

Carol Adorjan Papers 1954-2018, undated

Preliminary Finding Aid

Creator: Carol Adorjan (1934-)

Extent: 6.5 linear feet (7 boxes)

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Separations: None

See Also: Mundelein College Paper Records, Mundelein College Photograph Collection.

Biographical History

Carol Madden Adorjan is a Chicago-based author and playwright. She was born in 1934 in Chicago, IL, and graduated from Mundelein College, Class of 1956, with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature.

Adorjan is a published author of short fiction, drama, and children's books. Her first short story was published by TODAY, a Chicago-based Catholic magazine, in 1956. Since then, many of her articles and short fictional works have been published in a variety of newspapers, trade, religious, national, and literary magazines. Twenty of her children's books have been published, including one of her most famous works, *The Cat Sitter Mystery*. She was a writer in residence for the National Radio Theatre and both the Illinois and Iowa Arts Councils, and a member of The Society of Midland Authors, The Society of Children's Book Writer's and Illustrators, and The Authors Guild.

As a playwright, Adorjan has created several award-winning and produced radio and stage plays. Her radio plays have been produced by BBC, Chicago Radio Theatre, National Radio Theatre, and many others. She was among the first playwrights to receive a fellowship from the Midwest Playwrights' Lab in 1977. Her first radio play won the Earplay competition in 1972, and in 1991 her award-winning full-length play *Bridges* was chosen for reading and development by The Drama League of New York. In 2000, Adorjan began researching and writing a screenplay, *The Eagle and The Hawk*.

She is a former high school English, History, and Anthropology teacher. From 1990 to 1998 she was an adjunct faculty member at National-Louis University, co-teaching a course on Writing for Children. Through her residencies with various institutions, she has promoted and led writing workshops for all ages in different styles and forms of writing.

Scope and Content

The Carol Adorjan Papers consists of 6.5 linear feet and spans the years 1954-2018. The papers relate to Adorjan's work as an author of children's books, short stories, radio scripts, and stage-play scripts.

Materials include professional correspondence, published and unpublished manuscripts, publication copies, publicity, and photographs. There are also audiocassettes of interviews and performances of Adorjan and her works. Audiovisual materials are grouped by recording titles. Items from box 4 folder 47 to box 5 folder 16 are books written by Carol Adorjan.

Subjects:

Children's Literature
Author
Playwright
Radio Plays
Stage Plays
Theatre
Mundelein College

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	[Carol Adorjan Resume]	
1	2	Publicity Appearances and Award Certificates	
1	3	[Play How America Lives – Etc. Correspondence]	
1	4	[Prime Mover – Radio Play]	
1	5	[Today is the Day Correspondence]	
1	6	The Telephone Correspondence Contract	
1	7	Correspondence Play '85 Bridges	
1	8	Play Correspondence	
1	9	[May Day]	
1	10	[American Gothic]	
1	11	Letters, etc.	
1	12	Early Work	

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1	13	Theater Info	
1	14	Children's Book Manuscript Unsold	
1	15	Early Work H.S. and College	
1	16	The Eccentric	
1	17	Unsold Short Stories	
1	18	Someone I Know Albert Whitman	
1	19	BKS copies	
1	20	The Cat Sitter Mystery	
1	21	Unsold Articles	
1	22	Poetry	
1	23	1, 2, 3 Party 9/98 250 words	
1	24	Me, A Counting Book	
1	25	Matt and Mystery Bird	
1	26	YA SS Collection	
1	27	[Land's End Script]	
1	28	[The Wilmette Woman's Club Articles Published]	
1	29	Bell Finer Fuels	
1	30	[The Allens Next Door]	
1	31	[Teenage Novel Pushing Buttons and Correspondence]	
1	32	The Address Book of Children's Authors and Illustrators	
1	33	[Death Play Novel] [1 of 2]	
1	34	[Death Play Novel] [2 of 2]	
1	35	[How Wide The Heart and Letters] [1 of 2]	
1	36	[How Wide The Heart and Letters] [2 of 2]	
1	37	[4 Play 4 By 2 and Bridges]	
2	1	[Coloring Book] [1 of 2]	
2	2	[Coloring Book] [2 of 2]	
3	1	[Item List By Donor]	
3	2	[The Eagle and The Hawk Script]	
3	3	[BRIDGES A Relationship in Three Acts Script]	
3	4	[BRIDGES Three Act Play Script]	[1989]
3	5	Coin of Decision	
3	6	Indoor Gardening 10/1/90	
3	7	Bonding 7/92	
3	8	A Traditional Christmas	
3	9	American Gothic	
3	10	A Box of Crayons	
3	11	From Where I Stood	
3	12	The House Knows When Fred's Away	
3	13	Just Call Me Daisy	
3	14	Lunching with Yoko 2000 Words April '97	
3	15	The Magic Box	
3	16	Cicada Summer Sold Redbook	

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3	17	May Day/May 1 '96	
3	18	Peach Pie SS 6/93	
3	19	The Pestilence – 2 nd Time around	
3	20	Requiem for a Virgin	
3	21	Something Different	
3	22	To Make a Match	
3	23	Storm Passing	
3	24	Volcanoes Erupt from the Inside	
3	25	Where the Heart Is	
3	26	Would You Recognize Me in a Cast of Thousands	
3	27	Not Even the Rain Has Such Small Hands or Gift of God	
3	28	The Getaway	
3	29	Peanut Butter Muse	
3	30	Naked Lady	
3	31	The Electric Man	
3	32	The Seed	
3	33	Unpublished Juveniles	
3	34	WKID Albert Whitman Published	
3	35	Footfalls	
3	36	How America Lives Produced The Sibling Not Produced	
3	37	The Chameleon	
3	38	The Great Gatsby Heart of Darkness	
3	39	The Cat Sitter Mystery Play, Produced, Winnetka Community Theatre	
3	40	Portions Mechanically Reproduced	
3	41	Sea Wolf and Outcasts	
3	42	The Outcasts of Poker Flat	
3	43	Articles Unpublished	
3	44	Ideas File Poetry and Reviews unpublished Some high school and college assignments	
3	45	Articles Sold and Not Sold	
3	46	I'm Here! Where Are You! Juvenile SS 6/93	
3	47	Scripts Original and Adaptations Not Sold	
3	48	Interviews with Characters from Famous Books Not Sold	
3	49	[TV Script The Hoax Not Sold]	
3	50	[St. Joseph's Indian School Certificate of Appreciation]	[2008]
3	51	[Teleplay Dotted Line Not Sold]	
3	52	[Book Listings]	
3	53	[Item List from Donor]	
3	54	[Northwoods Historian]	
3	55	Tear Sheets – Short Stories and 2 Poems	
3	56	Tear Sheets non-fiction articles	

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3	57	[Four Quarters: Vol. XXI, XXII, XXVI]	[1972, 1977]
3	58	["May Day" by Carol Adorjan]	
3	59	["The Year of the Baby" by Carol Adorjan]	[1980]
3	60	["Separation Fever" by Carol Adorjan]	[1978]
3	61	["The Magic Box" by Carol Adorjan]	[1977]
FF	-	[The New York Times Review, May 20]	[1973]
4	1	[Mundelein College Review]	[1954-1956]
4	2	[The Pure Oil News Magazine, September/October]	[1964]
4	3	[ingenu Magazine, June]	[1967]
4	4	[19 Magazine, May]	[1981]
4	5	["Radio reaches for the imagination as children explore radio drama" by Carol Adorjan]	[1998]
4	6	[NorthShore Magazine, March]	[2000]
4	7	[St. Anthony Messenger Magazine] [8 issues]	[1980-2010]
4	8	["American Gothic" by Carol Adorjan]	[1976]
4	9	["The Room With The View" by Carol Adorjan]	[1981]
4	10	["A Box of Crayons" by Carol Adorjan]	[1983]
4	11	["From Where I Stood" (Short Story) by Carol Adorjan]	[1964]
4	12	["The Pig Party" by Carol Adorjan]	[1966]
4	13	["The Weekend" by Carol Adorjan]	[1977]
4	14	["Saying Goodbye" by Carol Adorjan]	[2000]
4	15	["The Things of a Child" by Carol Adorjan]	[1958]
4	16	["The Door (story)" by Carol Adorjan]	[1969]
4	17	["Peanut Butter Muse" by Carol Adorjan]	[1972]
4	18	["A Place for Everything" (fiction) by Carol Adorjan]	[1973]
4	19	["Many Roads to Oz" by Carol Adorjan]	[1968]
4	20	["The Chosen Few" by Carol Adorjan]	[1968]
4	21	["The Year of the Baby" by Carol Adorjan]	[1970]
4	22	[American Girl Magazine, June]	[1974]
4	23	["Cicada Summer" by Carol Adorjan]	[1974]
4	24	["The Getaway" (short short) by Carol Adorjan]	[1972]
4	25	["The Pestilence" by Carol Adorjan]	[1976]
FF	-	[South African Modern Woman Magazine, January]	[1974]
4	26	["A Gently Humorous Story" by Carol Adorjan]	[1978]
4	27	["Little Arrows" by Carol Adorjan]	[1980]
4	28	["Something Different" by Carol Adorjan]	[1979]
4	29	["Lunching with Yoko" by Carol Adorjan]	[1998]
4	30	["Making Connections" by Carol Adorjan]	[2002]
4	31	["Do Nothing Day" by Carol Adorjan]	[1981]
4	32	["A Woman's Work" by Carol Adorjan]	[1979]
4	33	[Woman Magazine, March]	[1970]

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4	34	["No Place Like Home" by Carol Adorjan]	[1973]
4	35	["Play the Game, Mum!" by Carol Adorjan]	[1976]
4	36	["This House Hates Me!" by Carol Adorjan]	[1976]
4	37	["The Way You Look Tonight" by Carol Adorjan]	[1976]
4	38	["Three Cheers for Grans!" by Elizabeth Adorjan]	[1976]
4	39	["A Face in the Crowd" by Carol Adorjan]	[1974]
4	40	["Love, O Perfect Love" by Carol Adorjan]	[1975]
4	41	["The Prisoner" by Carol Adorjan]	[1975]
4	42	[Item and Book List by Donor]	
4	43	Jonathan Bloom's Room and Fan Mail	
4	44	[Albert Whitman and Company Book Catalogues]	
4	45	["Caught in the Net" by Carol Adorjan]	[1999]
4	46	Professional Broadcast Writer's Handbook [hardcover]	
4	47	The Boxcar Children: The Mystery in the Snow #32	
4	48	The Boxcar Children: The Mystery in San Francisco #57	
4	49	The Boxcar Children: The Windy City Mystery	
4	50	The Boxcar Children: The Camp-Out Mystery #27	
4	51	The Boxcar Children: The Mystery of the Stolen Music #45	
4	52	The Boxcar Children: The Mystery of the Hot Air Balloon #47	
4	53	The Cat Sitter Mystery Volume I	
4	54	The Cat Sitter Mystery Volume II	
4	55	A Little Princess	
4	56	Junior High: The Eighth Grade to the Rescue	
4	57	Junior High: The Revolt of the Eighth Grade	
4	58	Junior High: The Big Date	
4	59	Junior High: Those Crazy Class Pictures	
4	60	That's What Friends Are For	
4	61	Pig Party	
4	62	The Electric Man	
4	63	Someone I Know	
4	64	Jonathan Bloom's Room	
5	1	The Windy City Mystery	
5	2	The Mystery in San Francisco	
5	3	The Mystery of the Hot Air Balloon	
5	4	They Mystery of the Stolen Music	
5	5	The Mystery in the Snow	
5	6	I Can! Can You?	
5	7	WKID: Easy Radio Plays	
5	8	The Cat Sitter Mystery [braille]	1973
5	9	The Cat Sitter Mystery [hardcover]	1973
5	10	The Cat Sitter Mystery [paperback]	1973

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5	11	The Cat Sitter Mystery [paperback]	1975
5	12	The Cat Sitter Mystery [paperback]	2000
5	13	The Cat Sitter Mystery [paperback]	1986
5	14	Le mystere de la maison aux chats [French Adaptation of The Cat Sitter Mystery] [paperback]	1992
5	15	The Copy Cat Mystery [Signed by Author] [paperback]	1990
5	16	The Copy Cat Mystery [paperback]	2000
5	17	Carol's - "Friends and Safe Place" 4/20/76 [1/4" audio reel]	
6	1	The Getaway MSCW [audiocassette]	
6	2	The Electric Man by Carol Adorjan [audiocassette]	
6	3	Pig Party by Carol Adorjan [audiocassette]	
6	4	30 Second Telephone Terror Theatre [audiocassette]	
6	5	Lyceum Airwaves Theatre "Couples and Friends" [audiocassette]	
6	6	Lyceum Airwaves Theater "Couples" and "Friends" 1984 [audiocassette]	
6	7	The Telephone Taping Outcasts Poker Flat [audiocassette]	
6	8	Portions Mechanically Reproduced by Carol Adorjan [audiocassette]	
6	9	Portions Mechanically Reproduced BBC [audiocassette]	
6	10	Winnetka Children's Theatre, The Cat Sitter Mystery, Sunday, December 10 [audiocassette]	1978
6	11	Those Were the Days Excerpt "Night on Bear Mountain" [audiocassette]	
6	12	Chuck Shader Interview and Night on Bear Mountain, June 18 [empty case]	1988
6	13	National Radio Theatre of Chicago, Feathertop [audiocassette]	
6	14	A Little Princess Narrated by Jenna Whidden [audiocassette]	
6	15	All Things Even Frisky Chapter 1 (7 minutes) [audiocassette]	
6	16	Interviews. Yuri and Ken [?Nordime] and Friends and Safe Place [audiocassette]	
6	17	Friends SFPRO [audiocassette]	
6	18	Vaster Than Empires and More Slow [audiocassette]	
6	19	[Untitled Program] [audiocassette]	
6	20	National Radio Theatre, Friends/Adorjan 1974 and 1984 versions [audiocassette]	
6	21	Friends – 2 nd Version [audiocassette]	
6	22	How America Loves, Critique Session [audiocassette]	
6	23	KBIA/LYCEUM Airwaves Theater '85, "The Telephone" [audiocassette]	
6	24	WKID: Kid Radio Presents "Quark Raygun, Interplanetary Hero" and "A Day At the Dickersons" [CD]	
6	25	The Seawolf [CD]	
6	26	Beyond 2000, Vaster Than Empires [CD]	
6	27	C. Adorjan 4 Radio Plays w/Intro [CD]	

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6	28	“The Telephone” Production #1 [¼" audio reel]	
6	29	“The Telephone” Production #2 [¼" audio reel]	
6	30	Audio Works by Carol Adorjan [flash drive]	
6	31	Audio Works by Carol Adorjan [duplicate] [flash drive]	
7	1	[Item List from Donor]	
7	2	[“Outcasts of Poker Flat” by Bret Harte Radio Read-Along] [CD]	
7	3	[Illinois Whole Language Plaque]	
7	4	[Misc. Communications]	
7	5	The Telephone	
7	6	Vaster than Empires and More Slow Radio	
7	7	A Safe Place – Radio	
7	8	Portions Mechanically Reproduced – Radio	
7	9	Friends – Radio	
7	10	Business Misc. Cor. Old	
7	11	Photos and Publicity and Recommendations	
7	12	Letters Shelley Power Agent	
7	13	[J. Philip O’Hara Book Catalogue]	[1972]
7	14	[American Way Magazine]	[1998]
7	15	[“Portions Mechanically Reproduced” by Carol Adorjan]	
7	16	[“Friends” by Carol Adorjan]	
7	17	Photos and Letter from Sec. Of State	