

Gordon J. Weel:

A Preliminary Inventory of His Collection of Isaac Bashevis Singer in the Manuscript Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Weel, Gordon J.
Title:	Gordon J. Weel Collection of Isaac Bashevis Singer
Dates:	1953-2004
Extent:	4 boxes, 3 serial boxes (2.5 linear feet)
Abstract:	A collection of manuscripts, correspondence, and other materials relating to Isaac Bashevis Singer, collected by his friend Gordon Weel, former regional manager of Doubleday.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-04967
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Acquisition:	Purchase, 2004 (Reg. 15292)
Processed by:	Liz Murray, 2004
Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Scope and Contents

This collection of Singer material was received at the Ransom Center, together with a large shipment of books, from Gordon Weel, former regional manager of Doubleday and friend of Isaac Bashevis Singer and his wife Alma. While serving as the I. B. Singer Coordinator at the Florida Atlantic University Libraries at Boca Raton, Weel worked on acquisition and bibliographic projects related to Singer. He corresponded with publishers, family members, and associates of Singer, and collected a wide array of books and materials related to Singer.

The papers are arranged in three Series: I. Singer Works; II. Correspondence, 1979-2004; and III. Singer-Related and Other Files.

The short works in Series I. include articles, essays, forewords, lectures, and short stories, such as galley proofs for "The Admirer," and typescripts for "Bathsheba: A Sacred Memory" and "Yiddish, the Language of Exile." Published works in various publications, 1953-2003, are also present, including *Du*, *Encounter*, *The New Yorker*, *Nimrod*, *The Pakn Treger*, *The Paris Review*, *Partisan Review*, and *The Tel Aviv Review*.

The correspondence in Series II, arranged chronologically (1979-2004) and by subject, primarily reflects Weel's acquisition and bibliographic activities, especially in the 1990s, not only for I. B. Singer but also for Singer's brother and sister, Israel Joshua Singer and Esther Singer Kreitman (also known as Ester Kreytman). Additional family correspondence exists for Alma Singer, Israel Zamir, and Joe Singer.

Series III, Singer-Related and Other Files, provides numerous articles about Singer as well as a wide range of bibliographic information. Also present are several Singer book contracts and dust jackets for books by and about Singer, items related to his Nobel Prize and Singer-related events, and photographs. Weel's lengthy checklist of Singer editions and other writings on Singer conclude this series.

Related Material

In addition to the manuscript material, the Ransom Center received numerous volumes on Singer from Weel's book collection.

Series I. Singer Works, 1953-2003, nd

Articles, essays, and forewords (*published materials removed to serial boxes 5-7)	Box 1 Folder 1*
"The Admirer," corrected galleys, [<i>New Yorker?</i>], Sept. 11, 1974	Folder 2
"Bathsheba: A Sacred Memory," corrected typescript	Folder 3
"Mazel and Shlimazel," photocopied page, corrected typescript	Folder 4
"Yiddish, the Language of Exile," corrected photocopy typescript	Folder 5

Series II. Correspondence, 1979-2004

1979-1989	Box 1 Folder 6
1990-1991	Folder 7
1992	Folder 8
1993	Folder 9
1994	Folder 10
1995	Folder 11
1996	Folder 12
1997	Folder 13
1998	Folder 14
1999	Folder 15
2000-2004	Folder 16
Undated	Folder 17
<i>Daily Forward</i>	Box 2 Folder 1
Drogin, Eve	Folder 2
Kreitman, Esther	Folder 3
Moskowitz, Ira	Folder 4
Ransom Center	Folder 5
Roshevsky, Eve	Folder 6
Singer, Alma	Folder 7
Singer, Israel Joshua	Folder 8
Singer, Joe	Folder 9
Translations, publishers	Folder 10
Zamir, Israel	Folder 11

Series III. Singer-Related and Other Files

Articles about Singer	Box 2 Folder 12-13
Articles about Singer, cont'd	Box 3 Folder 1
Author Price Guides, "Isaac Bashevis Singer," Dec. 1993	Folder 2
Bibliographic material and inventories	Folder 3
Book contracts	Folder 4
Book lists, dealers, I.B. Singer and I.J. Singer	Folder 5
Book lists, non-Singer	Folder 6
Dust jackets for books by and about Singer	Folder 7
Events, various	Folder 8
"Isaac Bashevis Singer: Centennial Media Kit"	Folder 9
Nobel Prize	Folder 10
"Odds and Bookends," Weel's articles for "Ex Libris" at Florida Atlantic University Libraries	Folder 11
Photographic images of Singer	Folder 12
Saltzman, Roberta, compiler. "Isaac Bashevis Singer: A Bibliography of His Works...", photocopy and preliminary edition, 1994	Box 4 Folder 1-2
Weel, Gordon	Folder
"Checklist of Book Editions and Variants of the Singer Family...", various versions	Folder 3-9
"Collecting the Limited Editions of I. B. Singer," <i>Biblio</i> , June 1997	Folder 10

Personal and miscellaneous

Folder 11

Various writings on Singer

Folder 12

Works of others on Jewish topics

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Serial boxes (publications)

Box 5-7 Folder