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Biographical sketch: Saros Cowasjee was born July 12, 1931 in Secundrabad, Deccan, India. He is the son of Dara and Meher Cowasjee. He currently resides in Regina. He received his B.A. and M.A. from Agra University, Agra, India, in 1951 and 1955 respectively. His PhD was obtained from the University of Leeds in 1960. Cowasjee has taught English at the University of Regina since 1963. He was a Research Associate at the University of California, Berkeley in 1970-71, and was Visiting Commonwealth Professor at the University of Aarhus, Denmark, in 1975. He writes Indian/Canadian novels and short stories and serves as a critic. He has contributed to numerous publications in Canada, the U.K., and India, and has been general editor of the "Literature of the Raj" series since 1984. He is an authority on the 20th century Irish playwright Sean O'Casey, and Indian author Mulk Raj Anand. His novels include Goodbye to Elsa and Suffer Little Children.

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PUBLICATIONS: EDITED WORKS OF FICTION

- Box 1 Modern Indian Fiction, Saros Cowasjee and Vasant Shahane, eds., Vikas Publishers, New Dehli, 1981
 Complete Correspondence with publishers
 Complete Correspondence with Co-editor Vasant Shahane
- Biographical material & plot outlines: includes
 Govindas Vishnoodas Desani, Bhabani Bhattacharya, Ruskin Bond,
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- Preface, Contents Page, write-up on Authors, and page-proofs of editorial material
- Dispute over Govindas Desani withdrawing his piece after the book was in page proofs.
- Modern Indian Short Stories, Saros Cowasjee and Shiv. Kumar, eds., Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1982
- Editorial Material: Notes on Authors, biographical notes, Questions on texts, etc.
- Dispute and dissatisfaction with Editor, R. Pathasarathy (Mostly letters exchanged with Ravi Dayal (General Manager)
- Co-editor Shiv Kumar's dissatisfaction with Pathasarathy and his letters to Ravi Dayal
- The Raj & After, S. Cowasjee, ed., MacMillan, Madras, 1986
 Complete notes on all authors, stories, followed by glossary & questions
 Complete text of stories
- When The British Left, Saros Cowasjee, K.S. Duggal, eds., Arnold Heinemann,
 New Delhi, 1987
- Box 2 Duggal's translation of stories into English & Cowasjee editing
 Biographical notes by Duggal & Cowasjee. Duggal's notes typed while Cowasjee's written
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 Complete final typescript for the publishers, including stories, introduction, biographical
 notes & glossary [in two files 5&6]
 Complete set of page-proofs & Cowasjee's note to the Editor on the proofs
- Orphans Of The Storm, Saros Cowasjee and K.S.
 Duggal. UBS Publishers, New Delhi, 1994-5
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 "Kali Raat" by Prof. Farug Hassan
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 Cumulative Index
 Berland's resignation letters & those of the Wascana Review Editorial Board
 Letters from Dr. Riddell & Robert Cosbey

PUBLICATIONS: SHORT PIECES

"The Letters of Mulk Raj Anand," South Asian Reviews, vol xv., No. 12, 1991

Book reviews in Toronto Star

Christopher Ondaatjes The Man-Eaters of Puncni & Shashi Tharoor's Show Business

SAROS COWASJEE: PERSONAL - BIOGRAPHICAL - CRITICAL

Original copies of degrees: B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Testimonials & Grades while in India

Progress Reports while Ph.D. student at Leeds

from Jeffares & Wilson-Knight, and testimonials from G. Wilson-Knight & Douglas Jefferson

Letters of References from Bruce King, Les Crossman, Reid Robinson, Anne Rutherford & Others

Appointment & Job Offers: Student Tutor, Lectureship in Agra; Library (Leeds);

Illustrated Weekly; Filmfare; Instructorship in Regina; Visiting Commonwealth Prof;

Journalism at Columbia; Assistant Professorship at Guelph; Lectureship at Hong Kong

Biographical - Critical: Canadian Who's Who;

Contemporary Authors; Writers of the Indian

Diaspora; A meeting of Streams (ed. by M.G. Vassanji)

SAROS COWASJEE: AWARDS & RESEARCH GRANTS - JULY 1968-DECEMBER 1994

Canada Council Leave Fellowships, Research Grants, etc: 1968-1971

Canada Council Leave Fellowships, Research Grants, etc: March 72-March 77

Canada Council Leave Fellowships, Research Grants, etc: July 1978-June 1979

Canada Council Leave Fellowship: Jan-June, 1986-87

Travel to Singapore, 1986

University of Regina: Travel Grants & Research Grants 1977-1986

University of Regina: Travel Grants & Sabbatical Research Grants May 1989-Dec 1994

INVITATIONS TO CONFERENCES - 1991-1994

Canadian Studies Programme, Goa 11-12 March 1993

Writing thru "Race" Conference, Vancouver, June 30 - July 3, 1994

Other Invitations: Queens, Poona, University of Northern Iowa

CORRESPONDENCE**Publishers and Magazine Editors**

Box 5

Arnold Heinemann "The Anand Reader"

Penguin Books: 1987-1991. On Women Writers of the Raj & Old Soldier Sahib, & others

Macmillan (London) Macmillan (Bombay) With T. Farmiloe on Representative Modern Indian Fiction & with H.D. Irani on Indian Authors for University text. Also Farmiloe

rejecting Haller
 Heinemann Books & Wm. Heinemann on Rep. Modern Indian Fiction and Indian novel
 series. Also letters from O.U.P., Arnold-Heinemann, Longman Green, Booley Head.
 Quarter Books & Carcanet Press
Magazine & Anthology Editors 1990-94
 "Encounter" "And" & others

Academics & Scholars from different countries;
 Letters from Students and Researchers; Film
 Producers; Raymond Vernede; Director J.N. Tata
 Endowment, Close Friends and Acquaintances

Canadian Academics and Scholars

B. Argyle	Neil Compton
A. Berland	Robert Cosby
Diana Brydon	Les Crossman
R.L. Calder	Harry Dillow
Robert Castro	Shamshul Islam
Fred Cogswell	Keith Johnstone
Dan Coleman	Doug Killam
President Murdo McKinnon	Arun Mukherjee
Michael Millgate	Anatol Murad and
Ken Mitchell	Gillian Minifie
Jeanne Shami	
Michael O'Neill	Pres. J.W.T. Spinks
Victor Ramraj	Suwanda Sugunasiri
Anne Suddlemeyer	Elaine Zinkan

American Academics and Scholars

Robert Caswell	Robert Hogan
David Clarke	Joseph Jones
Marlene Fisher	Feroza Jussawala
Barry Fruchter	
David Krause	Richard Quintana
Bruce King	K. S. N. Rao
William Moses	Amritjit Singh
	Frank Wilson

British Academics and Scholars

Bryn Davies	F. L. Lucus
Brian Donnelly	Mary Hidgley
Brendan Kennelly	Alaister Nevin
Arnold Kettle	Arthur Pollard
Douglas Jefferson	Aba Rodrigues
Mark Kincaid-Weekes	

Danish Academics and Scholars

Bruce Clunnies Ross
Anne Rutherford

Donald Hannah
Jorn Carlson

Soviet Scholars

E. Chalishev, Elena Kalinnikova, Mira Salganik

West German, French, Belgian, Singapore, Australian Academics and Scholars

Robert Mane
Dieter Riemenschneider
Hena Maes-Jelinck
Henk Kijlstra

Kirpal Singh
Nasir Kazmi
Gillian Pacram

Indian Academics and Scholars

Shiv K. Kumar
C. D. Narasimhaia
Dr. Aditya Bosca
V. Y. Kanlak
D. P. S. Raghuvansh
Dr. Shakuntala Bharvani
Miss Sonia Pradhan

Ram Sevak Singh
Ramesh K. Shrivastava
G.V.C.N. Sharma
Som Deva
Ramchandra Prasad Yadav
Alamgir Hoshmi
Dr. Hari Mohan Prasad

Students and Researchers**Students**

Terry Marlin
Jim Rugg
Miss Sonia Pradhan
Dominic Omissi
Michaleen Marle

Researchers

Abha Sharma Rodrigues
Glen Griffiths
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Tara Kaine

Film Producers

Ray Ramayya
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Box 6 Correspondence: Raymond Vernede
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Correspondence: Close Friends & Associates

His Excellency, Governor of Goa – 7
Shilenda Singh, Foreign Secretary – 10
Natwar Singh, ex-Minister of External Affairs – 6
His Excellency, S.J.S. Chatwal, High Commissioner to Canada
S.V. Puryshottram, Counsellor Moscow
Jenny Cooper, BBC, T.V.
His Excellency, J.R. Maybee, Canadian High Commission to India
L.N. Piparsani, Director Cultural Centre, Suva, Fiji
K.C. Shukla, Principal Scindia School
Garry Hooper, Irish Law Student Cowasjee met in London in 1965
Letters from Joseph Deasy, his wife Maura and Old Morgan (in brown envelope)