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Eden Robinson fonds

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Summary information

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| Repository: | Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books |
| Title: | Eden Robinson fonds |
| Reference code: | MsC-104 |
| Date: | 1991-2018 (date of creation) |
| Physical description: | 42.5 cm of textual records 2 photographs : b&w prints |
| Language: | English |
| Dates of creation, revision and deletion: | Created January 12, 2016. SSR revised January 9, 2018 MH2nd accrual processed and rearrangement, 19 June, 2019. JMH3rd accrual processed, 9 April, 2021. AW |

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Eden Robinson, a member of the Haisla and Heiltsuk First Nations, was born in 1968 on the Haisla Nation Kitimat Reserve in B.C. She grew up in the village of Kitimaat in Northern B.C. She received her Bachelor's degree in Creative Writing from the University of Victoria and completed a graduate degree in Creative Writing at the University of British Columbia in 1995. Her first book, *Traplins*, won the Winifred Holtby Prize and was a New York Times Editor's Choice and Notable Book of the Year. Her debut novel, *Monkey Beach*, was shortlisted for the Governor General's Award and the Giller Prize, and received the 2001 Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize. It was also selected as a New York Times Notable Book of the Year; *The Globe and Mail's* "Best 100 Books" and the 2000 *Globe and Mail* Editor's Choice. *Monkey Beach* was followed by another book, *Blood Sports* (2006). In 2017 Robinson was shortlisted for the Scotiabank Giller Prize for her book *Son of a Trickster* (2017).

Custodial history

Records were in the custody of Eden Robinson prior to their acquisition by Simon Fraser University Library Special Collections and Rare Books in 2007.
An accrual of records was received from Eden Robinson in 2018.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of records primarily reflecting Robinson's career as a writer, spanning approximately from 1991 to 2018. These include drafts of several of her novels including "*Monkey Beach*", "*Traplins*",

"Blood Sports", "Son of a Trickster" and "Trickster Drift", correspondence with editors and other miscellaneous records. The fonds is arranged into seven series: Correspondence (1993-2005); Awards, events and reviews (1991-2007); Records relating to "Traplines" ([1997]); Records relating to "Blood Sports" (2004-2005); Records relating to "Monkey Beach" ([ca. 2000?]); Records relating to "Son of a Trickster" (2016-2017); and Records relating to "Trickster Drift" (2014-2018).

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on contents of fonds.

Arrangement

This fonds was originally arranged and described in 2009 by W. Wang. When an additional donation of records was made in 2018 slight adjustments were made to the arrangement. Nothing was removed from the original order, although some records were removed from a file and labelled separately to facilitate access.

Conditions governing use

Works in this fonds are under copyright. Researchers are required to secure permission from the copyright holders for usage of this material, except for those covered by fair dealing.

Finding aids

The original finding aid is available in addition to the updated arrangement.

Accruals

Future accruals are possible

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
 - **Level of detail:** Full
 - **Status description:** Published
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Access points

- Robinson, Eden (subject)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographic materials (documentary form)
- Arts and culture (subject)

- First nations (subject)

Series descriptions

Series MsC-104-0-1: Correspondence

Date: 1993-2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series consists of professional correspondence related to Eden Robinson's writing career, as well as newspaper clippings and photocopies of reviews of her work.

Physical description: 3.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

File / item list

| Reference code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|-------------------|---|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| MsC-104-0-1-0-0-1 | File - Correspondence (Bukowski Agency) | 1993-1997 | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-1-0-0-2 | File - Correspondence (Interviews and events) | 1996-1997 | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-1-0-0-3 | File - Correspondence | 1998-2005 | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |

Series MsC-104-0-2: Awards, events and reviews

Date: 1991-2017 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series was originally titled "Miscellaneous records". The title was changed and the contents slightly rearranged for better intellectual access. It consists of photocopies of Eden Robinson's university degrees, as well as awards, prize information, publicity and newspaper clippings of reviews.

Physical description: 8.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

File / item list

| Reference code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|-------------------|--|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| MsC-104-0-2-0-0-1 | File - [University degrees and coursework] | 1992-1997 | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |

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| MsC-104-0-2-0-0-2 | File - [Prism International and "Journey Prize Anthology" | 1991-1994 | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-2-0-0-3 | File - [Newspaper clippings and reviews] | 1995-1996 | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-2-0-0-4 | File - [Press clippings - "Traplines" reviews] | 1996-1997 | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-2-0-0-5 | File - [The Giller Prize - correspondence, programs and publicity] | [2000] | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-2-0-0-6 | File - [Newspaper clippings] | [1998-2001] | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-2-0-0-7 | File - [Article and story authored by Eden Robinson] | 2010-2012 | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-2-0-0-8 | File - [Correspondence re: awards and events] | 2017 | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-2-0-0-9 | File - [Publications - short stories by Eden Robinson] | 2007-2012 | MsC 104 - Box 3 |

Series MsC-104-0-3: Records relating to "Traplines"

Date: [1997] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series consists of a draft and "final notes" version of the collection of short stories "Traplines".

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

File / item list

| Reference code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|-------------------|---|--------|---------------|-----------------|
| MsC-104-0-3-0-0-1 | File - ["Traplines" - handwritten draft] | [1997] | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-3-0-0-2 | File - ["Traplines" - typed draft with notes] | [1997] | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-3-0-0-3 | File - [Book - "Traplines", German edition, soft cover] | 2002 | | MsC 104 - Box 3 |

Series MsC-104-0-4: Records relating to "Blood Sports"

Date: 2004-2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series consists of chapter drafts of the novel "Blood Sports", including correspondence and notes from editors.

Physical description: 13 cm of textual records

Publication status:

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| File / item list | | | | |
| Reference code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-1 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (PART I) | 2005 | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-2 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (PART II) | 2005 | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-3 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (JAG) | 2005 | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-4 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (BUNKER) | 2005 | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-5 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (PENANCE) | 2005 | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-6 | File - "Blood Sports": draft | 2005 | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-7 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (DITCH) | 2005 | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-8 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (SURRENDER) | 2005 | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-9 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (ROLL) | 2005 | | MsC 104 - Box 1 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-10 | File - "Blood Sports": draft | 2004 | | MsC 104 - Box 2 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-11 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (AURA) | 2004 | | MsC 104 - Box 2 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-12 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (GRIND) | [2004] | | MsC 104 - Box 2 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-13 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (STATIC) | [2004] | | MsC 104 - Box 2 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-14 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (ROLL) | [2004] | | MsC 104 - Box 2 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-15 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (AMENDS) | [2004] | | MsC 104 - Box 2 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-16 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (DUMB FUN) | [2004] | | MsC 104 - Box 2 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-17 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (GUN SHY) | [2004] | | MsC 104 - Box 2 |
| MsC-104-0-4-0-0-18 | File - "Blood Sports": draft (DETACH) | [2004] | | MsC 104 - Box 2 |
| Series MsC-104-0-5: Records relating to "Monkey Beach" | | | | |
| <u>Date:</u> [ca. 2000?] (date of creation) | | | | |
| <u>Scope and content:</u> | | | | |
| Records obtained in an accrual donated by Eden Robinson in 2018. This series consists of a draft of the novel "Monkey Beach". | | | | |
| <u>Physical description:</u> 2 cm of textual records | | | | |
| <u>Publication status:</u> | | | | |

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| File / item list | | | | |
| Reference code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
| MsC-104-0-5-0-0-1 | File - [Draft, bound copy of "Monkey Beach" | [ca. 2000?] | | MsC 104 - Box 2 |
| Series MsC-104-0-6: Records relating to "Son of a Trickster" | | | | |
| <u>Date:</u> 2009-2017 (date of creation) | | | | |
| <u>Scope and content:</u> | | | | |
| Records obtained in an accrual donated by Eden Robinson in 2018 and in 2020. This series consists of a draft of the novel "Son of a Trickster", as well as a review and poster advertisement. | | | | |
| <u>Physical description:</u> 4 cm of textual records | | | | |
| <u>Publication status:</u> | | | | |
| published | | | | |
| File / item list | | | | |
| Reference code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
| MsC-104-0-6-0-0-1 | File - [Draft of "Son of a Trickster"] | 5-May-16 | | MsC 104 - Box 2 |
| MsC-104-0-6-0-0-2 | File - [Magazine with author biography and review of "Son of a Trickster"] | 2017 | | MsC 104 - Box 2 |
| MsC-104-0-6-0-0-3 | File - [Laminated poster, cover of "BC Bookworld" with Eden Robinson on the cover] | 2017 | | MsC 104 - Box 3 |
| MsC-104-0-6-0-0-4 | File - [Earliest drafts of "Son of a Trickster"] | 2009-2016 | | MsC 104 - Box 4 |
| Series MsC-104-0-7: Records relating to "Trickster Drift" | | | | |
| <u>Date:</u> 2014-2018 (date of creation) | | | | |
| <u>Scope and content:</u> | | | | |
| Records obtained in an accrual donated by Eden Robinson in 2018 and in 2020. This series consists of drafts of the novel "Trickster Drift" as well as the author's writing plan. | | | | |
| <u>Physical description:</u> 10 cm of textual records | | | | |
| <u>Publication status:</u> | | | | |
| published | | | | |
| File / item list | | | | |
| Reference code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |

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|-------------------|---|-------------|--------------------|
| MsC-104-0-7-0-0-1 | File - [Edited draft of "Trickster Drift"] | [ca. 2014?] | MsC 104 - Box 3 |
| MsC-104-0-7-0-0-2 | File - [Writing schedule and notes] | [ca. 2014] | MsC 104 - Box 3 |
| MsC-104-0-7-0-0-3 | File - [Draft of "Trickster Drift"] | 2-Feb-18 | MsC 104 - Box 3 |
| Msc-104-0-7-0-0-4 | File - [Drafts of opening chapter of "Trickster Drift"] | 2016-2018 | MsC 104 - Box 4 |

Series MsC-104-0-8: Records relating to "Return of the Trickster"

Date: 2017-2019 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Records obtained in an accrual donated by Eden Robinson in 2020. This series consists of drafts of the novel "Return of the Trickster."

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

File / item list

| Reference code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
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| MsC-104-0-8-0-0-1 | File - "Return of the Trickster" deleted scenes | | | MsC 104 - Box 4 |