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Description Ralph Thompson was an American book critic, editor and writer. He was born on November 11, 1904 in West Orange, New Jersey and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dartmouth College in 1925. Thompson entered journalism in 1932 as an associate editor of Current History which was published by the New York Times. From 1936 to 1942, he wrote the Book of the Times column which he ceased to write in order to serve in the army intelligence unit during the war. He became contributing editor for Time Magazine in 1946 and resumed his book criticism in 1948. Thompson went to England in 1949 as a Fulbright visiting professor at the University of Sheffield. Thompson authored the American Literary Annuals and Gift Books(1936), and translated Uhde: Five Primitive Masters(1948). He died of cancer on November 12, 1979 at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

The collection consists largely of letters to him by friends, authors, fellow journalists and the general public in response to his reviews. Correspondents include H.L. Mencken(1934-1948), Ezra Pound("Anno XII"), Hamlin Garland(1939 & n.d.), Sean O'Casey (1948-1950), Ernest Hemingway(1949), James T. Farrell(1939-1949), Theodore Dreiser(1930), V.F. Calverton(1936-1939), A. Kerensky(1927), A.A. Knopf(1936-1948), F. La Guardia(1929), Carl Sandburg(1937) and William Saroyan(1934 & 1937). There are also unidentified letters (1932-1957) as well as original manuscripts by Harold J. Laski, G.L. Mallory and by Thompson himself. An electrostatic copy in typescript of Hemingway's A Moveable Feast is present with numerous pamphlets on the literary works of John Dos Passos, Sinclair Lewis, William Saroyan, John Steinbeck and others. There are a few photographs of a mountain climbing expedition to the top of Mount Everest.

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- SCOTT (EVELYN) FUND
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- SCRIBNER, Charles, 1890-1952
1949 (1)
- SCUDDER, Townsend
1936 (1)
- SEAVER, Edwin
1937 (1)
- SELDES, Gilbert, 1893-
1936 (1)
1937 (1)
- SHAPIRO, Harold Roland
1936 (1)
- SHEEAN, Vincent, 1899-
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- SHERARD, Robert Harborough, 1861-1943
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- SHERIDAN, Verne
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- SHERMAN, Nathaniel
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- SHULMAN, David
1937 (1)
- SIMONS, C. Dewar
1940 (1)
- SINCLAIR, Upton Beall, 1878-1968
1937 (1)
- SLOANE, William
1939 (1)
- SMITH, Bernard
1938 (1)
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- SMITH, Isabel
1941 (1)
- SMITH, J. Russell
1939 (1)
- SNOW, Edith Huntington
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- SOSKIN, William, 1899-1952
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1938 (1)
- SOUTHWORTH, Herbert R.
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- SPEARE, Dorothy
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- STAFFORD, Jean
1949 (1)
- STARK, Irwin
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- STEVENS, George, 1904-
1937 (1)
1938 (1)
- STEWART, George Rippey
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- STILLMAN, Clara G.
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- STIMSON, Henry L., 1876-1950
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- STODDART, Dayton
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- STONE, I. F.
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- STOWE, Ruth B.
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- STRAUSS, Harold
1938 (1)
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1936 (1)
- STREET, Evelyn C.
1941 (1)

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- STRUNSKY, Simeon
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- STUDIN, Charles H.
1941 (1)
- SULLIVAN, Frank, 1892-
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- SWIFT, Janet H. M.
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- SWOPE, Herbert Bayard, 1882-1958
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- TAFT, Robert
1938 (1)
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- TAGGARD, Genevieve
1942 (1) postcard
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1939 (1)
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1958 (1)
- TAYLOR, Robert Lewis
1949 (1)
- TERRILL, Mary Church
1941 (1)
- TEHYI Hsieh
1936 (1)
- THAYER, Tiffany Ellsworth, 1902-59
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n.d. (2)
- THOMPSON, Dorothy, 1894-1961
1938 (1)
- THOMPSON, Laurance R.
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1938 (1)
- THOMPSON, Harold
1939 (1)
- TILTON, Cecil G.
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- TRUMBO, Dalton
1939 (1)

- TUNIS, John R.
1936 (1)
- VANDENBERG, Arthur Hendrick, 1884-1951
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- VAN LOON, Hendrick Willem, 1882-1944
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- VIERECK, Peter
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1941 (1)
- WALLACE, DeWitt, 1889-
1932 (1)
- WALLACE, (Dr.) Henry
1937 (1)
- WALLACE, Henry Agard, 1888-1965
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1939 (1)
- WALTERS, W. J., Jr.
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1937 (2)
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1943 (1)

WRIGHT, A. C.
1940 (1)

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1958 (1)

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