

**Margaret O. Hyde papers, 1953**  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Free Library of Philadelphia: Children's Literature Research Collection
<b>Creator</b>	Hyde, Margaret O. (Margaret Oldroyd), 1917-
<b>Title</b>	Margaret O. Hyde papers
<b>Date</b>	1953
<b>Extent</b>	0.21 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Margaret Oldroyd Hyde is a writer who specializes in books for adolescents on topics of health, invention, or science. The Margaret O. Hyde papers consist of material from <i>Flight Today and Tomorrow</i> (1953), including typescripts, galleys, and illustration proofs.

### Preferred Citation note

[Description and date of item], [Box and folder number], Margaret O. Hyde papers, 1953, Free Library of Philadelphia, Children's Literature Research Collection.

## Biographical/Historical note

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Margaret Oldroyd Hyde was born in Philadelphia on February 18, 1917, and spent most of her life in the Philadelphia area. She attended Beaver College (now Arcadia University), planning to become a physician, but her parents forbade it. Instead, she attended Columbia University Teacher College and became a science teacher at the Shipley School.

Hyde initially had no interest in writing but her mentor, Dr. Gerald Craig, convinced her to rewrite and update textbooks he had written for sixth-graders. The resulting book, *New Ideas in Science* (1947), began her long career of science and health writing for adolescents. Her early books focused on science and invention, including titles like *Flight Today and Tomorrow* (1953), *Driving Today and Tomorrow* (1954), and *Atoms Today and Tomorrow* (1955). Later in her career, however, Hyde began to focus more on social issues with titles like *Speak Out on Rape* (1976), *Brainwashing and Other Forms of Mind Control* (1977), and *Cry Softly: The Story of Child Abuse* (1980).

Hyde frequently shared author credit with experts, including a series of books co-written with psychiatrist Elizabeth Forsyth. Hyde also co-wrote six books with her sons. Her later books are part of her 101 series with Forsyth, focusing on topics like drugs, smoking, safe sex, and spirituality for teens. Hyde continues to write and currently lives in Connecticut.

### Bibliography:

*Children's Literature Review*, vol. 23.

"Margaret O. Hyde." *Contemporary Authors Online*. Detroit: Gale, 2008.

*Something About the Author*, vol. 139.

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## Scope and Contents note

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The Margaret O. Hyde papers include typescripts, galleys, and illustration proofs for her 1953 book *Flight Today and Tomorrow*, illustrated by Clifford N. Geary.

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## Arrangement note

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This collection is arranged in order of probable creation. It is housed in the same box as the Frances Salomon Murphy writings and the Jim Arnosky illustrations.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Conditions Governing Access note**

This collection is open to researchers by appointment. Please contact the Curator for information.

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Gift of Margaret O. Hyde, 1969.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Genre(s)**

- Galley proofs
- Proofs (printed matter)
- Typescripts

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Geary, Clifford N.

**Subject(s)**

- Children's authors--20th century
- Children's literature--20th century
- Illustrated children's books--20th century
- Illustration of books--20th century

## Flight Today and Tomorrow

## Collection Inventory

## Flight Today and Tomorrow 1953

Final draft, corrected typescript

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Text	1	9

**Box**

2

Corrected galley proof

Illustration proofs pasted to paper

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	10

**Box**

2

Front matter, page proofs

Plate proof

**Flight Today and Tomorrow**

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	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Text	1	5

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