Christopher Morley:

An Inventory of His Book-of-the-Month Club Materials at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Morley, Christopher, 1890-1957
Title:	Christopher Morley Book-of-the-Month Club Materials
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Abstract:	The Christopher Morley Book-of-the-Month Club Materials consist mainly of pre-publication bound galleys and page proofs of works examined by Morley acting as a member of the Club's Selecting Committee. Several manuscripts and a small amount of correspondence are also present.
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Scope and Contents

The Christopher Morley Book-of-the-Month Club Materials consist mainly of pre-publication bound galleys and page proofs of works examined by Morley acting as a member of the Club's Selecting Committee, 1925-1955. Several manuscripts and a small amount of correspondence are also present. These materials were originally accessioned as part of Morley's library in 1959. However, because they represent pre-publication states of text, they were subsequently transferred to be added to the large collection of Morley's manuscripts, correspondence, and other papers. This inventory supplements the finding aid for the Christopher Morley Collection.

The Book-of-the-Month Club materials have been arranged alphabetically by author and title. The format of the items has been indicated only when they represent other than galleys or page proofs. Notable among the manuscripts is the corrected typescript of the second half of George Santayana's *The Last Puritan*, the first half of which is owned by the University of Virginia's Alderman Library. Also of special note is a very heavily marked paste-up of Bruce Rogers' *Paragraphs on Printing*.

Only a few items of correspondence are present, including single letters from Blanche Knopf and Don Marquis. The Index of Correspondents at the end of this inventory includes all correspondent names and the locations of the letters. There is substantial correspondence in the Christopher Morley Collection between Morley and various representatives of the Book-of-the-Month Club (about 130 items, 1925-1955), often with commentary concerning specific books.

For further information about Morley and his collection and library at the Ransom Center, see:

Ashby, Anna Lou. A Publishing History of Christopher Morley. Dissertation, University of Texas at Austin, 1974.

Ashby, Anna Lou. "The Writer as Bookman: Christopher Morley's Library." *Library Chronicle* 2 (November, 1970)

Bracker, Jon. "The Christopher Morley Collection." *Library Chronicle* VII, No. 2 (Summer, 1962).

Related Material

Beinecke Library, Yale University: Book-of-the-Month Club Records, 1946-1979

Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin: <u>Christopher Morley</u> <u>Collection, 1787-1996 (bulk 1895-1957)</u>

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Note to Researchers

This material is part of the Christopher Morley Collection. In 2025, to comply with a new content management system, this material was assigned a new collection number (changed from MS-02921 to MS-54224) and a new EAD number (changed from 01432 to 01556).

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