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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), *The Nesting Dolls* (2010) and *Kaleidoscope* (2012) 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 14th book in the Joanne Kilbourn series, *The Gifted* was published in 2013.

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 and 2013 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* was CBC's World Play for 2008 and rebroadcast on CBC in May 2009. To date, Orca Book Publishing has published 4 *Charlie D* novels: *The World According to Charlie D* became *Love you to Death*; *Long Time Listener* became *One Fine Day You're Gonna Die* and the two original Charlie D plays: *The Shadow Catcher* and *The Thirteenth Rose*.

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 was a mentor at the SFU Mystery Writers Retreat on Salt Spring Island in June 2010. In 2013 Gail became the Writer In Residence at the Regina Public Library.

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 approximately 65 centimetres of material and ranges in date from 2005 to 2014 with the predominant dates being 2012 to 2013.

Professional Activities and Writing by Gail Bowen are the main series in this collection as well as several drafts of Bowen's latest book *The Gifted* and the untitled, 16th book, in the Joanne Kilbourn series.

The Writing by Gail Bowen series is primarily made up of drafts of her mystery series. The Professional Activities series relates to activities she was involved in the promotion of her books and of herself as a professional mystery writer. This collection also includes 7 compact disks, 1 photograph-card and 1 inkjet print.

Custodial History: These materials were retained by the donor until being transferred to the Archives and Special Collections in February 2013.

Legal Agreement: The donor agreement is pending.

Future Accruals: Future accruals are expected.

Access Restrictions: There are no access restrictions established by the donor for this collection however there are closed files.

Related Accessions: Related accessions may be found in 95-4 and 98-50, 2001-11, 2002-44, 2003-15, 2006-10, 2007-21, 2009-8, 2011-1, 2012-4 and 2013-3.

Note on Arrangement: Newspaper clippings were photocopied for preservation purposes. The photograph and photograph-card were numbered and sleeved as were the audio visual material.

Box 1	Articles, Presentations and Publications about Gail Bowen	
	1	Art Gallery of Swift Current (middle page) September – December 2012
	2	Fine Lifestyles Magazine – Pale Horse on the Prairie – Gail Bowen, Canada's celebrated crime writer and her craft 2014
	3	Leonard, Amanda Presentaion on <i>A Killing Spring</i> 2004 (includes compact disk #1)
	4	New Democrat Party – Gail Bowen Candidate Pamphlet n.d.
	5	Newsclippings about Gail Bowen August, September 2013
	6	Sloniowski, Jeanette and Marilyn Rose, <i>Detecting Canada: Essays on Canadian Crime Fiction, Television and Film</i> , printed 2/09/2013 (Bowen Chapter 7 A Colder Kind of Gender Politics: Intersections of Feminism and Detection in Gail Bowen's Joanne Kilbourne series)
	Biographical Information	
	7	Gail Bowen n.d.
	Correspondence	
	8	Denford, Ginette n.d.
	9	Fritz, Linda
	10	Gerwing, Marjorie April 14, 2013
	11	Guthrie, Anna July 29, 2010
	12	LaBonte, Maureen (includes photograph-card #1) June 10, 2005
	13	McClelland and Stewart – Editor, Lara Hinchberger February 28, 2013
	14	Orca Book Publishing – Production Editor Liz Kemp February 20, 2013 (includes Spring 2013 Catalogue)
	15	Perry, Elizabeth n.d.
	16	Portman, William January 6, 2012
	17	Rogers, Shelagh August 31, 2013
	18	St. Paul's Community Centre (Mike Sinclair) October, November 2013
	19	Thank You Cards 2012, 2013
	20	University of Regina – Archives and Special Collections March 27, 2013
	Financial	
	21	Access Rights Management System 09/04/13
	22	Canada Council for the Arts February 13, 2013
	23	Canadian Screenwriters Collection Society December 18, 2013
	24	McClelland and Stewart Royalty Statement ending December 31, 2012
	25	Random House Royalty Statement (revised) April 28, 2013
CLOSED	26	Saskatchewan Writers Guild December 20, 2013
CLOSED	27	University of Regina Financial Services / Archives and Special Collections January 27, 2012
	Inkjet Print	
	28	Gail Bowen (includes Inkjet Print #1) 07/11/13
	29	Notes

		Personal	
CLOSED	30	Bowra Group / D and M Publishing – Claims Form and Information	April 20, 2013
		Professional Activities	
CLOSED	31	Alexandra Writers Centre Society Workshop - Leader	June 4, 2012
CLOSED	32	Canadian Broadcasting Corporation - Tweet Contest	May 17, 2013
	33	Canadian Broadcasting Corporation - The Day We Changed Reading <i>The Contest</i> (includes compact disk # 2, and #3)	2005
	34	Centre for Civic Governance	April 12, 2013
	35	College of Nursing Arthritis Conference	January 14, 2013
	36	<i>Detecting Canada</i>	October 14, 2013
	37	Ian Rankin Introduction (Saints of the Shadow Bible)	n.d.
	38	International Festival of Authors	July 27, 2012
	39	Ralkos, Joe – Bowen's answers for publication on Regina	June 7, 2013
	40	Literacy Book Club in a Bag Launch	October 11, 2013
	41	Literally Placemaking: Civic Governance Forum – Columbia Institute Consent Form	April 19, 2013
	42	Lloydminster Comprehensive High School	November 25, 2013
	43	Lucky 13 – Post media;s entertainment writers choose their top ten entertainment of 2013	January 2, 2014
	44	The Mysterious Affair at Waterloo (includes compact disk # 4)	n.d.
	45	Mysterious Voices Panel	July 16, 2013
	46	National Reading Campaign	2012
	47	North, Suzanne – Flying Time	November 8, 2013
	48	Open Blog Ontario (posting date October 15, 2013)	
	49	Ottawa International Writers Festival	April 17, 2013
	50	Regent Public Library	July 16, 2013
	51	Regina Public Library	2013 – 2014
	52	Saskatchewan Institute of Science and Technology (SIASST)	October 17, 2013
	53	Sorrento Centre Auction	12-02-06
	54	Thompson-Nicola Regional District Library	07-05-2013
	55	Wainwright Workshop	November 2010
	56	Winnipeg International Writers Festival – Thin Air 2013	
	57	Winterset in Summer Literary Festival	2013
	58	Word on the Water Festival	October 15, 2013
		Research	
	59	Burke, Kelley Jo	
	60	Mitchell, Rick Questions and Answers	January 2010
Box 2	61	Web Pages of Song Lyrics	August 19, 22, 24, 25 2011
		Writing by Gail Bowen	
		<i>12 Rose Street</i>	
	62	Draft Chapter 4	n.d.
	63	Draft Introduction	
	64	Draft Pages 78 to 164	n.d.

	65	Draft Pages 165 to 231	n.d.
	66	Draft Revised and printed December 27, 2013 1/2	
	67	Draft Revised and printed December 27, 2013 2/2	
	68	Draft September 26 2012 / revised January – June 2013 revision after editorial notes 1/2	October 1, 2013
	69	Draft September 26 2012 / revised January – June 2013 revision after editorial notes 2/2	October 1, 2013
	70	Draft Starts on page 280	n.d.
		<i>Charlie D</i>	
	71	<i>Charlie D (includes compact disk # 5)</i>	October 29, 2006
	72	<i>Charlie D 2: Long Time Listener, First Time Caller (includes compact disks # 6)</i>	n.d.
		<i>The Rosebud Question</i>	
	73	Treatment and email with Kelley Jo Burke, CBC Radio	October 15, 2007
	74	Treatment notes from meeting with Kelley Jo Burke CBC Radio	March 28, 2008
	75	Treatment sent to Kelley Jo Burke, CBC Radio April 3, 2008	Printing April 13, 2008
	76	The World According to Charlie D. Appendix "A" (includes biographical information)	n.d.
		<i>The Gifted</i>	
Box 3	77	Draft 1/2	2013
	78	Draft 2/2	2013
	79	Draft pages 1 to 5 printed May 5, 2012	
	80	Draft starts at page 6	n.d.
	81	Draft version sent to Editor Lara Hinchberger and Dr. Barbara Weller 1/2	August 1, 2012
	82	Draft version sent to Editor Lara Hinchberger and Dr. Barbara Weller 2/2	August 1, 2012
	83	Draft with changes made to hard copy, not computer 1/2	March 1, 2012
Box 4	84	Draft with changes made to hard copy, not computer 2/2	March 1, 2012
	85	Final edited copy	March 28, 2013
	86	Newsclippings and reviews	2013
	87	Notes from Editor Lara Hinchberger	n.d.
	88	Rejected ideas	
	89	Timeline	n.d.
		<i>Globe andMail</i>	
	90	For Elmore Leonard with Thanks	August 20, 2013
	91	<i>Jung Love (includes compact disk #7)</i>	
		<i>Kaleidoscope</i>	
	92	Draft Chapter 9	
	93	Draft Pages 2 to 47	n.d.
	94	Draft Pages 122, 123	n.d.
		<i>The Nesting Dolls</i>	
	95	Draft Pages 1-27	n.d.
		<i>The Red Speedboat</i>	
	96	Draft 1 printed January 16, 2013	September 26, 2012
	97	Draft page 1 September 26, 2012 / revised January – May 2013 printed June 4, 2013	
	98	Draft September 26, 2012 / revised January – June 2013 printed June 19, 2013 1/2	
	99	Draft September 26, 2012 / revised January – June 2013 printed June 19, 2013 2/2	

Box 5	100	Draft September 26 / revised January – March 2013	
	101	Timeline Printed January 9, 2013	
	102	Timeline 2014 dates	
		<i>Saving Lonesome George</i>	
	103	Draft revised for Carousel Players (include publicity information)	September 2009
		<i>Thirteenth Rose</i>	
	104	Draft pages 1 to 45 Printed August 30, 2011	
	105	Promotional material	n.d.
		<i>Untitled 16th Book</i> (in Joanne Kilbourn Series)	
	106	Easter Wedding printed July 16, 2013	
	107	Fern Hill (revised September 8, 2013, printed September 9, 2013)	
	108	Maisie and Ali	August 25, 2013
	109	Referendum Printed July 25, 2013	
	110	Referendum Printed July 31, 2013	
	111	The Yellow Canoe revised September 8, 2013, printed Septemberr 30, 2013,	