Grace Sydenstricker Yaukey papers, 1934-1968

Overview of the Collection

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<th>Spencer, Cornelia, 1899-1994</th>
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<td>Summary</td>
<td>Grace Sydenstricker Yaukey (1899-1994) was an author of books primarily for children. The collection includes manuscripts of books, articles, and short stories; correspondence; and reviews relating to Yaukey’s interest in the history and culture of China.</td>
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Historical Note

Grace Sydenstricker Yaukey was born on May 12, 1899 in Chinkiang, China, the daughter of missionaries Absalom and Caroline (Stulting) Sydenstricker. She spent much of her life in China; it was not until her return to the United States in 1935 that she began writing. Her first works, short stories about China, were published in Asia magazine. Using the pen name Cornelia Spencer, Yaukey wrote more than thirty books, mostly for children, focused on the history and culture of China and other Asian countries. She also wrote on a variety of revolutions, both political and industrial, in the East and the West. She produced as well two biographies on her sister, the Nobel Prize-winning novelist Pearl S. Buck.
Grace S. Yaukey received her B.A. from Maryville College in 1922 and her M.A. from Columbia University in 1930. She married a missionary, Jesse Baer Yaukey, and together they raised three children: Raymond, David, and Jean.


Grace Yaukey was a member of Authors Guild, Authors League of America, Society of Women Geographers, Children's Book Guild (Washington, D.C.), and the East and West Association (Washington branch).

Grace Sydenstricker Yaukey died on May 3, 1994, of a heart attack in Sandy Spring, Maryland.

(Source: Gale Literary Databases. "Grace S(ydenstricker) Yaukey." Contemporary Authors. 2 October 2003. 22 June, 2005.)

Content Description


A large series of correspondence includes letters exchanged between Yaukey and publishers such as the John Day Company, Alfred A. Knopf, J.B. Lippincott, Macrae-Smith Company, and Row, Peterson and Company.

The published manuscripts are comprised of Chiang Kai-Shek and Sun Yat-sen, while Exploring the Origins of Social Welfare, How Caring Began, and The Story of Prisons are unpublished. There are two miscellaneous folders, of which the first houses research correspondence, photographs, pamphlets, and news clippings for Keeping Ahead of Machines, and the second contains reviews, biographical data, and the published story Mr. Kada Discovers Democracy..

Administrative Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Description

Guide to the Grace Sydenstricker Yaukey Papers

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
Children's literature, American--Authorship
Publishers and publishing--Correspondence
Women authors, American--20th century

Personal Names:
Buck, Pearl S. (Pearl Sydenstricker), 1892-1973
Spencer, Cornelia, 1899-1994
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Corporate Names:
Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.
J.B. Lippincott & Co.
John Day Company
Macrae-Smith Company
Row, Peterson, and Company

Geographical Names:
China--Juvenile literature

Form or Genre Terms:
Correspondence
Manuscripts for publication

Finding aid prepared by processing staff
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