	Chapter 9	January 2011
	71	Chapter 9	n.d.
Box 3	72	Chapter 9	January 17,
	73	Chapter 10	2011
	74	Chapter 10	January 18,
	75	Chapter 11	2011
	76	Chapter 12	February 2011
	77	Chapter 13	March 16, 2011
	78	Chapter 13	n.d.
	79	Chapter 13	n.d.
	80	Chapter 13 – Notes: Madam Justice Margorie [Gooding]	March 23, 2011
	81	Chapter 14	March 31, 2011
	82	Chapter 14	March 2011
	83	Chapter 14	n.d.
	84	Chapter 14	n.d.
	85	Chapter 15	August 13, 2011
	86	Chapter 15	n.d.
	87	Chapter 15	n.d.
	88	Chapter 16	February 3,
	89	[Chapter 17]	2011
	90	Chapter 17 – 1 st draft of Chapter	May 9, 2011
	91	Chapter 17	May 20, 2011
	92	Chapter 18	n.d.
	93	Chapter 18	n.d.
	94	Classified Designs for Taylor by Madeleine and Lena Bowen	n.d.
	95	Final Page Proofs	February 9,
			2011
		McClelland and Stewart – Lara Hinchbergers, Editor	May 10, 2011
Box 4	96	Congratulations	February 10,
	97	Draft Dealing with Lara's Suggestions	2011
	98	Edited pages from Lara and Gail Bowen	May 14, 2011
	99	Further Notes on the First Draft of Kaleidoscope	n.d.
	100	Manuscript Sent To	n.d.
	101	Note from Editor Lara Hinchberger	n.d.
		Notes	December 5,
			2011
			n.d.
			June 14, 2011
			November 2011
			May 4, 2001
			May 19, 2011
			August 24, 2011

	102	Notes – Aftermath	July 30, 2011
	103	Notes – Daily To Do	October 19, 2008
	104	Notes – For Scene 1 / 2	n.d.
	105	Notes – For Scene 2 / 2	n.d.
	106	Notes – General Notes on Stuff	
	107	Notes – Margot, the Funeral, Peyben and afterwards	October 5, 2010, -November 9, 2010
	108	Notes – Outlines	n.d.
	109	Notes – Resuming the Manuscript in August 1 of 2	n.d.
	110	Notes – Resuming the Manuscript in August 2 of 2	n.d.
	111	Notes – Upslidedown – last things	January 30, 2011
	112	Notes Re: Taylor's Mother's Retrospective	n.d.
	113	Preliminary Work 1 / 2	n.d.
	114	Preliminary Work 2 / 2	n.d.
	115	Revisions	September 2011
	116	<i>Love You To Death (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.) (Bob Tyrell)</i>	25/08/09
		<i>The Nesting Dolls</i>	
	117	Line Editors Notes on TND	March 2010
	118	Notebook	n.d.
Box 5	119	Reviews and Publicity	2010-2011
		<i>One Fine Day You're Gonna Die (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i>	
	120	<i>One Fine Day You're Gonna Die (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i>	n.d.
	121	<i>One Fine Day You're Gonna Die (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i>	September 2009
	122	<i>One Fine Day You're Gonna Die (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i>	January 13, 2010
	123	<i>One Fine Day You're Gonna Die (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i>	May 15, 2010
		<i>Peter Pan</i>	
	124	<i>Peter Pan</i>	n.d.
	125	<i>Peter Pan</i> – Program – Grand Theatre	November 18 - December 21, 2003
	126	Re: Mary Sutherland – Comments for Mary Sutherland Legacy Lunch	September 27, 2011
	127	Re: Thanksgiving <i>The Shadow Killer (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i>	October 2010
	128	Chapter 10	n.d.
	129	Chapter 10	March 8, 2011
	130	Editors Remarks	[February 28, 2011]
	131	Notes	n.d.
	132	Questionnaire	n.d.
	133	Track Edited Version	February 2, 2011
		<i>The Thirteenth Rose (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i>	
	134	<i>The Thirteenth Rose (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i>	n.d.

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| 135 | <i>The Thirteenth Rose (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i> | August 8, 2011 |
| 136 | <i>The Thirteenth Rose (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i> | August 10, 2011 |
| 137 | <i>The Thirteenth Rose (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i> | August 20, 2011 |
| 138 | <i>The Thirteenth Rose (A Charlie D. Mystery – The Word According to Charlie D.)</i> | August 27, 2011 |