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Scope and Content

This fonds is 1.21 meters in length.

The records in this fonds range from 1987 to 1995. The majority of this material is a cumulation of items involving the writing and publishing of 3 plays and 5 books. The remainder is professional and personal items.

Biographical Sketch

Place of Residence: She currently resides in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Education A Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Toronto in 1964 and a Masters of Arts in English from the University of Waterloo in 1975 complemented post-graduate studies in Canadian Literature at the University of Saskatchewan from 1976 - 1979.

Occupation, life and activities: From 1975 - 1979 Ms. Bowen was a Sessional Lecturer in English at the University of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College in Saskatoon. She then moved to Regina and once more was a Sessional Lecturer in English at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College and the University of Regina in Regina from 1979 - 1985. She became an Assistant Professor of English at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College and has remained there until the present.

She participated on numerous committee including Co-Chair of the Vision 20/20 Fundraising Campaign at the University of Regina.

Several books have been published: '1919: The Love Letters of George and Adelaide' with Ron Marken in 1987; 'Deadly Appearances' in 1990 and reprinted in 1991; 'Murder at the Mendel', 1991 and reprinted in 1992 and 1993; 'The Wandering Soul Murders', 1992 and reprinted in 1993 and 1994; 'A Colder Kind of Death', 1994 and 'A Killing Spring' to be released in 1996. 'The Wandering Soul Murders' was also performed on CBC Radio, Between the Covers, in May to June 1994.

She has written three plays: 'Dancing in Poppies', 'Beauty and the Beast' and 'The Tree'. All were performed by the Globe Theatre in Regina in 1993 and 1994, December 1993 and December 1994 respectively. The HRH Prince Edward also performed "Dancing in Poppies" in August 1994.

Besides writing, she has worked as an Arts Columnist with CBC Radio, Regina since 1991. She also contributes to National CBC Radio and What on Earth on CBC Television.

She has been nominated for the following awards: Crime Writers Best Book of 1992 and W. H. Smith-Books in Canada Best First Novel Award for 1990. In 1995 she won Crime Writers of Canada Best Novel Award.

In the role of Guest Lecturer or Artist she has visited Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa and extensively throughout Saskatchewan. Memberships are held in the Saskatchewan Writers' Guild, Playwrights Union of Canada, All Saints Church School Program and the University of Regina Faculty Association.

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		29	"The Art of Mystery Writing"
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	30	Background Information	
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	32	"Riquet with the Tuft"	n.d.
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	34	Act I	n.d.
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Box 3	42	Manuscript	1993
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	62	Pages 1 - 140	n.d.
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	66	Reviews	1994 - 1996
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⁶. See Notes for additional information.

	68	Saskatchewan Book Awards	1994
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	70	"Crime Fiction Special". The <u>Toronto Star</u> : pp. K13 July 25, 1992 "Dancing in Poppies" ² Manuscript	
	71	With edits	1991
	72	With edits	1991
	73	Manuscript	1992
	74	Notes from 1919 Workshop	1991
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	76	Correspondence	1989 - 1995
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	89	"The Fiction of Sinclair Ross"/ Gail Research Inc. 1993	
	90	<u>Fingerprints</u> Article. Correspondence	1995
	91	Great Canadian Murder and Mystery Stories by Quarry Press Introduction	n.d.
	92	Hearney, Sandra	1994
	93	[Hildy] Piece. CBC Toronto <u>Sunday Morning</u>	n.d.
	94	"How I See Joanne Kilbourn" "The King's Cake Murders"	n.d.
	95	Notes	n.d.
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	97	Chapters 9 - 18	n.d.
		"Love and Murder" ¹	
	98	Correspondence	n.d.
	99	Reviews	1993
		St. Martin Press	
	100	Correspondence	1993 - 1994
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². Based on "191: the Love Letters of George and Adelaide.

³. Original title was "Murder in the Granny Flat".

¹. Republished title of "Murder at the Mendel".

	101	Correspondence	1993 - 1995
	102	Miscellaneous Items	n.d.
		"Murder at the Mendel" ⁴	
	103	Background Information	n.d.
	104	Correspondence	1990 - 1993
	105	Financial Information	1991 - 1995
		Manuscript	
	106	(incomplete)	n.d.
	107	Final Edited Version (incomplete)	May 1, 1991
	108	The Movie	April 1992 - July 1995
	109	Notes	n.d.
	110	Reviews	1991 - 1992
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113		"Mystery Writing" Speech. Regina and District Medical Association March 18, 1993	
114		"The Next Margaret". Review	1994
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	115	Correspondence	1995
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	117	Manuscript Revisions	1987
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	121	Publicity	
		(includes 2 oversize items)	1991 - 1995
	122	<u>Books in Canada</u> Profile	1992
123		"Sarah Binks" by Paul Hiebert. Review	1995
124		Translations	1995
		"The Tree" ⁶	
	125	Correspondence	1994
		Manuscript	
	126	Manuscript	1994
	127	Act One	September 23, 1994
	128	Act Two	n.d.
	129	Draft	
		(includes 1 oversize item)	1994
	130	(incomplete)	n.d.
		Manuscript with Edits	
Box 9	131	Act One	n.d.
	132	With Edits	n.d.
	133	Notes	1994
	134	Programme	1994
	135	Revisions to Manuscript	n.d.
136		W. H. Smith/Books in Canada	

⁴. First published title of "Love and Murder".

⁷. Published title is "Deadly Appearances".

⁵. Contains notes on "A Colder Kind of Death" and "The Tree".

		First Novel Award	1990
		"The Wandering Soul Murders"	
	137	Correspondence	1991 - 1995
	138	Cover	n.d.
	139	Financial Information	1992 - 1995
		Manuscript	
	140	First Proof	July 30, 1992
	141	With Edits	February 28, 1991
	142	Notes	
		(includes 1 oversize item)	n.d.
Box 10	143	Reviews	1992 - 1995
	144	<u>Western Living</u> . Correspondence	1995
	145	"What our Detectives Say about our National Psyche". <u>Canadian Law Libraries</u> , volume 20, #3: pp. 93 - 96 1995	
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