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Summary Information

Repository	Free Library of Philadelphia: Children's Literature Research Collection
Creator	Lattany, Kristin Hunter, 1931-2008
Title	Kristin Hunter Lattany writings
Date [inclusive]	circa 1968-1971
Extent	0.1 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	This collection consists of a typescript for the book <i>Boss Cat</i> (1971) and a manuscript for the book <i>The Soul Brothers and Sister Lou</i> (1968) by Kristin Hunter Lattany (1931-2008).

Preferred Citation note

[Description and date of item], [Box and folder number], Kristin Hunter Lattany writings, circa 1968-1971, Free Library of Philadelphia, Children's Literature Research Collection.

Biographical/Historical note

Kristin Hunter Lattany was born on September 12, 1931 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She studied education at the University of Pennsylvania. Her first novel, *God Bless the Child*, was published in 1964 and won the Philadelphia Athenaeum award. Like the majority of her work, it depicts race relations in the United States. Lattany wrote her first children's book, *The Soul Brothers and Sister Lou* (1968), at the suggestion of her publishers. It was praised for providing a relatable view of black culture and won the Lewis Carroll Shelf award in 1971. She also wrote a sequel called *Lou in the Limelight* (1981). Her collection of short stories, *Guests in the Promised Land* (1973), was a finalist for the National Book Award. She taught English and creative writing at the University of Pennsylvania from 1972 to 1995 and was honored with the Chisolm award from the Philadelphia Congress of the National Political Congress of Black Women in 1996. She was married twice, first to Joseph Hunter in 1952 and then to John I. Lattany, Sr. in 1968. She died on November 14, 2008.

Bibliography

American Women Writers: A Critical Reference Guide from Colonial Times to the Present: A Critical Reference Guide from Colonial Times to the Present. 2nd ed., s.v. "Hunter-Lattany, Kristin."

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"Kristin Hunter," *Wikipedia*, accessed on December 30, 2011, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kristin_Hunter

Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of a typescript for the book *Boss Cat* (1971) and a manuscript for the book *The Soul Brothers and Sister Lou* (1968).

Arrangement note

This collection is arranged alphabetically in two series: I. Boss Cat; II. The Soul Brothers and Sister Lou. It is housed in the same box as the Reinhold Weimar Goll writings and the William Steig illustrations.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift of Kristin Hunter Lattany, 1975.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Manuscripts
- Typescripts

Subject(s)

- African American authors
- Children's authors--20th century
- Children's literature--20th century

Boss Cat

Collection Inventory**Boss Cat 1971**

Final draft, revised typescript

	Box	Folder
Text	1	4-5

The Soul Brothers and Sister Lou 1968

Draft of chapter 5, corrected manuscript

	Box	Folder
Text	1	6