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Guide to the

Truman Capote letters to Pearl Kazin

1949-1956

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Summary

Creator: Capote, Truman, 1924-1984

Title: Truman Capote letters to Pearl Kazin

Date: 1949-1956

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Abstract: Truman Capote was born Truman Streckfus Persons in New Orleans on September 24, 1924. A celebrated author, Capote's major works include *Other Voices*, *Other Rooms*; *Breakfast at Tiffany's*; and *In Cold Blood*. He died on August 25, 1984. This collection contains letters written by Truman Capote to his friend and literary colleague Pearl Kazin between 1949 and 1956 while Capote was living in Taormina, Sicily, and are primarily personal in nature.

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Creator History

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Scope and Content Note

This collection contains letters written by Truman Capote to his friend and literary colleague Pearl Kazin between 1949 and 1956 while Capote was living in Taormina, Sicily. These letters are primarily personal in nature, and contain information on Capote's isolated life in Sicily, the handful of relationships in that limited orbit, the feeling and spirit of his domestic life, and his own sense of distance from the New York literary scene. Capote also mentions work he's doing, particularly *The Grass Harp* - both novel and play - as well as his responses to books he had been reading and reactions to such literary developments as the Pulitzer and Guggenheim awards, publications by friends, and reviews of his own work.

Arrangement: Letters are arranged chronologically.

Key Terms

Occupations

Authors, American -- 20th century
Periodical editors -- 20th century

Subjects

Gossip
Letter writing
Literature -- Criticism and interpretation

Geographic Names

Taormina (Italy)

Titles

The Grass Harp

Names

Kazin, Pearl