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Guide to the
Jack Kerouac collection of papers
1942-1969
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Summary

Creator: Kerouac, Jack, 1922-1969

Title: Jack Kerouac collection of papers

Date: 1942-1969

Size: 91 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources. The correspondence with Robert Giroux was a gift of Robert Giroux.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, correspondence, and an undated notebook.

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Related Materials:

The Berg Collection also holds Jack Kerouac's personal archive. Items from the archive may be viewed by appointment with the Berg Collection's curator.

Creator History

Jack Kerouac was an American Beat novelist, essayist, and poet.

Custodial History

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Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, correspondence by the author and an undated notebook. The manuscripts include fragments and excerpts of stories. The correspondence, dating from 1943 through 1969, includes letters from the author to his sister Carolyn Blake, Robert Giroux, Alfred Kazin, Philip Whalen, and others. There are letters to Kerouac from his mother, Gabrielle, dating from [1942] to [1943].

Key Terms

Names
Kerouac, Jack, 1922-1969
Blake, Carolyn
Giroux, Robert
Giroux, Robert
Kazin, Alfred, 1915-1998
Kerouac, Gabrielle
Whalen, Philip

Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Manuscript box Elements of "City" episode. Holograph 1945? (1 p) (1 p)
On sheet with his: Motley Old Devil and other sketches. Original pencil sketches, signed and dated 1945. 1 l.

Manuscript box "High Cascades", The. Holograph and typescript fragment n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Removed from his: New book of dreams. 5 notebooks. No. 3

Manuscript box "Sing another song..." Holograph fragment. Paginated 27 n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Removed from his: New book of dreams. 5 notebooks. No. 4

Manuscript box [Town and the city] Kerouac, Jack. Elements of "City" episode. Holograph 1945? (1 p) (1 p)
On sheet with his: Motley Old Devil, and other sketches. Original pencil sketches, signed and dated 1945. 1 l.

Manuscript box Waiting for Celine -- L'enfer. Holograph 1944 Oct. 26 (4 leaves) (4 leaves)

Notebooks

Cased New book of dreams; Lucien Midnight. Holograph notebooks. Contains fragments of other works n.d. (5 v) (5 v)
Detailed listing laid in

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

Manuscript box [Blake, Mrs. Carolyn]. 6 ALS, 2 ANS, 1 AN, 9 TLS to his sister "Nin" 1947 Sept. 25 - 1963 Mar. 25 (18 letters in 3 folders) (18 letters in 3 folders)

Manuscript box Blake Jr., Paul. TLS to 1969 Oct. 20 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box Giroux, Robert. 3 ALS, 19 TLS (1 photocopy), 1 telegram to 1950 Apr. 9 - [19]63 Nov. 18 (23 letters in 5 folders) (23 letters in 5 folders)
Accompanied by 5 clippings from the Lowell Sun, Sept. 19, 20, 25, Oct. 2, 24, 1962, relating to Kerouac. Gift of Robert Giroux

Manuscript box Isaacs, Stan. 2 postcards to 1958 Nov. 12, 1958 Nov. 28 (2 items) (2 items)

Manuscript box Kazin, Alfred. 3 TLS to. 1 leaf; 1 p.; 3 p. 1951 Feb. 20 - [1954] Oct. 27 (3 letters) (3 letters)

Manuscript box Kerouac, Gabrielle. ALS to his mother 1943 Mar. 30 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Manuscript box Whalen, Philip. TLS to 1968 Dec. 4 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Incoming Correspondence

Manuscript box (Kerouac) Kerouac, Gabrielle Ange. 33 ALS to her son, Jack Kerouac [1942] - [1943 (33 letters in 7 folders) (33 letters in 7 folders)