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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books
Title:	Polestar Press fonds
ID:	MsC 78
Date:	1984-1995 (date of creation)
Physical description:	3.96 m of textual records
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Polestar Press was founded in Victoria, British Columbia, by Julian Ross in 1981. The company moved to Winlaw, British Columbia, and later to Vancouver. Polestar Book Publishers has specialized in fiction, poetry, sports books, and books for young adults, and launched its Sirius Books imprint which features books about dogs. Polestar acted as a distributor for Garamond Press of Toronto, and also distributed selected audio recordings from Nettwerk Productions, and magnetic poetry kits. Polestar Press was purchased by Michelle Benjamin in 1995. Early in 2000 the press was bought by Raincoast Books where Polestar is the fiction division of the Raincoast imprint.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of manuscripts, page proofs, editorial and general correspondence, contracts, promotional and biographical materials. Included in the fonds are archival materials for Vi Plotnikoff's *Head Cook at Wedding and Funerals* (1994), first collection of Doukhobor short stories published and the first widely published literary writings by a Doukhobor woman, and George Elliott Clarke's poem-novel *Whylah Falls* (1990), later adapted for the stage and film, along with materials related to the publication of other works in Polestar's catalogue.

Notes

Title notes

Finding aids

An inventory of the fonds is available in Special Collections. An online finding aid is available at <http://www.lib.sfu.ca/sites/default/files/8910/Polestar.pdf>

Other notes

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

- Polestar Press
 - Textual record (documentary form)
 - Arts and culture (subject)
 - Business and commerce (subject)
 - Vancouver (place)
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Series descriptions
