Edward Abbey audio collection, 1981-1989

Overview of the Collection

Creator  Abbey, Edward, 1927-1989
Title  Edward Abbey audio collection
Dates  1981-1989 (inclusive)
1981  1989
Quantity  4 audiocassettes
Collection Number  A0779
Summary  The Edward Abbey audio collection (1981-1989) consists of audio recordings or public and published works of Edward Abbey, as well as his memorial service in 1989. Recordings include Abbey's speech at the 'cracking' of Glen Canyon Dam in 1981 and the audiobook Freedom and Wilderness: Edward Abbey Reads from his Work. Edward Abbey was a noted author and environmental activist, much of whose work focused on the desert Southwest.
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Languages  English

Biographical Note

Edward Abbey (1927-1989) was born in Indiana, Pennsylvania. After attending the University of New Mexico, Abbey studied as a Fulbright scholar at Edinburgh University and as a Wallace Stegner Creative Writing Fellow at Stanford University. Abbey became a teacher, a writer, an advocate of environmentalism, and a vocal critic of public land policies. His writings, especially his novel The Monkey Wrench Gang are still used as inspiration by radical environmental groups. His book, Desert Solitaire, is a partial autobiography centering on Abbey's years as a park ranger at Arches National Monument in Utah from 1956-1957. He died March 14, 1989 at the age of 62.

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Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain any necessary copyright clearances.

Permission to publish material from the Edward Abbey audio collection must be obtained from the Special Collections Multimedia Archivist.

Preferred Citation

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Following Citations:A0779.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

Materials are arranged by subject matter.

Processing Note

Processed by Molly Creel in 2012.

Related Materials

See also the Edward Abbey papers (Accn 2444).

Detailed Description of the Collection

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
Environmentalism

Geographical Names:
Arizona
Glen Canyon Dam (Ariz.)
Utah

Form or Genre Terms:
Sound recordings

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