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Biographical Sketch: Joan Givner (nee Short) graduated from the University of London with a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in 1958 and a Ph.D. in 1972. She earned a Masters degree in Arts from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1965. While in the United States she taught high school from 1959 until 1961. She then taught English at Port Huron Junior College (now St Clair County Community College) from 1961 until 1965. Givner joined the predecessor of the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus, as a Lecturer of English in 1965 and in 1972 became an Assistant Professor, in 1975 an Associate Professor and in 1981 she became a Professor of English. Joan retired from the University of Regina in 1995 to Victoria, British Columbia and taught creative writing at Malaspina College – Cowichan Campus during the spring of 1997.

Joan Givner's Ph.D. thesis is titled *A Critical Study of the Worlds of Katherine Anne Porter* (1972), since then, Joan was chosen by Katherine Anne Porter to undertake the task of writing Porter's biography. *Katherine Anne Porter: A Life* was published in 1982. Other publications by Givner are *Tentacles of Unreason* (1985), *Katherine Anne Porter: Conversations* (1987); *Unfortunate Incidents* (1988), *Mazo de la Roche: The Hidden Life* (1989), *Katherine Anne Porter: A Life (Revised Edition)* (1991), *Scenes from Provincial Life* (1991), *The Self-Portrait of a Literary Biographer* (1993), *In the Garden of Henry James* (1996), *Thirty-four Ways of Looking at Jane Eyre: Essays and Fiction* (1998) and *Half Known Lives* (2000). She has also published numerous short stories. She has published articles in *Studies in Short Fiction*, *Genre*, *International Fiction Review*, *Southwest Review* and *Descant* to name a few. She has contributed chapters for several books and delivered many papers and readings on Katherine Anne Porter and other topics across Canada and the United States

Givner currently resides in a small seaside town north of Victoria, B.C. Although she is retired from teaching, Joan still continues to write fiction books such as *Half Known Lives* and *Ellen Fremedon* as well as reviewing books for *B.C. Bookworld*, *The Toronto Star*, *Books in Canada* and other publications.

Scope and Content: The date range is from 1990 to 1999, with the majority of the material ranging in date from 1997 to 1998.

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28	Katherine Anne Porter	
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32	B.C. Book Prizes	
33	B.C. Bookworld	n.d.
34	Bella Pomer Agency Inc.	1990 1994
35	Books in Canada First Novel Award	1998
36	Cambridge Guide to Women's Literature (Cambridge University)	1989, 1999
37	Atwood, Margaret – <i>Journals of Susanna Moodie</i>	

	38	Bronte, Emily	
	39	Butala, Sharon	
	40	Gibson, Margaret – <i>The Butterfly Ward</i>	
	41	Gunnars, Kristjana	
	42	Hale, Katherine	
	43	Hardwick, Elizabeth	
	44	Livesay, Dorothy– <i>Right Hand, Left Hand</i>	
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	46	Montgomery, Lucy Maud – <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	
	47	Oats, Joyce Carol	
	48	Porter, Katherine Anne – <i>Ship of Fools</i>	
	49	Roche de la, Mazo – <i>Jalna</i>	
	50	Shields, Carol– <i>The Stone Diaries; Small Ceremonies</i>	
	51	Stafford, Jean	
	52	Thomas, Audrey	
	53	<i>ECW Press Review of Margaret Atwood: A Biography,</i> <i>Natalie Cooke</i>	
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	61	McGill-Queen's University Press	1997
	62	Memorial Celebration for Dorothy Livesay	1997
	63	New Quarterly	1998
	64	New Star Books	1998
	65	Oberon Press	1994
	66	Orca Book Publishing	
	67	Quill and Quire Reviews	1997, 1998
	68	Berlin, Isaiah. <i>A Life: Michael Ignatieff</i>	
	69	Callagan, Barry. <i>Barrelhouse Kings: A Memoir</i>	
	70	Cameron, Elspeth and Janice Dickin. <i>Great Dames</i>	
	71	Christian, William and S. Grant. <i>The George Grant Reader</i>	
	72	Clark, Austin. <i>Pig Tails 'n' Breadfruit: Rituals of Slave Food A Barbadian Memoir</i> ; Foster, Cecil. <i>Island Wings: A Memoir</i>	
	73	Johnson, Greg. <i>Invisible Writer: A Biography of Joyce Carol Oats</i>	
	74	Logan, Murray. <i>The King of Siam</i>	
	75	McLean, Sylive. <i>A Women of Influence, Evelyn Fenwick Farris</i>	
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	77	Taylor, Clair, D.. <i>Surprise of My Life: An Autobiography</i>	
	78	Tippet, Maria. <i>Stormy Weather- F. H. Varley A Biography</i>	
	79	Robert Kenner Films	1997
	80	Saskatchewan Writers Guild	1998
	81	Saturday Review	n.d.
	82	Shawnigan Lake Writers Village	1998

	83	Simon Fraser University	1999
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	85	Stouk, David	1998
	86	Torres, Anna	1998
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	88	Twigg, Alan	1998
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