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MYRNA KOSTASH

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### **Biographical sketch**

**Name:** Myrna Kostash was born September 2, 1944 in Edmonton, Alberta. Her mother was Mary, Nee Maksymiuk; her father was William; both were teachers.

**Place of residence:** She currently resides in Edmonton.

**Education:** The summer of 1964 was spent at the Universite of Strasbourg. She received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alberta in 1965. Some graduate work was done at the University of Washington, Seattle. Her Master of Arts was achieved in 1968 from the University of Toronto.

**Occupation, life and activities:** She is a free-lance journalist and investigative writer. She has published several books and many articles in numerous magazines.

She has lectured at the University of Toronto (1973 - 1975), Saskatchewan Summer School of the Arts (1978), University of Alberta (1982 - 1985), John Abbott College (1973 -), Regina Plains Community College and University of Regina (Max Bell Chair 1989-90) and participated in various other projects in creative writing (1986 - ).

She has served on the Executive of the Periodical Writers' Association of Canada (1976 - 1979), The Writers' Union of Canada (1978 - 1980, 1985-86 - 1993-94); Board of Directors of the Writers' Development Trust (1977-78 - 1993) and NeWest Press (1982 - 1989). She has also worked on the Council for Investigative Journalism of ACTRA and P.E.N. (1990 - 1992). She has also worked on Canada Council readings in a number of places.

**Custodial history:** These papers were previously in the possession of Myrna Kostash.

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## BUSINESS

Box 1 Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women: 1982

## Correspondence

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 ARC Reading Series: 1991 -1992  
 Banff Centre for the Arts: 1990 - 1993  
 Belgrade International October Writers' Meeting: 1991  
 Bohachevsky-Chomiak, Marta: 1991  
 Books in Canada: 1991  
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 Canada Council: 1974 - 1979, 1981, 1984 -1988, 1990 - 1993  
 Canadian Broadcasting Corporation: 1970 - 1972, 1977 - 1978,1990 - 1993  
 Canadian Teachers' Federation: 1990  
 Chatelaine: 1970 - 1978, 1990 - 1993  
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- Symposium on Contemporary Literature and Cultures of the United States of America and Canada: 1988
  - Douglas and McIntyre: 1993
  - Eden Mills Writers' Festival: 1993
  - Edmonton Public Library: 1990 - 1991  
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  - Fifth House Press: 1990 - 1991
  - Financial Post Magazine: 1976 - 1978
  - First Night Edmonton: A Celebration of the Arts: 1990 - 1991
  - Government of Alberta: 1975, 1989 - 1992
  - Government of Canada: 1990 - 1992
  - Govier, Katherine: 1990
  - Headwaters International: 1991, 1993 (includes 1 oversize)
  - Her Own Woman: 1992
  - Heritage Cultures and Languages.
  - Multiculturalism Programs Branch: 1990 - 1991
  - Holiday Magazine: 1970
  - Homemaker's Magazine: 1977 - 1978
  - Hungry Mind Review: 1991 - 1993
  - Hurtig Publishers: 1973 - 1978
  - In Praise of Canada: 1990
  - James Lorimer, Publisher: 1975
  - Laurence, Margaret: 1970
  - Left Bank Guidelines: 1993
  - Leighton Artists Colony: 1990 - 1991
  - Literary and Cultural Association of Yugoslavia - Canada: 1991 - 1992
  - MacLean-Hunter Ltd.: 1970, 1974, 1976
  - MacMillan Company of Canada: 1973 - 1975
  - Mademoiselle: 1970
  - McClelland and Stewart: 1978, 1990 - 1992
  - Melnyk, George: 1990
  - Milton Acorn Festival: 1989 - 1993
  - National Archives of Canada: 1990
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  - NeWest Press/Review: 1978, 1990 - 1993
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  - Notes from the Edge  
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  - Speaking Engagements: Accepted and Unaccepted: 1977 - 1978, 1990 - 1993
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 Whyte, Jon: Estate, Essay and Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies: 1992 - 1993  
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#### PERSONAL

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Kostash/Hannigan, Janice and John: 1988 - 1991

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Semotuk, Auntie Anne: 1988 - 1991

Semotuk, Lydia: n.d., 1988 - 1989

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Andrejevic-Jocic, Nena: n.d., 1988

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Publicity: 1993 - 1994

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Writers' Confidential: March 1992

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Confidential		/VC on Pasok and KKE	
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[Outline]  
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A Women and her Lover ...  
Manuscript