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COTEAU BOOKS

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INTRODUCTION

Coteau Books was established in 1975 as the book division of the Thunder Creek Publishing Co-operative. Thunder Creek was set up as a non-profit publishing co-operative whose key goal was to publish prairie and Canadian writing - poetry, fiction, songs, plays, and children's books. The name Coteau is taken from the Missouri Coteau, a range of hills which exist west of Moose Jaw.

Originally based in Moose Jaw, Coteau's four original board members, Barbara Sapergia, Geoffrey Ursell, Robert Currie, and Gary Hyland, were responsible for editing and production, with the assistance of one person hired to handle orders. By 1983 Coteau had established a branch office in Regina with a managing editor and two additional employees. The four original board members were eventually joined by seven others in 1978 and 1983. In 1988, Gary Hyland quit the Co-operative to concentrate on his own writing. The Board of Directors still contains three of the original members of the Thunder Creek Publishing Co-operative: Sapergia, Ursell, and Currie. Other members of the Board have changed since 1983, and appointment policy remains informal, with some members choosing to take leaves of absence, and others resigning after varying periods of time. Executive Board positions change every year.

These papers were generated and collected by Coteau Books and include files pertaining to publishers and professional and governmental organizations which maintained a relationship with Coteau. The papers also reflect the growth of Coteau Books from an arm of a small co-operative run by its members to an established publisher with three employees. Of special note is the large quantity of manuscripts in various stages of production.

This collection encompasses the years 1975-89 and measures approximately 8 linear metres.

NOTE ON ARRANGEMENT - The main headings of this collection adhere to the Wayne State Filing System. However, efforts were made to maintain the filing system utilized by Coteau Books. A large portion of the financial receipts were removed and destroyed, as Coteau continues to maintain the encompassing financial records for the time frame of this collection. Highlighting within the finding aid indicates a title which denotes a series or subseries. All other titles correspond to a file or an item, such as a record album.

Coteau Books Fonds – 1975 – 1989. – 8 m of textual records. 33 photographs: b & w, color: 20 x 25 cm and smaller.

Administrative History:

Dates: Coteau Books was established in 1975 and continues to publish to this day.

Mandate: Coteau Books was set up as part of a non-profit publishing co-operative whose key goal was to publish prairie and Canadian writing – poetry, fiction, plays, and children's books.

Administrative Relationships: Coteau was initially established as the book division of the Thunder Creek Publishing Co-operative. This Co-operative also put out albums under the division Caragana Records. However, as Coteau has grown and established itself, the primary representation of the co-operative can be found within the Board of Directors of Coteau Books.

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Custodial History: The records comprising the Coteau Books fonds were generated and collected by Coteau Books. Records from the original Moose Jaw office were transferred to the Regina Office.

Scope and content: Fonds consists of records related to the publishing of books and play scripts and the production of record albums.

Immediate source of acquisition: Records were transferred from Coteau Books on October 6, 1989

ACCESS AND RESTRICTIONS:

Permission of a representative of Coteau Books is needed before a file can be opened. Copyright remains with respective authors.

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CARAGANA RECORDS

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THUNDER CREEK PUBLISHING CO-OPERATIVE

- General - 1977, 1980, nd

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