

Guide to the Robert Compton Papers1955-2008

Collection SWWC-107

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Compton, Robert C.

Title: Guide to the Robert Compton Papers

Dates: 1955-2008

Abstract: The Robert Compton papers span 1955-2008 and document the career of the

well-respected and long-time Books editor of the Dallas Morning News. The bulk of the collection is the correspondences from book reviewers, journalists, and authors, including Jim Lehrer, Larry McMurtry, Rick Bass, and William Goyen. This collection also is comprised of documents that pertain to the inner-workings of the Dallas Morning News, including changes in writing styles pertaining to race and gender. The collection also contains photographs,

cassette tape recordings, and fragile newspapers.

Identification: SWWC-107

Extent: 28 boxes, 16 Linear Feet

Language: English

Repository: The Wittliff Collections, Texas State University

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Biographical Note

Robert "Bob" Compton is a fifth generation Texan. He graduated from Teague High School in 1944. Compton attended Texas A&M University from 1944 through 1945, when he left to join the United States Navy. Compton served in the United States Navy from 1945 through 1945. He then entered Southern Methodist University, majoring in Journalism. He graduated in 1949 and began his first newspaper job as a Reporter for the Pampa (Texas) Daily News. Compton worked at the Pampa Daily News until 1950, when the Garland Daily News (later changed to the Garland Herald) hired him as a Reporter. Compton worked as a Reporter for the Garland Daily News until 1956.

In 1956, the Dallas Morning News hired Compton as a General Assignments Reporter. He worked in this position until 1957, when he was promoted to Assistant Editor. Compton served in this capacity until 1976, when he created and became Editor of the Focus section of the Dallas Morning News. This section included news analysis and special features. In 1982, the Dallas Morning News assigned Compton to be editor of the Books section. Compton served as Editor of both sections until the Focus was discontinued in 1984. Compton acted as Editor of the Books section, as well as Special Assignments Editor from 1984 through 1990. Compton continued as the Books Editor of the Book Pages section of the Dallas Morning News from 1990 until his retirement in 1998. Through Compton's employment at the Dallas Morning News, he initiated and maintained correspondences with many influential and well-known journalists and writers, including Jim Lehrer, Larry McMurtry, and William Goyen. His correspondences show long-lasting working relationships, as well as friendships, based on respect and mutual admiration. While acting as Books Editor, Compton was responsible for determining policies regarding book reviewers. Through his tenure at the Dallas Morning News, Compton developed well-respected and recognized sections of the Dallas Morning News.

Compton has been a member of the National books Critics Circle, the Texas Institute of Letters, and the Texas Folklore Society. While serving as Books Editor, Compton helped launch the Poetry in Motion program in Dallas, Texas, in 1998. He received the Media Award from the Book Publishers of Texas Association in 1988. In 2012, Compton was named a Living Legend of North Texas Journalism.

Scope and Contents

The Robert "Bob" Compton Collection includes documents that cover the years 1955 through 2008. The collection contains 28 boxes and is 16 linear feet. There are four series within this collection: Series I – Compton Personal Papers, Series II – Correspondence, Series III – Dallas Morning News, and Series IV – Newspapers and Magazines. There are two subseries within Series III. The first of the two subseries is Pre-1976, prior to the creation of the Focus section. This includes Compton's career as a Reporter and Assistant Editor. The second subseries includes the dates 1976-1998, Compton's career as Focus and Books Editor. This is the largest of the two subseries. Much of Compton's Collection has been maintained in its original filing order to maintain the integrity of the collection. However, the contents within the folders have been organized either alphabetically or chronologically.

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

Source of Acquisition

Gift of Bob Compton, 2010

Physical Location

Materials may be stored off-site. Advance notice is required for use: https://www.thewittliffcollections.txstate.edu/research/makearesearchappointment.html.

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Preferred Citation

Robert Compton Papers, The Wittliff Collections, Texas State University.

Controlled Access Headings

- Authors, American
- Authors, American -- Texas
- Books -- Reviews
- Journalism -- Texas

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Personal Papers, 1975-2001

Box	Folder	
1	1	Career
		Informal recounting of Compton's career at Dallas Morning News, listing of donation to Wittliff Collection, honors, letters of congratulations, photograph
1	2	Retirement: Letters of congratulations, photographs

Series II: Correspondence, 1955-2008

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Series II. Correspondence, 1755-2000		
1	3	A - B, 1977 - 1978
		Agrella, Catherine; Allen, C. Leonard; Alter, Judy; Anderson, Kerby; Angle, Jim; Arthur, Elizabeth; Bailey, Ronald; Baldwin, Dan; Barclay, Linda; Barrett, Neal; Barton, Frances; Bender, Eileen T.; Benedict, Elizabeth; Berk, Sally Ann; Bernstein, Dennis; Billue, Sylva; Black, Baxter; Bloom, John; Bonnell, Pamela; Boothe, Ben B.; Brans, Jo; Broch, Nathan; Bromley, Larry; Brown, Martha; Brown, Sandra; Bunkley, Anita; Burrows, M. Denise; Burson, Lynn; Busby, Mark; Includes correspondences from book reviewers, thank you notes from authors, and requests from authors
1	4	Abernethy, F.E. [TX Folklore Society, Stephen F. Austin State Univ.], 1982 - 1989
1	5	Correspondences about book reviews and folklore society Albright, J. F. Bliss, 1983

Correspondence about ABA Newswire

Albritton, Claude [Southern Methodist University], 1981 - 1983
Correspondence about book reviews

Anderson, Patrick, 1981 - 1991
Correspondence about book reviews, newspaper clipping

Anderson, Roger [University of Texas at Tyler], 1986 - 1988
Correspondence about book reviews

Bass, Rick (2 folders), 1986 - 2006

Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), personal letters,

		photographs, cassette tape
2	3	Bauman, Jon, 1992 - 2000
		Correspondence about books written (author)
2	4	Baxter, Gordon, 1980 - 1984
		Correspondence about book reviews (journalist)
2	5	Bennett, Patrick [McMurry College], 1981 - 1991
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
2	6	Berryhill, Michael, 1986 - 1987
		Correspondence about book reviews
2	7	Baird, Sarah, 1993
		Correspondence about books written (author), photographs
2	8	Blickle, Katrina and Michael Pellechia, 1988 - 1989
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
2	9	Brandon, Jay, 1989 - 1994
		Correspondence about books written (author)
2	10	Buckley, Chris, 1979 - 1985
		Correspondence about book reviews
2	11	Buford, William, 1984 - 1986
		Correspondence about book reviews, poems written (poet), photograph
2	12	Burns, Gerald, 1985
		Correspondence about poems written (poet)
2	13	Byrd, Jim [East Texas University], 1987 - 1991
		Correspondence about book reviews
3	1	C - D, 1976 - 1998
	-	Campbell, Ewing;, Carla; Carney, Paul; Carstarphen, Meta G.; Carter, George F.; Castleberry, Vivian; Cattarulla, K.; Chapman, John S.; Christison, Kathleen; Clem, Julie and Onnee; Cobb, William J.; Cockrell, Jane; Cogan, Neil H.; Coggins, Paul;

Cohen, Barry Mendel; Cohen, Harlan P.; Conroy, Mary; Cooper, H.H.A.; Cooper, Richard A.; Cowling, Will; Crim, W.R. (Billy Bob); Currier, Jameson; Davis, Barbara Kerr; Davis, Stewart; Dodson, Michael; Doggett, DeWitt; Donovan, Jim; Dooley, Sally; Dorn, Fred J.; Douglas, Deborah; Downs, Fane; Dupree, John C.; Dumas, Lloyd (Jeff); Correspondence about book reviews, books written (authors), thank you letters, complaints about reviews, letters from publishers

3	2	Callahan, North, 1984 - 1988
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
3	3	Campbell, Scott, 1981
		Correspondence about book reviews
3	4	Capps, Ben, 1980 - 1983
		Correspondence about book reviews
3	5	Carleton, Don [University of Texas at Austin], 1984 - 1986
		Correspondence about book reviews
3	6	Carper, Leslie, 1986 - 1988
		Correspondence about book reviews, photograph
3	7	Carr, Camilla, 1989 - 1990
		Correspondence about books written (author), photograph
3	8	Cheuse, Alan, 1991 - 1994
		Correspondence about book reviews
3	9	Christian, George, 1984 - 1987
		Correspondence about book reviews
3	10	Christman, Calvin [Cedar Valley College], 1982
		Correspondence recommending book reviewers
3	11	Chute, Carolyn, 1984 - 2005
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
3	12	Clifford, Craig [Tarleton State University], 1982 - 1988
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
3	13	Clifton, Daniel [Chronicle Publications], 1987 - 1988

		Correspondence between editors
3	14	Cochran, Mike, 1987 - 1993
		Correspondence (journalist)
3	15	Comer, Suzanne [Southern Methodist University Press], 1990
		Correspondence between editors
3	16	Colquitt, Betsy [Texas Christian University], 1983 - 1984
		Correspondence about book reviews
3	17	Condon, Richard, 1981 - 1994
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), photographs
3	18	Coomer, Joe, 1982 - 1986
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), newspaper clipping
3	19	Covici, Pascal, 1989
		Correspondence about writings (journalist)
3	20	Cox, Mike, 1985 - 1988
		Correspondence about articles written (journalist), copies of articles
3	21	Cullum, Lee, 1985 - 1986
		Correspondence about book reviews
3	22	Curtis, Tom, 1974 - 1981
		Compton's personal writing about Curtis, correspondence about articles written (journalist), magazine
3	23	Dary, David [University of Kansas], 1985 - 1988
		Correspondence about book reviews
4	1	Deaton, John, 1980 - 1981
		Correspondence about book reviews, articles written (journalist)
4	2	Dewlen, Al, 1981 - 1982
		Correspondence about books written (author)
4	3	Dodge, Tom [Mountain View College], 1978 - 1998

		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
4	4	Donnelly, Katherine, undated
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
4	5	Dorris, Michael, 1989 - 1994
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
4	6	Dugger, Ronnie, 1981 - 1982
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
4	7	E - H, 1970 - 2002
		Elliott, Norbert; Elmblad, Mary; Erisman, Fred; Farmer, David; Fensch, Thomas; Ficklen, Mary; Floornoy, Craig; Foreman, Paul; Fox, H.B.; Foxworth, Sarah Payne; Frailey, Dave; Frame, Helen Dunn; Frome, Michael; George, Ronald; Gibson, George L.; Goldsborough, Dick; Grauer, Neil A.; Grigsby, Larry; Gunnell, Donna M.; H, K.C.; Hall, M.T.; Hankins, Bailey; Haag, Marty; Harpham, Edward J.; Hazelwood, Katherine, Hershorn, Tad; Hester, Don; Holksema, Thomas; Hogle, James; Holland, Max; Holmes, Marjorie; Hong, Terry; Houck, Jim; Howell, Charlene; Hubbard,; Hughes, M.E.; Humphreys, Joel Don; Hunt, Caroline; Hunter, Bill; Correspondence about book reviews, books written (authors), thank you letters, complaints about reviews, requests from authors
4	8	Ennis, Michael, 1992 - 1993
		Correspondence about books written (author)
4	9	Farenthold, Sissey [Wells College], 1979
		Correspondence about book reviews
4	10	Faulk, John Henry, 1982 - 1983
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
4	11	Fehrenbach, T.R., 1980 - 1983
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
4	12	Flynn, Robert [Trinity University], 1987 - 2006
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
4	13	Follett, Ken, 1983
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
4	14	Fowler, Gene, 1992 - 1996

		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
4	15	Frantz, Joe [University of Texas at Austin], 1981 - 1982
		Correspondence about book reviews
4	16	Furman, Laura, 1980 - 1982
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), photographs
4	17	Garcia, Ed, 1983 - 1989
		Correspondence about book reviews, articles written (journalist)
4	18	Geeslin, Campbell, 1993 - 1998
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
4	19	Gent, Pete, 1981
		Correspondence about book reviews
4	20	Gibbons, Reginald, 1985 - 1995
		Correspondence about book reviews, poems written (poet)
4	21	Gibson, William [Southern Methodist University], 1988 - 1989
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
4	22	Goetzmann, William [University of Texas at Austin], 1988
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
4	23	Gordon, Roxy, 1983 - 2000
		Correspondence about books reviews, books written, cassette tape, photograph
5	1	Gould, Joe [Dallas Morning News], 1971 - 1994
		Correspondence about books reviews, books written (author), articles written (journalist), six photographs, newspaper clippings
5	2	Goyen, William, 1955 - 1985
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), with his wife (Doris Roberts, Actress), five photographs, newspaper clippings
5	3	Graham, Don [University of Texas at Austin], 1984 - 1997
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)

5	4	Grant, Lyman, undated
		Correspondence about book reviews
5	5	Graves, John, 1980 - 2004
		Subject file about books written (author), six photographs, newspaper clippings
5	6	Gray, A.W, 1988 - 1992
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
5	7	Green, Subie [Texas Christian University], 1984 - 1985
		Correspondence about book reviews
5	8	Gregory, Keith [Southern Methodist University], 1996 - 1998
		Correspondence about directory of SMU Press
5	9	Greene, A.C, 1982 - 1998
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
5	10	Grove, Lloyd, 1979 - 1989
		Correspondence about articles written (journalist)
5	11	Guice, John [University of Southern Mississippi], 1988 - 1991
		Correspondence about book reviews
5	12	Gunter, Pete [North Texas State University], 1980 - 1985
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
6	1	Haily, Betsy, 1959 - 1998
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), photograph, newspaper clipping, information regarding Oliver Haily, Brooke Haily
6	2	Hale, Leon, 1979 - 1985
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
6	3	Haley, J. Evetts, undated
		Correspondence regarding Rosalind Kress Haley Library
6	4	Haley, James, 1981 - 1994
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), includes unfinished letter

	to Oliver Haley, 1959
5	Hamric, Roy [University of Texas at Arlington], 1982 - 2000
	Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
6	Hardberger, Phil, 1982
	Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
7	Hardesty, Robert [Southwest Texas State University], 1983
	Correspondence about books written (author), photograph
8	Harrigan, Steve [Texas Monthly], 1980 - 1999
	Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
9	Harris, Leon, 1989 - 1994
	Correspondence about book reviews
10	Hearon, Shelby, 1979 - 1995
	Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), photograph
11	Heath, Layne, 1987 - 1995
	Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
12	Heat Moon, William Least, 1991 - 1992
	Correspondence about books written (author)
13	Hillerman, Tony [University of New Mexico], 1984 - 1985
	Correspondence about book reviews, books written
14	Hinojosa-Smith, Rolando, 1982 - 1996
	Correspondence about books written (author), photographs
1	Hoggard, Jim, 1982 - 1989
	Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
2	Holley, Joe, 1981 - 1991
	Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), between editors
3	Huff, Tom, 1980
	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

		Correspondence about books written (author), includes information about Jennifer Wilde
7	4	Humphrey, William, 1989 - 1997
		Subject file about books written (author)
7	5	Hurt, Harry, 1981
		Correspondence about books written (author)
7	6	I - L, 1976 - 1995
		Isaacs, Arnold, K.; James, Caryn; January, Frank; Johnson, Tom; Johnston, Richard E.; Jun, Kathleen M.; Kafka, Paul; Katz, Todd; Kay, Mary;, Kelly; Kennelly, Laura B.; Kerr, J.; Kilgore, Richard B.; Klein, Gerald J.; Kotz, Nick; Kraeplin, Camille R.; Lalla, Bill; Lang, Kathryn M.; Lange, Pam; LaSalle, Peter;, Laura; Lauricella, Francis E.; Ledbetter, Mindi;, Leslie; Lincecum, Jerry B.; Lo, Steven C.; Logan, Liz; Long, Douglas K.; Long, Julian; Longfellow, David; Lynskey, Edward C.; Lynum, Curtis O.; Correspondence about Book reviews, books written (author), thank you letters, requests from authors, complaints about book reviews
7	7	Johnson, Greg, 1985 - 1990
		Correspondence about books reviews, books written (author)
7	8	Johnson, William Weber, 1980 - 1992
		Correspondence about book reviews, books and articles written (author and journalist), newspaper clippings Compton's notes: See Elizabeth Ann McMurray
7	9	Jones, G. William [Southern Methodist University], 1980 - 1982
		Correspondence about book reviews
7	10	Kanellos, Nick [University of Houston], 1988
		Correspondence about books written (author), photograph
7	11	Kelton, Elmer, 1981 - 1988
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
7	12	King, Stephen [Philtrum Press, Owner], 1987
		Correspondence about publishing, Don Robertson
7	13	Koster, Rick, 1992 - 1996
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
7	14	Lacy, Allen [Stockton State College], 1979 - 1987

		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
7	15	Leaton, Anne, 1984 - 1993
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), newspaper clipping
7	16	Lee, James Ward, undated
		Correspondence about book reviews
7	17	Lehrer, Jim, 1989 - 2006
		Correspondence about news articles (journalist), personal correspondence
7	18	Letts, Billie, 1995 - 1999
		Correspondence about books written (author)
7	19	Lindsey, David, 1980 - 1998
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
7	20	Lopez, Barry, 1980
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author
7	21	Lowe, Richard [North Texas State University], 1983 - 1984
		Correspondence about book reviews
7	22	Lowry, Beverly, 1981 - 1989
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
7	23	Lyman, Lloyd [Texas A&M Press], undated
		Correspondence about publishing
8	1	M, 1975 - 1998
o	1	McCartney, Scott; McCombs, Holland; McFarland, Keith D.; McGrain, Linda;
		McQuarrie, Jack; Magnino, Lisa L.; Magerino, Susan; Maloy, Robert; Martin, Amy; Martin, Gyde; Martin, W.B.J.; Maurice, S. Charles; Middleton, David; Middleton, Mary Margaret; Milam, Michael; Milan, Karen; Milazzo, Lee; Miller,; Miller,
		Jan; Miller, Zack; Milligan, Mike; Mills, Helen L.; Mills, Hilary; Mitchell, Glenn; Moeller, Beverley; Moore, Dennis; Morris, Anne; Morris, Celia; Morthland, John;
		Mosley, Richard; Murchison, Bill; Murphy, Patrick; Musgrove, Stanley; Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), author requests, thank
		you letters, newspaper clippings
8	2	MacKintosh, Prudence, 1980 - 1998

		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), photograph
8	3	McCarthy, Cormac, 1992 - 2006
		Subject file about books written (author) and newspaper clipping
8	4	McDonald, Walt, 1988 - 2000
		Correspondence about poems written (poet), newspaper clipping
8	5	McFadden, Dennis [University of Texas at Austin], 1981
		Correspondence about book reviews
8	6	McGinnis, Bruce [Amarillo College], 1981 - 1982
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
8	7	McLean, Malcolm [University of Texas at Arlington], 1980 - 1986
		Correspondence about books written (author)
8	8	McMurray, Elizabeth H., 1980 - 1994
		Correspondence about bookstore, newspaper clippings, copies of newspaper articles (1951-1958) Compton's notes: See Wm. Weber Johnson
8	9	McMurtry, Larry, 1983 - 2005
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), and letters of complaint regarding interviews
8	10	McNamee, Laurence [East Texas State University], 1978 - 2006
		Correspondence about books written (author), four photographs, newspaper clipping
8	11	McNeely, David, 1976 - 1977
		Correspondence about articles (journalist)
8	12	Malone, Paul S., 1992 - 2000
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
8	13	Marcus, Stanley, 1982 - 1998
		Correspondence about book reviews, books published (publisher)
8	14	Marks, Paula, 1990
		Correspondence about books written (author)
8	15	Matusow, Allen [Rice University], 1984

		Correspondence about books written (author)
8	16	Maverick, Maury, 1981
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
8	17	Maxwell, Allenk [Dallas Morning News], 1979 - 1981
		Correspondence about book editor of newspaper
8	18	Mewshaw, Michael [U. of TX at Austin, American Acad. in Rome], 1980 - 1983
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
9	1	Michener, James, 1983 - 1986
		Subject file about books written (author)
9	2	Miller, Vassar, 1982
		Correspondence about poems written (poet), newspaper clippings
9	3	Milligan, Bryce, 1984 - 1986
		Correspondence about book reviews, poems written (poet)
9	4	Milner, Jay, 1979 - 1985
		Correspondence about book reviews
9	5	Morris, Willie, 1983
		Subject file about books written, photograph
9	6	Moss, Chuck, 1987 - 1988
		Correspondence about book reviews, articles written (journalist)
9	7	Mossiker, Frances, 1979 - 1985
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written, photograph,
9	8	Nathaniel, Isabel, 1996
		Correspondence about poems written (poet)
9	9	Nichols, Peggy, 1979 - 1998
		Correspondence about book reviews, newspaper clipping
9	10	Nye, Naomi Shehab, 1982 - 1995

		Correspondence about book reviews, poems written (poet), photographs
9	11	O - P, 1976 - 1994
		Oldham, Virginia L.; Orms, Tom; Ornish, Natalie; Osborne, Burl; Patterson, Paige; Pederson, Rena; Perdue, Richard M.; Perry, Thomas A.; Peterson, Jane; Phillips, Warren H.; Pimm, Lilian C.; Pitts, Joe W.; Potts, Terry; Preston, Harry; Price, Deb;, Priscilla; Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), thank you notes, complaints about book reviews
9	12	Osborn, Carolyn, 1985
		Correspondence about suggested book reviewer
9	13	Owens, William A., 1982 - 1988
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), four photographs
9	14	Payne, Darwin, 1985 - 1996
		Correspondence about books written (author)
9	15	Perrine, Laurence, 1986 - 1990
		Correspondence about poems written (poet)
9	16	Pilkington, Tom, 1986 - 1998
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
9	17	Pringle, Terry, 1982 - 1996
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), newspaper clippings
10	1	Purvis, Hoyt [University of Arkansas], 1984 - 1989
		Correspondence about book reviews
10	2	Q - R, 1983 - 1990
		Quaid, Glenn; Rapaport, Richard; Ray, Karen; Reed, Ronald; Reyes, Angel; Rice, Pamela; Rich, Mark S.; Richman, Susan; Risenhoover, C.C.; Roberts, Tim; Robertson, Robert L.; Rollo, Ned; Rosen, Dan; Rost, Stephen; Routt, Edd; Correspondence about book reviews, author requests, thank you letters, photograph
10	3	Rabe, Stephen [University of Texas at Dallas], 1983 - 1984
		Correspondence about book reviews

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Correspondence about book reviews

10	5	Rechy, John, 1983 - 1992
		Correspondence about books written (author), copies of newspaper articles
10	6	Redd, Louise, 1998
		Correspondence about book reviews
10	7	Reynolds, Clay, 1986 - 1997
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
10	8	Rigler, Judyth, 1984 - 1987
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), newspaper clipping
10	9	Roach, Joyce, 1989 - 1991
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
11	1	Roberts, Kent, 1987 - 1989
11	1	Correspondence about book reviews
11	2	
11	2	Rodriguez, Richard, 1982 - 2000 Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
11	3	Rossiter, Frank [University of Texas at Dallas], 1976 - 1980
11	3	Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
1.1	4	
11	4	Rubin, Louis [Algonquin Books], 1986 - 1991 Correspondence about publishing
4.4	-	Correspondence about publishing
11	5	Runnels, Steve, 1988
		Correspondence about book reviews
11	6	Rushing, Jane, 1982
		Correspondence about books written (author)
11	7	S, 1969 - 1998
		Salazar, Ramiros; Sall, Larry D.; Schaefer, Frank; Schirmer, Gregory A.; Seagraves, Eleanor R.; Seale, Jan Epton; Shaffer, Richard A.; Shant, Jane; Shapard, Robert; Shattuck, Robert D.; Shepard, Martin; Sherman, Laurel G.; Shuford, Gene; Sigwald, John; Simmons, Tom J.; Simpson, Henry; Slattery, Dennis; Sloan, Ledgerwood; Snodgrass, E.H.; Snyder, Bill; Snyder, Marion S.; St. John, Bob; Stacy, Dennis;

Stapleton, Tom; Stevenson, Margaret; Stott, William M.; Stuckey, Bill; Swank, Patsy; Swindle, Howard; Correspondence about book reviews, author requests, thank you letters, photograph

11	8	Sallis, James, 1981 - 1994
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
11	9	Sampson, Curt, 1991 - 1995
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
11	10	Sanders, Bob Ray, undated
		Correspondence about book reviews
11	11	Sanders, Leonard, 1980 - 1984
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
11	12	Sanford, Annette, 1989 - 1998
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
11	13	Scharnhorst, Gary [University of New Mexico], 1981 - 1993
		Correspondence about book reviews
11	14	Schlossstein, Steven B., 1982 - 1984
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
11	15	Schulte, Rainer, 1981 - 1982
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11	17	Scofield, Sandra, 1993 - 1997
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11	18	Seligmann, Jr., Gus [North Texas State University], 1980
		Correspondence about books written (author), photograph
11	19	Shearer, Bill, 1982 - 1996
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11	20	Sherrill, Robert, 1980 - 1994

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12	1	Shuler, Linda Lay, 1987 - 1998
		Correspondence about books written (author)
12	2	Slate, Audry [University of Texas at Austin], 1983
		Correspondence about book reviews
12	3	Smith, C.W., 1985 - 1991
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
12	4	Smith, Henry Nash, 1981 - 1989
		Correspondence about book reviews
12	5	Spann, Philip C., 1986
		Correspondence about book reviews
12	6	Staines, David, 1981 - 1987
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
12	7	Stowers, Carlton, 1970 - 1996
		Correspondence about books written (author)
12	8	Stratton, W.K. (Kip), 1990 - 1999
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
12	9	Swift, Edward, 1982 - 1990
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
12	10	Swindell, Larry [Dallas Morning News], 1998
		Correspondence about newspaper (editor, journalist), newspaper clipping, Pulitzer Prize winner
12	11	T - Z, 1979 - 1996
		Tasma, Jean Marie; Taylor, Sheila; Teague, William J.; Thompson, Lou Ann; Thompson, Thomas H.; Trickett; David G.; Turrentine, Jeff; Tynes, Teresa; Vawrinek, Jeffrey J.; Waldron, Ann; Warner, Sharon Oard; Watkins, Kay; West, Richard; Wheeler, John A.; Williams, Rittal; Wilson, Laura; Wolfe, Jane; Young, Mark W.; Yarbrough, David; Yemma, Mark; Zagst, Michael; Correspondence about book reviews, thank you letters, Author requests, photograph, copies of newspaper articles

12	12	Taylor, Henry, 1979 - 1986
		Correspondence about bookstore
12	13	Taylor, Marshall [Southern Methodist University], 1980 - 1988
		Correspondence about book reviews, newspaper clipping
12	14	Tinkle, Lon, 1979 - 1993
		Correspondence about books written (author), pencil drawing
12	15	Trammell, Robert and Gerald Burns, 1985 - 1987
		Correspondence about poems written (poet)
12	16	Tucker, Chris, , 1981
		Correspondence about book reviews, newspaper clipping
13	1	Vick, Fran, 1981 - 2008
		Correspondence about books written (author), publishing, newspaper clipping
13	2	Vliet, Ann and R.G., 1985 - 1991
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), three photographs
13	3	Voigt, Elsie, 1986 - 1989
		Correspondence about book reviews
13	4	Wagner, Sherry, 1980
		Correspondence about book reviews
13	5	Walker, Dale, 1986 - 1990
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), newspaper clippings
13	6	Wardlaw, Frank [Texas A&M Press], 1974 - 1986
		Correspondence about publishing, photograph, newspaper clipping
13	7	Watt, Donley [Trinity University], 1988 - 2001
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), newspaper clipping
13	8	Weber, David [Southern Methodist University], 1980 - 1983
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), newspaper clipping

13	9	Weems, Ed, 1980 - 1999
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), photographs, newspaper clippings
14	1	Wells, Lawrence and Dean Faulkner Wells, 1988 - 1996
14	1	
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
14	2	White, James, 1977 - 1985
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author), newspaper clipping
14	3	Whitman, Alden, , 1981 - 1983
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
14	4	Wier, Allen, 1989
		Correspondence about books written (author)
14	5	Williams, Lynna [Emory University], 1989 - 1990
		Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)
14	6	Winckler, Suzanne, 1985 - 1986
		Correspondence about book reviews
14	7	Wood, Jane Roberts, 1987 - 2005
		Correspondence about books written (author), photographs, newspaper clipping
14	8	Woods, Christopher, 1988
		Correspondence about book reviews
14	9	Woolley, Bryan, 1988 - 1991
		Subject file about articles written (journalist), newspaper clippings
14	10	Wright, Lawrence, 1986 - 2001
		Correspondence about books written (author)
14	11	Yarborough, Ralph, 1980 - 1982
		Correspondence about article, State Senator
14	12	Yates, David, 1983 - 1985
		Correspondence about poems written (poet), newspaper clippings

14 13 Zigal, Tom, 1987 - 1994

Correspondence about book reviews, books written (author)

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Early Career, 1955 - 1975

14 Early Stories and Notes, 1956 - 1958

Includes notes for stories written, including interview notes from Gubernatorial candidate W. Lee O'Daniel, Stanley Walker

14 15 In-House Papers, 1955 - 1975

Includes memos, desk assignments, news reporting ideas, inner newspaper workings, advertising, how to write racial identifications, complaints, office fun, staffing, newspaper clipping

- 15 1 Staff: Jim Lehrer, 1958 1960
- 15 2 Story Ideas: memos, newsclippings

Later Career, 1976 - 2007

15 3-4 In-House Papers, 1976 - 1998

Includes memos, reporting assignments, inner newspaper workings, advertising and sales, complaints, office fun, staffing, newspaper clippings, photographs, retirements, Pulitzer Prize winners at Dallas Morning News

15 5 Anders, John, 1976 - 1977

Includes memos, newspaper clippings

15 6 Biffle, Kent, 1968 - 2003

Includes memos, letters of commendation, letters of complaint (about articles), article notes, receipts, newspaper clipping

15 7 Decherd, Robert, 1978 - 1996

Includes memos, correspondence

15 8 Hinshaw, Mike, 1980 - 1983

Includes story ideas, letters of commendation, receipts

15 9 Sims, Mark, 1976 - 1980

Includes memos, letters of commendation, court records, newspaper clippings,

photographs

16 1 The Press, 1970 - 2004

Includes newspaper "war" between Dallas Morning News and Dallas Times Herald, Pulitzer Prize article from Fort Worth Star-Telegram, press release regarding Dallas Morning News, articles regarding Tony Castro, remarks from Walter Cronkite (also found at Lyndon B. Johnson Library)

16 2-3 Story Ideas, 1976 - 1998

Includes memos, correspondences, newspaper clippings, RECAP, UT News, photographs

16 4 Stories, 1976 - 1998

Includes completed articles, memos

16 5 First Weeks, 1976

Includes Compton's personal notes, copies of initial issues

16 In-House Papers (1 of 2), 1976 - 1998

Includes memos, correspondences, advertising, staff assignments, letters of commendation, letters of complaint, policies, story ideas, minutes from meetings, design plates for Book Pages, newspaper clippings

17 In-House Papers (2 of 2), 1976 - 1998

Includes memos, correspondences, advertising, staff assignments, letters of commendation, letters of complaint, policies, story ideas, minutes from meetings, design plates for Book Pages, newspaper clippings

Focus Art, undated

Includes pen ink drawings by Bob Kolsti, Robin Tareaux

17 3 Stories, 1984 - 1991

Includes "A sampling – features and book notes from Book Pages," stories written by Compton, photograph

17 4 Book Policy, 1976 - 1996

Includes what to do with complimentary books after being reviewed, reasons for book reviewing, book sales statistics

17 5 Contacts - Books, undated

Includes contact information for book reviewers, publishers, authors

17 6 Notebook, 1996 - 1997

Includes daily notes from phone calls

17 Texas Book Themes, 1980 - 1998

Includes information about race, James Michener's Texas

Poetry In Motion, 1998

Includes information about including poetry on transportation (metro, buses)

17 9 Authors (National)

Includes information about Auster, Barnes, Julian; Paul; Blout, Roy; Carver, Raymond; Crews, Harry; DeLillo, Don; Eco, Umberto; Elkin, Stanley; Gibbons, Kay; Gould, Stephen Jay; Kidder, Tracy; McInerney, Jay; McGuane, Thomas; Mailer, Norman; Mukherjec, Bharati; Price, Reynolds; Rhodes, Richard; Roth; Sheehan, Neil; Siddons, Anne River; Singer, I.B.; Stone, Robert; Woiwode, Larry; Yardley, Jonathan

18 1 Authors (Texas)

Includes information, press releases, articles, and newspaper clippings about Adams, Michael; Barthelme, Donald; Bonds, Parris Afton; Bramer, Sidney; Breeder, James; Brown, Rosellen; Bryant, Dean Keith; Burke, James Lee; Carter, George; Chandra, Vikram; Condon, Richard; Cousins, Margaret; Davis, John Porterfield; Davis, Rod; DeHaloff, Henry; DeMannis, Rick; Divine, Robert; Edwards, Anne; Fairchild, Jr., H.H.; Gibson, Jewel; Griffith, Patricia, Browning; Goldbarth, Albert; Goyen, William; Greene, A.C.; Hale, Leon; Hamilton, Dagmar; Harrison, Payne; Hudgins, Andrew; Humphreys, Joel Don; Jones, Stephen Graham; Kruh, Nancy; Lea, Tom; Llwelyn, Morgan; McClellan, Tom; Maguire, Jack; Mewshaw, Michael; Morgan, D. Miller; Mullen, Harryette; Nance, Joseph Milton; Nelson, Bobby Jack; Niven, Penelope; Northcott, Kaye; Nunn, William Curtis; Oliver, Chad; Porter, Katherine Anne; Porterfield, Nolan; Powell, Padget; Quinn, Jim; Rice, Anne; Richard, Mark; Schott, Richard; Schutze, Jim; Scobie, Ingrid Winther; Solomon, Robert; Stead, Christina; Strother, Lester; Sullivan, Jim; Tippette, Giles; Turpley, Fred; Weismann, Donald; Weiss, Philip; Whitehead, Fred; Wier, Allan; Williams, Lynna; Wood, Susan; Wozencraft, Kim

18 2 Algonquin Books

Includes Fall, 1990 Sampler, press kits for Kaye Gibbons, Larry Brown, photographs

18 3 Dallek, Robert

Includes press kits for Lone Star Rising Lyndon B. Johnson And His Times, 1908-1960

Faulk, John Henry

Includes press kit for The Uncensored, photograph

18 5 Glimmer Train Stories

		Includes Adams, Steven; Binham, Sallie; Byl, Christine; Engberg, Susan; Enger, Lin; Griesenner, John; McPhee, Jenny Drake; Machart, Bruce
18	6	Hailey, Elizabeth Forsyth
		Includes press kit for Joanna's Husband and David's Wife
18	7	Mailer, Norman
		Includes press kit for Oswald's Tale, two photographs
18	8-9	O'Brien, Tim
		Includes early galleys of In the Lake of the Woods (typed), National Author Tour – The Things They Carried
18	10	Quinn, Daniel
		Includes press kits for Ishmael and Providence, photograph
18	11	Skimm, Robert
		Includes press kits for Gray Victory, photograph
19	1	Watt, Donley
		Includes copies of various stories (typed)
19	2	Other press kits and promotional items
		Includes Stone Drug Magazine, Oxford American (John Grisham – Publisher, photograph), People, December 9, 1991 – includes article about Molly Irvins), Texas Books in Review, Current Books, Armstrong Browning Library, The Library of America (photograph), Flair
19	3	African-American Literary Review, 1993
		Includes book reviews, news, industry trends, and issues that affect the African-American literary community
19	4	Book Publishers
		Includes correspondences, press releases (alphabetized), memo, photographs
19	5	Book Club of Texas, 1978 - 1994
		Includes notes, correspondences, newspaper clippings, photocopy of Southwest Review (Spring, 1936) Item moved to backlog
19	6	Book Stores – Texas
		Includes correspondences, book lists, prices, book store closings, press releases

		(alphabetized), photographs
19	7	Dallas Journalism Review
		Includes Dallas Journalism Review (1973-1974), Texas Journalism Review (1975)
19	8	Dallas Underground Press
		Includes Dallas Observer (1980-1981), Dallas News (1971 – includes Gay Pride issue)
20	1	National Book Critics Circle, 1980 - 1986
20	1	
		Includes information about upcoming books, trends, business, correspondence
20	2	North Texas Skeptic, 1992
		Includes correspondence, The Skeptic, The Comedy Wire – humor, entertainment, book reviews, and articles about pseudo-science
20	3	Smith College Club of Dallas, 1979 - 1983
		Includes literary awards and press release, correspondence
20	4	Southern Methodist University, 1978 - 1984
		Includes correspondences, press releases, newspaper articles, author information
20	5	Texas A and M Press, 1983 - 2007
		Includes correspondences, press releases
20	6	Texas Baskerville Press, 1993 - 1997
		Includes correspondences, press releases, book catalogs (book lists and pricing)
20	7	Texas Book Publications, 1982 - 1990
		Includes correspondences, press releases, book catalogs
20	8	Texas Corona Press, 1981 - 1989
		Includes correspondences, press releases, book catalogs
20	9	Texas Monthly Press, 1981 - 1989
		Includes correspondences, press releases, book catalogs
20	10	Texas Publishers Association, 1981 - 1988
		Includes press releases, publishers digest
20	11	Texas Presses, 1978 - 1999

Includes correspondences, press releases, fiction and poetry contest winners, photographs

21	1	Texas Pressworks, 1983 - 1987
		Includes correspondences, book releases, book catalogs
21	2	Texas Saybrook Press, 1985 - 2005
		Includes press release, funeral program, author information
21	3	Texas Shearer Publishing, 1982 - 1996
		Includes press releases, book catalogs, copies of newspaper articles, photographs
21	4	Texas Southern Methodist University Press, 1982 - 2004
		Includes correspondences, press releases, newspaper clippings, book jacket
21	5	Texas Still Point Press, 1984 - 1993
		Includes correspondences, press releases
21	6	University of Texas Press, 1981 - 1998
		Includes correspondences, press releases
21	7	Texas Publishers Association, 1981 - 1985
		Includes press releases, Publishers Digest
21	8	Writers News, 1990 - 1992
		Includes official publication of Texas Writers Association
21	9	American Book Awards, 1980-1982
		Includes lists of nominees, invitation to award ceremony
21	10	Governor's Sesquicentennial Conference on the Literary Arts, 1986
		Includes program (1986), notes, spiral notebook
21	11	Texas Literary Hall of Fame, 2004
		Includes program, ticket, bookmark – Friends of the Fort Worth Public Library, Inc.
21	12	Texas Literary Tradition, 1983 - 1986
		Includes correspondences, program

		Guide to the Robert Compton Lapers
21	13	Center for Texas Studies [North Texas State University], 1986 - 1987
		Includes correspondences, list of charter members
22	1	Dallas Institute, 1982 - 1985
22	1	Danas histitute, 1982 - 1983
		Includes correspondences, program ("What Makes a City," "The Economics of Taste"), report to city council, course and lecture listings
22	2	Eugene C. Barker Texas History Center, 1989 - 1995
		Includes newsletters, The Compass Rose, Center for American History
22	3	Pen Texas, 1995 - 2006
		Includes newsletters, invitations
22	4	Texas Committee on Humanities, 1983 - 1985
		Includes programs, grant announcements
22	5	Texas Folklore Society, 1981 - 1985
		Includes correspondence (see Abernethy), memos, programs
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22	6	American Journal, 1972 - 1973
		Includes articles, book club selections
22	7	AT Random, 1992 - 1993

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22	6	American Journal, 1972 - 1973
		Includes articles, book club selections
22	7	AT Random, 1992 - 1993
		Includes Random House magazine
22	8	The Borzoi Reader, 1989 - 1995
		Includes Book excepts
22	9	Concho River Review, 1979 - 1990
		Includes book excepts, reviews, Stone Drum, The Kenyon Review
23	1	Current Books, 1992 - 1995
		Includes book excerpts
23	2	The Magazine of Dallas, 1974

		Includes culture, book excerpts, arts and entertainment	
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23	3	Doubleday Magazine for Book Lovers, 1992, 1995	
		Includes book excerpts and descriptions	
23	4	The Oxford American, 1992 - 1995	
		Includes book excerpts, poetry, Southern music issue	
23	5-6	Texas Books in Review [Tarleton State University], 1982 - 1994	
		Includes articles and reviews of books	
24	1	The Texas Humanist, 1978 - 1982	
		Includes articles and reviews	
24	2	The Texas Observer, 1974 - 1985	
		Includes articles, editors include Kaye Northcott and Molly Ivins	
24	3	Single Issue Magazines	
		Includes Atlantic Monthly (1975), Balcones (1987), Works in Progress (1991), Four Winds (1982), Poets and Writers (1995), Reckon (1995), Smithsonian (1980), Vanity Fair (1982)	
	Oversized – Newspapers and Magazines		
25		Dallas Morning News, 1949 - 2001	
		Includes typed notes from Compton, Arts and Entertainment (1984), Book Pages (1949-1976), Book Pages – Annual Christmas Book Sections (1950-1965), Focus (1983-1984), High Profile (1988-2001), Metropolitan (1986, 1988), Sunday Reader (1996, 1998, 1999), Texas and Southwest (1993, 1998)	
26	1	Dallas Morning News Mounted "Books" Pages and "Focus" Pages	
		Includes mounted pages from the pre-run newspaper	
26	2	Dallas Morning News – 25 Years Later	
		Includes newspaper article about John F. Kennedy's assassination, 25 years later	
26	3	Southwest Klansman	
		Includes Volume 1, Number 1, published in Dallas, Texas	
26	4	Vortex, 1986 - 1988	

		Includes critical reviews
26	5	Single Issue Magazines
		Includes Bright Leaf (1997), Grove Atlantic New Fiction (1995)
27	1	Bookletter, 1975, 1977
		Very fragile, published by Harpers Magazine
27	2	The Texas Humanist, 1983 - 1985
		A review of idea, history, culture
28	1	Lone Star Book Review, 1979 - 1981
28	2	New York Herald Tribune, 1963, 1967
		Very fragile, includes typed notes from Compton, and information about John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson
28	3	Single Newspapers and Magazines
		Very fragile, includes New York Times Book Review (1992), Westward (1985), Rolling Stone (1973), Holiday (1948)