

Beatrice Schenk De Regniers papers, 1961-1968
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Summary Information

Repository	Free Library of Philadelphia: Children's Literature Research Collection
Creator	De Regniers, Beatrice Schenk
Title	Beatrice Schenk de Regniers papers
Date [inclusive]	1961-1968
Extent	0.42 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	The collection consists of dummies, correspondence, manuscripts, outlines, sketches, research notes, drafts, galley proofs, and typescripts by the children's book author and editor Beatrice Schenk de Regniers (1914-2000), for her books <i>The Little Girl and Her Mother</i> (1963), <i>May I Bring a Friend?</i> (1964), <i>The Abe Lincoln Joke Book</i> (1965), and <i>Willy O'Dwyer Jumped in the Fire</i> (1968).

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

Beatrice Schenk de Regniers (nee Freedman) was born on August 16, 1914 in Lafayette, Indiana. After attending the University of Illinois, de Regniers briefly worked as a social worker and then a copywriter. In 1961, de Regniers joined Scholastic as the editor of Lucky Book Club, where she remained until her retirement in 1981.

De Regniers's first book, *The Giant Story* (1953) was illustrated by Maurice Sendak and her most enduring book, *May I Bring a Friend?* (1964) received the Caldecott Medal for Beni Montresor's illustrations. De Regniers adapted a number of classic stories, including *Red Riding Hood* (1972) and *Jack and the Beanstalk* (1985). She also wrote picture books in verse, which in addition to *May I Bring a Friend?* included the Sendak-illustrated *What Can You Do With a Shoe?* (1955) and three cat-themed poetry books. De Regniers published more than fifty books, including ten under the pseudonym Tamara Kitt. She died in Washington, D.C., on March 1, 2000.

Bibliography:

“Beatrice Schenk (Freedman) de Regniers.” *Contemporary Authors Online*. Detroit: Gale, 2003.

Something About the Author, vol. 68.

Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of materials for four books written by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers, including *The Little Girl and Her Mother*, *Willy O'Dwyer Jumped in the Fire*, *May I Bring a Friend?*, and *The Abe Lincoln Joke Book*. It includes dummies, correspondence, manuscripts outlines, sketches, research notes, drafts, galley proofs, and typescripts.

The collection consists mainly of written materials for the published works. A few dummies and manuscript outlines contain very basic graphite sketches by de Regniers.

Arrangement note

This collection is arranged alphabetically in four series: I. The Abe Lincoln Joke Book; II. The Little Girl and Her Mother; III. May I Bring a Friend?; and IV. Willy O'Dwyer Jumped in the Fire.

Within each series, items are arranged in order of probable creation. Correspondence between de Regniers and her publishers and illustrators is grouped with the title to which it pertains.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

University of Minnesota: Beatrice Schenk de Regniers Papers, 1953-1988, CLRC-124.

University of Southern Mississippi: Beatrice Schenk de Regniers Papers, 1958-1982, DG0263.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Dummies (printed matter)
- Galley proofs
- Manuscripts
- Outlines (documents)
- Research notes
- Sketches
- Typescripts

Personal Name(s)

- Cummings, William Lahey
- Gilman, Esther
- Montresor, Beni

Subject(s)

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

The Abe Lincoln Joke Book

Collection Inventory

The Abe Lincoln Joke Book 1965

Research notes circa 1960-1965

	Box	Folder
Text	1	1-21

Manuscript outline 1964

	Box	Folder
Text	1	22

Dummy and manuscript outline, 66 pages 1964

	Box	Folder
Text	1	23

First draft of introduction, corrected typescript 1964

	Box	Folder
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The Little Girl and Her Mother

Text	1	24
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Draft, revised typescript 25 December 1964

	Box	Folder
Text	1	25-26

Correspondence regarding editing and production of *The Abe Lincoln Joke Book* 1965

	Box	Folder
Text	1	27

The Little Girl and Her Mother 1963

Manuscript outline circa 1961-1963

	Box	Folder
Text	1	28

Draft, corrected typescript 2 June 1963

	Box	Folder
Text	1	29

May I Bring a Friend?

Correspondence regarding submission, editing, and production of *The Little Girl and Her Mother* 1961-1963

	Box	Folder
Text	1	30

May I Bring a Friend? 1964

Manuscript outline circa 1962

	Box	Folder
Text	1	31

Draft, corrected typescript 1962 December

	Box	Folder
Text	1	32

Corrected galley proofs circa 1962-1964

	Box	Folder
Text	1	33

Willy O'Dwyer Jumped in the Fire

Correspondence regarding contracts, production, and the published book for *May I Bring a Friend?* 1961-1967

	Box	Folder
Text	1	34

Willy O'Dwyer Jumped in the Fire 1968

Large dummy, 46 pages circa 1968

	Box	Folder
Text	1	35

Medium dummy, 10 pages circa 1968

	Box	Folder
Text	1	36

Small dummy, 42 pages circa 1968

	Box	Folder
Text	1	37

Willy O'Dwyer Jumped in the Fire

Final draft, revised typescript 1968

	Box	Folder
Text	1	38

Corrected galley proofs 1968

	Box	Folder
Text	1	39

Summary for Junior Literary Guild, corrected typescript 1968

	Box	Folder
Text	1	40

Scope and Contents note

The summary for the Junior Literary Guild outlines de Regniers's work on *Willy O'Dwyer Jumped in the Fire* with illustrator Beni Montresor.