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Georges Simenon correspondence with William Jovanovich

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Summary

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Abstract: Georges Simenon (1903-1989) was a Belgian writer and creator of the fictional detective Jules Maigret. William Jovanovich was an American publisher and president of Harcourt Brace Jovanovich. The collection consists mainly of letters between Simenon and Jovanovich written between 1963 and 1983, as well as letters to and from others relating to Simenon's work.

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Creator history

Georges Simenon (1903-1989) was a Belgian writer who published nearly 200 novels and numerous short stories. He is best known as the creator of the fictional detective Jules Maigret. William Jovanovich was an American publisher and president of Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, responsible for supporting and publishing a number of important 20th century writers including Eudora Welty, Mary McCarthy, and Umberto Eco.

Scope and content note

The collection consists mainly of letters between Georges Simenon and his publisher, William Jovanovich written between 1963 and 1983. Also included are letters to Jovanovich from Georges' wife, Denise Simenon, and his secretary, Joyce Aitken; from Italian publisher Alberto Mondadori; and from others. The collection additionally contains translations and photocopies of Simenon's letters to Jovanovich and his colleague, Helen Wolff; drafts of Jovanovich's letters; and other material relating to the publishing of Simenon's books.

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