

Zane Grey papers, 1923-1929

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Grey, Zane, 1872-1939
Title	Zane Grey papers
Dates	1923-1929 (inclusive) 1923 1929
Quantity	0.5 linear feet, (1 container)
Collection Number	Ax 462
Summary	The collection contains four original hand-written manuscripts by western author Zane Grey. It also contains three published stories. The stories in the collection are particular to the Rogue River in Oregon.
Repository	University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives. UO Libraries--SCUA 1299 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1299 Telephone: 541-346-3068 spcarref@uoregon.edu
Access Restrictions	Collection is open to the public. Collection must be used in Special Collections and University Archives Reading Room. Collection or parts of collection may be stored offsite. Please contact Special Collections and University Archives in advance of your visit to allow for transportation time.
Additional Reference Guides	See the Current Collection Guide for detailed description and requesting options.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

Zane Grey was born Pearl Zane Grey on January 31, 1872 in Zanesville, Ohio to Lewis Grey and Alice Josephine (Zane) Grey. Growing up, he had the typical boyhood. He had a gang of friends, excelled in athletics, but was not interested in school work. Grey was a talented baseball player and was highly recruited by various colleges. Despite his dislike for academic life, he managed to earn a degree in dentistry from the University of Pennsylvania in 1896.

From 1898 to 1904 he lived in New York City and had an unsuccessful dentistry practice. It was unsuccessful primarily due to his lack of interest. At this time, he wrote his first book Betty Zane about his Ohio ancestors, which was rejected by numerous publishers and finally published by Grey himself. In 1904 he moved to Lackawaxen, Pennsylvania, where he met Lina Elise Roth. They were married in 1905. She was one of Grey's primary supporters of his efforts to become a professional writer.

In 1908, Grey accompanied Col. C.J. "Buffalo" Jones to the west. Grey was amazed by the stories of the colonel. As a result of the trip, he wrote *The Last of the Plainsmen*. From all the material he acquired during this trip, more novels were written. Grey was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting, and that outdoor life is portrayed in many of his books. He often enjoyed hunting along the Rogue River in Oregon. When he was not adventuring in the outdoors, he was writing at his home in Atlanta, Georgia.

Grey became famous for his western novels and literature. In his lifetime, he wrote well over sixty books as well as numerous short stories. His literature helped to create the idea of the Western as a literary genre. An acclaimed and highly-successful novelist, Grey died on October 23, 1939.

Content Description

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Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

Description

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Adventure and adventurers--United States

Novelists, American--20th century

Western stories--Authorship

Form or Genre Terms :

Manuscripts for publication

Western stories

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