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Guide to the

**Cid Corman collection of papers**

1941-1983 [bulk 1951-1974]

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## Summary

**Creator:** Corman, Cid

**Title:** Cid Corman collection of papers

**Date:** 1941-1983 [bulk 1951-1974]

**Size:** 846 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, typescripts, galley proofs, correspondence, and notebooks dating from 1966 to 1968.

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**Language of the Material:** Some material in Japanese

**Processing note:** Processed by Staff; Machine-readable finding aid created by Lynn Lobash and Nina Schneider.

## Creator History

Cid Corman is an American poet, essayist, and translator.

## Custodial History

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## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, galley proofs, correspondence, and notebooks dating from 1966 to 1968. The manuscripts and typescripts include essays, poems, stories, and miscellaneous material by the author, as well as typewritten works of, and galley proofs for, Martin Booth, Anselm Hollo, Charles Olson, John Perlman and James Weil with Corman's manuscript emendations. The correspondence consists of letters from the author, dating from 1951 to 1983, to Franco Beltrametti, his brother and sister-in-law Dr. Leonard and Doris Corman, James L. Weil, and others, as well as letters relating to the author, dating from 1957 to 1968, from Louis Zukofsky to Babette Deutsch, and letters from miscellaneous correspondents to Corman, dating from 1966 to 1971. There are letters to Corman from Lorine Niedecker and James Weil, dating from 1960 to 1967.

## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence  
Galley proofs  
Notebooks

### Names

Corman, Cid  
Beltrametti, Franco  
Booth, Martin  
Corman, Doris  
Corman, Leonard  
Deutsch, Babette, 1895-1982  
Hollo, Anselm  
Niedecker, Lorine  
Olson, Charles, 1910-1970  
Perlman, John  
Weil, James L.  
Zukofsky, Louis, 1904-1978

## Container List

### Manuscripts and Typescripts

#### Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Corman

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|----------------|--|
| Manuscript box | Holograph and typescript fragments of essays, stories, notes and other miscellaneous material. Some dated 1967 (33 p) (33 p)<br>Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]   |
| Manuscript box | How to prepare and drink gyokuro and sencha [tea]. Holograph essay n.d. (2 p) (2 p)<br>Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]  |
| Manuscript box | Letter from Kyoto. Holograph essay 1966 Aug. 27 (22 p) (22 p)<br>Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]  |
| Manuscript box | Next. Typescript essay with the author's ms. corrections and revisions. Dated "6 May 67" in typescript and "12 Sept '68" in holograph 1967 May 6 - 1968 Sept. 12 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]   |
| Manuscript box | Noh, The. Holograph and typescript essay with the author's ms. corrections and revisions n.d. (2 items) (2 items)<br>Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]  |
| Manuscript box | One approach to Ninnaji. Typescript essay with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (4 p) (4 p)<br>Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]   |
| Manuscript box | [Poems]. Typewritten drafts with the author's ms. corrections. Folders 144-159 contain typescripts, galley proofs and notes for his books of poetry, some published by the Elizabeth Press and Origin Press, 1965-1974. Folders 160-166 contain translations 1954 - 1974 (166 folders) (166 folders) |
| Manuscript box | [Prose poem] Holograph of untitled prose poem with the author's ms. corrections 1966 Sept. 11 - 1967 July 27 (2 p) (2 p)<br>Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]   |
| Manuscript box | Shape of the plough, The. Typescript story with the author's ms. Corrections 1956 Nov. 28 (7 p) (7 p)<br>Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]  |
| Manuscript box | [Stories] Typescripts of untitled stories, with the author's ms. corrections 1964 Nov. 21 - 1967 Jan. 26 (3 items) (3 items)<br>Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]   |
| Manuscript box | Too much love is enough. Typescript essay with the author's ms. corrections. In Japanese with English translation in an unknown hand 1969 June 18 (3 p) (3 p)<br>Signed. With ALS from the editors of the PHP Institute Journal, Kyoto, Japan to Cid Corman. 2 p.; Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]    |
| Manuscript box | World as university, The. The university as studio. Earlier version, titled The University as studio, with the author's ms. corrections and revisions 1968 Apr. 13 (7 p) (7 p)   |
| Manuscript box | World as university, The. The university as studio. Typescript essay with the author's ms. Corrections 1968 Apr. 13 - 1968 Apr. 14 (8 p) (8 p)<br>Signed. With printer's directions in Japanese.   |

#### Manuscripts and Typescripts related to Corman

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

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| Manuscript box<br>(Corman) | Booth, Martin. Brevities. Typescript with Cid Corman's ms. corrections 1973 (12 p) (12 p)<br>Signed. Published New Rochelle, N.Y.: The Elizabeth Press, 1973. Came with Cid Corman's Poems                             |
| Manuscript box<br>(Corman) | Hollo, Anselm. Some worlds. Typescript with Cid Corman's ms. corrections 1973 (15 p) (15 p)<br>Signed. Published New Rochelle, N.Y.: The Elizabeth Press, 1973. Came with Cid Corman's Poems                           |
| Manuscript box<br>(Corman) | Olson, Charles. Maximus, from dogtown - I. Typescript n.d. (5 p) (5 p)<br>Came with Cid Corman's Poems   |
| Manuscript box<br>(Corman) | Perlman, John. Dinner. 650 Warburton Avenue. Yonkers. Typescript with Cid Corman's ms. corrections 1973 (16 p) (16 p)<br>Signed. Published New Rochelle, N.Y.: The Elizabeth Press, 1974. Came with Cid Corman's Poems |
| Manuscript box<br>(Corman) | Weil, James. Perfectly yours. Typescript with Cid Corman's ms. corrections 1974 (8 p) (8 p)<br>Signed. With envelope. Published New Rochelle, N.Y.: The Elizabeth Press, 1974. Came with Cid Corman's Poems            |
| Manuscript box<br>(Corman) | Weil, James. Uses. Typescript with Cid Corman's ms. corrections 1974 (7 p) (7 p)<br>Signed. With envelope. Published New Rochelle, N.Y.: The Elizabeth Press, 1974. Came with Cid Corman's Poems                       |

Notebooks

- Notebooks, Holograph 1966 - 1968 (4 v) (4 v)  
Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]

Printed Matter

Proofs

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|----------------------------|---|
| Manuscript box<br>(Corman) | Booth, Martin. Brevities. New Rochelle, N.Y.: The Elizabeth Press, 1973. Page proof. 36 cm. 1973 (9 sheets) (9 sheets)<br>With Cid Corman's ms. corrections. Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]   |
| Manuscript box<br>(Corman) | Hollo, Anselm. Some worlds. New Rochelle, N.Y.: The Elizabeth Press, 1973. Page proof. 36 cm. 1973 (8 sheets) (8 sheets)<br>With Cid Corman's ms. corrections. Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]   |
| Manuscript box<br>(Corman) | Perlman, John. Dinner. 650 Warburton avenue. Yonkers. New Rochelle, N.Y.: The Elizabeth Press, 1974. Page proof. 36 cm. 1974 (9 sheets) (9 sheets)<br>With Cid Corman's ms. corrections. Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]                           |
| Manuscript box<br>(Corman) | Weil, James. Perfectly yours. New Rochelle, N.Y.: The Elizabeth Press, 1974. Printer's dummy, with galley proofs. 38 cm. 1974 (1 sheet) (1 sheet)<br>With Cid Corman's ms. corrections. Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]                            |
| Manuscript box<br>(Corman) | Weil, James. There was. New Rochelle, N.Y.: The Elizabeth Press, 1969. Printer's dummy with galley proofs. Three copies. 36-38 cm. 1969 (5 sheets) (5 sheets)<br>With envelope; with Cid Corman's ms. corrections. Came with Cid Corman's [Poems] |
| Manuscript box<br>(Corman) | Weil, James. Uses. New Rochelle, N.Y.: The Elizabeth Press, 1974. Printer's dummy with galley proofs. 38 cm. 1974 (1 sheet) (1 sheet)<br>With Cid Corman's ms. corrections. Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]  |

Miscellaneous Printed Matter

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| Manuscript box | Origin, third series, Kyoto, Japan, 1967-1971. Statement of purpose 1967 - 1971 (1 item) (1 item)<br>Came with Cid Corman's [Poems] |
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## Correspondence

### Outgoing Correspondence

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|----------------|---|
| Manuscript box | Beltrametti, Franco. 1 ALS, 173 TLS to 1968 May 25 - 1977 Dec. 21 (174 items in 35 folders) (174 items in 35 folders)   |
| Manuscript box | Corman, Dr. Leonard and Doris, his brother and sister-in-law. 3 ALS, 113 TLS, 1 TN, 1 telegram and 3 miscellaneous pieces to 1951 May [1] - 1963 July 4 (121 items in 25 folders) (121 items in 25 folders) |
| Manuscript box | Corman, his parents [--?]. 3 TLS to 1954 Dec. 8 - 1955 Apr. 13 (3 items) (3 items)  |
| Manuscript box | Oppen, George and Mary. 11 TLS to 1960 July 30 - 1979 Dec. 1 (11 items in 2 folders) (11 items in 2 folders)  |
| Manuscript box | Weil, James L. 42 TLS to 1973 Dec. 5 - 1974 Apr. 27 (42 items in 8 folders) (42 items in 8 folders)   |
| Manuscript box | Weil, James L. 2 ALS, 2 TLS, 95 postcards to 1980 Aug. 25 - 1982 Nov. 26 (99 items in 20 folders) (99 items in 20 folders)  |
| Manuscript box | Weil, James L. 2 ALS, 19 postcards to 1982 Dec. 2 - 1983 Oct. 4 (21 items in 4 folders) (21 items in 4 folders)   |

### Incoming Correspondence

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| Manuscript box  | Niedecker, Lorine. 20 ALS, 79 TLS, 2 TL, 1 ANS, 4 AN, 39 envelopes to Cid Corman 1960 Sept. 6 - 1970 Nov. 2 (145 items in 21 folders) (145 items in 21 folders)<br>Detailed list of Lorine Niedecker's typescript poems (16), watercolor sketch, published essay realting to Cid Corman (copy), and of letters to Niedecker from various correspondents (2) recorded on folder 1. |
| In Niedecker, Lorine.<br>Homemade poems. Holograph manuscripts of 30 poems, [before Oct. 1964], 32 p. On p. [2] | Niedecker, Lorine. ALS to Corman 1964 Oct. (1 p) (1 p)  |
| Manuscript box (Corman)   | Weil, James. TLS to Corman 1967 May 22 (2 p) (2 p)<br>With envelope. Encloses: Merker, K. K. TLS (photocopy) to James Weil, May 9, 1967. 1 p.; Bowering, George. TLS (photocopy) to J[ames] W[eil]., [n.d.]. 1 p.; Levendosky, Charles. [Poems] Typescripts, undated. 6 p.; Came with Cid Corman's [Poems]  |

### Related Correspondence

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| Manuscript box          | Ciardi, John. 2 ALS, 1 TLS to May Sarton. The 1946 letters relate to Cid Corman 1941 July 3 - 1946 Feb. 9 (3 items) (3 items)   |
| Manuscript box (Corman) | Letters, ALS, TLS, enclosing drafts of introductions to museum exhibitions, etc., from miscellaneous correspondents, not listed separately, to Cid Corman. Some introductions in Japanese (?) 1966 - 1971 (19 items) (19 items)<br>With Cid Corman's ms. corrections. Came with his [Poems] |
| Manuscript box          | Zukofsky, Louis. 7 ALS, 1 postcard to Babette Deutsch. Letter of March 27, 1961, mentions Cid Corman 1957 Apr. 26 - 1968 Jan. 4 (8 items in 2 folders) (8 items in 2 folders)   |