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Guide to the

**Aldous Huxley collection of papers**

1915-1973 [bulk 1915-1963]

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## Summary

**Creator:** Huxley, Aldous, 1894-1963

**Title:** Aldous Huxley collection of papers

**Date:** 1915-1973 [bulk 1915-1963]

**Size:** 413 items

**Source:** This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

**Abstract:** This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, correspondence, legal documents, portrait photographs, and pictorial works.

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## Creator History

Aldous Huxley was a British novelist, short-story writer, playwright, screenwriter, literary and social critic, and poet.

## Custodial History

Former owners include Sir Edward Howard Marsh.

## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, correspondence, legal documents, portrait photographs, and pictorial works. The typescripts include stories, plays, and criticism. The correspondence, dating from 1915 to 1963, includes letters from the author to Douglas Glass, D. H. and Frieda Lawrence, Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Robert Malise Bowyer Nichols, Frances Petersen, Edward Sackville-West, Beth Wendel, Humbert Wolfe, Leonard Woolf, and others. There are also letters relating to the author, dating from 1917 to 1969, between various correspondents including Henry Miller, Carl Van Vechten, and others. There are letters addressed to Huxley from Joseph Anthony, Helen Harvey, Beth Wendel, Gilbert Perleberg, and others dating from 1938 to 1969, many relating to Huxley's play, *The Genius and the Goddess*.

## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

### Names

Huxley, Aldous, 1894-1963  
Anthony, Joseph  
Glass, Douglas  
Harvey, Helen  
Lawrence, D. H. (David Herbert), 1885-1930  
Lawrence, Frieda, 1879-1956  
Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953  
Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953  
Miller, Henry, 1891-1980  
Nichols, Robert, 1893-1944  
Perleberg, Gilbert  
Petersen, Frances  
Sackville-West, Edward, 1901-1965  
Van Vechten, Carl, 1880-1964  
Wendel, Beth  
Wolfe, Humbert, 1885-1940  
Woolf, Leonard, 1880-1969

## Container List

### Manuscripts and Typescripts

#### Manuscripts and typescripts written by Huxley

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| Manuscript box | Miscellaneous autograph material: 1 envelope n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  |
| Cased          | After many a summer dies the swan. Typescript of the dramatization with the author's and his collaborator's, Ralph Rose's ms. corrections ca. 1958 (139 p) (139 p)   |
| Cased          | Genius and the goddess, The. Typescripts (16) of play with ms. corrections by Aldous Huxley, Beth Wendel and others 1955 - 1973 (23 v) (23 v)<br>Detailed list of contents laid in v. 1  |
| Manuscript box | [Genius and the goddess, The] Memorandum on what must be played at Boston. Typescript 1957 Nov. 24 (1 p) (1 p)   |
| Manuscript box | Notes on a mental journey. Typescript with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (16 p) (16 p)   |
| Manuscript box | 100,000 say no! Nash's cross-examines the leaders of the peace pledge movement. Typescript (carbon) of interview with Huxley's ms. corrections and additions. Richard Mealand, editor of Nash's, conducted the interview with Huxley and Hugh R. L. Sheppard n.d. (26 p) (26 p)<br>With original typescript of above, incomplete, with ms. corrections in an unidentified hand, undated 20 p.; Also TL (carbon) from Mealand to Nancy Pearn, March 31, 1936, 1 l. and 6 p. of typewritten answers with Huxley's emendations. Published in Nash's Pall Mall magazine, July 1936, p. 76-81 |
| Manuscript box | Postscript to a misadventure. Typescript (photocopy) with the author's ms. corrections. Sent to Matthew and Ellen Huxley 1957 Dec. (3 p) (3 p)   |
| Oversize (+)   | Those barren leaves. Typescript (carbon) with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (506 p) (506 p)<br>Letter dated Dec. 3, 1924, from G. H. Doran presenting the typescript to [--?] Crosby, laid in  |
- #### Manuscripts and typescripts relating to Huxley
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| Manuscript box<br>(Huxley, A.)   | Berlin Translation Service, Los Angeles. Reviews of the German television production of Aldous Huxley's dramatization of his novel The genius and the goddess, in collaboration with Beth Wendel. Typescripts 1959 Apr. 30 - 1960 Jan. 9 (2 p) (2 p)  |
| Manuscript box   | Colum, Mary (Maguire). Mortal coils, by Aldous Huxley. Typescript of book review with the author's ms. corrections. Page 3 wanting. Additional title in ms.: The quality of Aldous Huxley n.d. (3 p) (3 p)<br>Signed  |
| Manuscript box   | Nash's Pall Mall magazine. Many happy returns! Holograph and typescript contributions by various authors to the 25th anniversary issue of Nash's. Contributions solicited by and addressed to the editor of Nash's, Richard Mealand n.d. (57 folders) (57 folders)<br>Some contributions accompanied by correspondence. Detailed list of contents in folder 1. Published in Nash's, vol. 93, no. 494 (July 1934), p. 58-59, 142-147 |
| In his: [Poems]<br>Holograph<br>notebook, Feb. 18<br>[ 1963]-April 5<br>[1966], p. 84-85 | Spender, Stephen. "Performing at / the gathering commemorating / Aldous Huxley dead..." Holograph draft of poem 1963] Dec. 18 (2 p) (2 p)   |

### Correspondence

#### Outgoing Correspondence

Correspondence (cont.)  
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box	Abercrombie, Lascelles. ALS to. Refers to D. H. Lawrence's letters 1931 July 24 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Allen, Rita. TLS, TL (incomplete), TL (copy) to. Relates to his play <i>The genius and the goddess</i> 1955 Dec. 11 - 1956 Jan. 1 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
Manuscript box	Anderson, Robin. ALS to. Written on margin of letter from Robin Anderson to the author asking questions related to his <i>Ends and means</i> 1945 after Feb. 17 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Armitage, Mrs. ALS to 1962 Aug. 14 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Burr, Courtney. Telegram to. Relates to his play <i>The genius and the goddess</i> 1957 Nov. 23? (3 p) (3 p)
Manuscript box	Christy, Mr. ALS to 1935 Apr. 3 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) B.
Manuscript box	[Glass], [Douglas]. ALS to. Mentions Potocki case 1932 Mar. 9 (1 p) (1 p) B.
Manuscript box	Glass, esq., Douglas. Postcard to 1932 (1 item) (1 item) Signed with initials. B.
Manuscript box	Glass, [Douglas]. ALS to. Relates to Geoffrey Potocki de Montalk 1935 Dec. 15 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) B.
Manuscript box	Glass, [Douglas]. ALS to. Relates to Geoffrey Potocki de Montalk 1936 Jan. 30 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) B.
Manuscript box	Gordan, John D. ALS to. Relates to D. H. Lawrence 1958 Apr. 25 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Harvey, Helen. ALS to. Relates to Huxley's <i>The genius and the goddess</i> 1955 Dec. 11 (1 p) (1 p) With TLS from Helen Harvey to Aldous Huxley, Jan. 10, 1957. 1 p. Relates to Huxley's <i>The genius and the goddess</i>
Manuscript box	Harvey, Helen. TL (copy) to. Relates to Huxley's <i>The genius and the goddess</i> 1957 Jan. 10[?] (1 p) (1 p) With: TLS from Helen Harvey to Aldous Huxley, Jan. 10, 1957. 1 p.
Manuscript box	Harvey, Helen. TL (copy) to. Relates to Huxley's <i>The genius and the goddess</i> 1957 Dec. 4 (5 p) (5 p) With: TLS from Helen Harvey to Aldous Huxley, Jan. 10, 1957. 1 p.
Manuscript box	Jones, [--?]. ANS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Kelly, Nancy. TL (carbon) to. Relates to his play <i>The genius and the goddess</i> 1957 Nov. 21 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Kester, Max. TL to. Typed from a tape by Laura Huxley 1963 Nov. 17 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Land, Myrick. ALS to. Relates to disagreement between John Middleton Murry and D. H. Lawrence 1962 Mar. 1 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Manuscript box	Lawrence, David Herbert. ALS to 1928 Dec. 12 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Manuscript box	Lawrence, Frieda. 2 ALS to 1930 Apr. 27, 1930 June 6 (1 leaf each) (1 leaf each)
Manuscript box	Lea, Frank Alfred. ALS to. Relates to John Middleton Murry 1957 July 17 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Leslie, [Seymour]. ALS to 1920 Aug. 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) With envelope addressed by the recipient (?) to Alexander Whitehead. Published in <i>Letters of Aldous Huxley</i> , ed. by Grover Smith, London, Chatto & Windus, 1969, p. 190

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Inserted in: Huxley, Aldous. Eyeless in Gaza. London, 1936. 1st ed.	Lucas, E[dward] V. ALS to 1924 Feb. 18 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Marsh, Sir Edward Howard. ALS to 1920 May 6 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Marsh, Edward Howard. ALS to 1921 Mar. 21 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Marsh, Edward Howard. ALS to 1921 Nov. 21 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Marsh, Edward Howard. ALS to 1922 June 19 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box. In: Nash's Pall Mall magazine. Many happy returns! Folder 23	Nash's Pall Mall magazine. ALS to Richard Mealand. Includes his contribution to Nash's 25th anniversary issue 1934 Apr. 26 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Nash's Pall Mall magazine. ALS to Richard Mealand. Relates to his Eyeless in Gaza 1936 Jan. 29 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	International magazine company. Postcard to Richard Mealand 1937 Dec. 30 (1 item) (1 item)
Manuscript box	Nichols, Robert Malise Bowyer. 4 ALS to 1931 Jan. 18 - 1937 Feb. 16 (2 leaves each) (2 leaves each)
Manuscript box	Perleberg, Gilbert C. 4 ALS, 2 TLS to 1938 June 17 - 1959 Jan. 10 (6 letters in 2 folders) (6 letters in 2 folders) Accompanied by: Perleberg, Gilbert C. 6 TL (carbon) to Aldous Huxley, June 5, 1938-Dec. 16, 1958
Manuscript box	Perleberg, Gilbert C. ALS to 1963 Feb. 4 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Perleberg, Gilbert C. ALS to 1963 May 30 (3 p) (3 p) Accompanied by: Perleberg, Gilbert C. TL (carbon) to Aldous Huxley, May 30, 1963. 2 p.
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. ALS to 1915 June 19 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. ALS to 1915 June 25 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. ALS to 1915 June? (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. TN to 1916 Apr. 15 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. TLS to 1916 Apr. 20 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. ALS to 1917] Jan. 5 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. ALS to 1917 June 17 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. ALS to 1917 Dec. 5 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. ALS to 1917 Dec. 15 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. ALS to 1918 Jan. 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. ALS to 1918 Feb. 5 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. ALS to 1918 May 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. ALS to 1918 June 17 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. ALS to 1918 Nov. 18 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. ALS to n.y.] Feb. 28 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. ALS to n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. TLS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Petersen, Frances. TLS to n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Pinker and son, James B. LS, ALS, etc. to 1939 (3 letters) (3 letters)

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Sackville-West, Edward. ALS and TLS to 1936 Nov. 9, 1940 Jan. 9 (1 leaf each) (1 leaf each)
- Manuscript box Secker, Martin. ALS to 1932 Oct. 21 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Sheppard, [H.R.L.]. ALS to 1936 Jan. 19 (3 p) (3 p)  
Published in Letters of Aldous Huxley, ed. by Grover Smith, London, Chatto & Windus, 1969, p. 399. Came with Sir Edward Howard Marsh's correspondence
- Manuscript box Spanner, Miss. ALS to. Letter of presentation by John Rawlings, son of the correspondent 1929 Apr. 29 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Squire, John Collings. ALS to 1919 Aug. 7 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Szladits, Mrs. [Charles]. ALS to 1955 July 30 (1 p) (1 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box Watt & son, A. P. ANS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)  
Written at bottom of Watt's TLS to Huxley, May 26, 1941. With TL (carbon) from Watt, Jan. 17, 1941
- Manuscript box Wendel, Beth. 29 ALS, 1 ANS, 14 TLS, 7 postcards, 5 telegrams to 1950  
Mar. 24 - 1963 Aug. 10? (56 letters in 13 folders) (56 letters in 13 folders)  
With 9 TLS (carbons), 4 TL (carbons) from Beth Wendel to Aldous Huxley, Jan. 19, 1955-Oct. 20, 1956. Folders 1-7
- Manuscript box Wharton, Edith. ALS to 1932 Mar. 19 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Wilson, [Charles]. ALS to 1930 Sept. 20 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Wolfe, Humbert. ALS to 1923 Jan. 15 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Woolf, Leonard Sidney. ALS to 1936 Mar. 2 (3 p) (3 p)

Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box Anthony, Joseph. TLS to Huxley. Relates to Huxley's play, The genius and the goddess 1956 Jan. 5 (1 p) (1 p)  
With: Huxley, A. TL (2 copies), TL (copy) to Joseph Anthony. Jan. 1, 1956. 2 p. each; Jan. 10, 1956. 1 p.
- Manuscript box Harvey, Helen. TLS to Huxley. Relates to Huxley's play, The genius and the goddess 1957 Jan. 10 (1 p) (1 p)  
With: Huxley, A. ALS, 2 TL (copies) to Helen Harvey. Dec. 11, 1955. 1 p.; Jan. 10[?] 1957. 1 p.; Dec. 4, 1957. 5 p.
- Manuscript box (Huxley, A.) Letters, ALS, TLS, etc. from various correspondents, not listed separately, to Aldous Huxley and others, relating to the dramatization of his novel The genius and the goddess 1955 Sept. 29 - 1969 Aug. 13 (72 letters in 10 folders) (72 letters in 10 folders)
- Manuscript box Perleberg, Gilbert C. 6 TL (carbons) to Huxley 1938 June 5 - 1958 Dec. 16 (6 letters) (6 letters)  
With: Huxley, A. 4 ALS, 2 TLS to Gilbert C. Perleberg. June 17, 1938-Jan. 10, 1959. 2 folders
- Manuscript box Perleberg, Gilbert C. TL (carbon) to Huxley 1963 May 30 (2 p) (2 p)  
With: Huxley, A. ALS to Gilbert C. Perleberg [before May 30, 1963] 3 p.
- Manuscript box. In folders 1-7 Wendel, Beth. 9 TLS (carbons), 4 TL (carbons) to Huxley 1955 Jan. 19 - 1956 Oct. 20 (13 letters) (13 letters)  
With: Huxley, A. 29 ALS, 1 ANS, 14 TLS, 7 postcards, 5 telegrams to Beth Wendel. [March 24, 1950 - Aug. 10[?] 1963] in 13 folders

Related Correspondence

- Manuscript box (Pinker, J. B., firm) Letters, ALS, telegrams, etc. from various publishers, etc. to the firm of James B. Pinker and son as literary agent for Aldous Huxley n.d. (10 letters) (10 letters)
- Manuscript box Miller, Henry. AN, in the third person, to Carl Van Vechten n.d. (1 p) (1 p)  
On p. 1 of prospectus for The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna, translated by Swami Nikhilananda; foreword by Aldous Huxley, New York, 1942

Correspondence (cont.)  
Related Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box (Marsh) Morrell, Lady Ottoline Violet Anne (Cavendish-Bentinck). ALS to Sir Edward Howard Marsh. Relates to Aldous Huxley 1917 Apr. 11 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Legal Documents

Manuscript box (Huxley, A.) Agreements (5) between Aldous Huxley, Beth Wendel, and various producers relating to the dramatization of Huxley's novel *The genius and the goddess* 1957 Mar. 26 - 1962 Mar. 19 (5 items in 2 folders) (5 items in 2 folders)  
With agreement between A. Huxley and B. Wendel relating to the terms of their collaboration, July 1, 1955. Folder 1

Portraits and Pictorial Works

Pictorial Works

Manuscript box *Genius and the goddess, The*. Original pencilled sketches (3) for the set of the play n.d. (1 p. each) (1 p. each)  
With miscellaneous manuscript material relating to the production of the play. 7 items

Portraits

Manuscript box Photograph of Aldous Huxley. 14 x 9 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  
Signed

Manuscript box. Enclosed in letter of Dec. 9, 1940 2 photographs of Aldous Huxley, one with Anita Loos n.d. (2 items) (2 items)  
With: 3 ALS, 16 TLS, 1 TL to Edward Sackville-West [ca. Aug. 24, 1936]-Jan. 5, 1950