

Steven M. Krauzer papers, 1970-2009

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Krauzer, Steven M.
Title	Steven M. Krauzer papers
Dates	1970-2009 (inclusive) 1970 2009
Quantity	20.4 linear feet and 991 electronic files 198 megabytes of digital materials
Collection Number	Mss 767
Summary	Steven Krauzer was a Missoula, Montana, based writer who authored, co-authored, or edited 33 book length works. The Steven M. Krauzer Papers consist largely of Krauzer's professional papers including correspondence and financial records related to Krauzer's works, as well as drafts and published versions of short and book length prose.
Repository	University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections Archives and Special Collections Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library University of Montana 32 Campus Dr. #9936 59812-9936 Missoula, MT Telephone: 406-243-2053 Fax: 406-243-4067 library.archives@umontana.edu
Access Restrictions	Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and The University of Montana-Missoula.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Steven Mark Krauzer was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1948 to Earl and Bernice Krauzer. Raised in Manchester, New Hampshire, Krauzer began his writing career in high school as a general reporter and sportswriter for the Manchester Union Leader. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Yale University in 1970, Krauzer explored the depiction of good and evil in detective fiction in his 1974 Master's thesis in the English Literature program at the University of New Hampshire. His first magazine article, "Caught Naked in Lover's Lane," appeared in the February 1971 issue of *Real Confessions*, followed by short stories in *Cavalier*, *Fling* and *Gem* magazines.

Krauzer moved to Missoula, Montana in the mid-seventies, where he co-authored nine westerns with acclaimed author and University of Montana creative writing professor William Kittredge. The Cord series, published between 1982 and 1986 under the pen name Owen Rountree, featured bank robber Cord and his girlfriend accomplice Chi. With Kittredge, Krauzer also edited three anthologies in the late seventies; *Great Action Stories*, *The Great American Detective*, and *Stories into Film*. In 1980, they

edited TriQuarterly 48, an issue dedicated to Western American literature, which included works by Edward Abbey, Richard Ford, and Cormac McCarthy.

From 1975-1977, Steven taught composition and literature as a continuing education instructor at The University of Montana. As a Visiting Instructor, he taught courses titled "The Hard-Boiled Detective in Fiction and Film" and "The American Western Film: Myth and Image." The latter he taught with Bill Kittredge. From 1990-1996, Krauzer taught Creative Writing at the University on an occasional basis as a Visiting Assistant Professor.

In 1983, he met Dorrit Karasek, a Missoula artist and mental health therapist, and they married nine years later. Throughout his career, Krauzer wrote many western and action-adventure novels under various pen names; most notably the six-volume *Dennison's War* series as Adam Lassiter in the mid-eighties. Under his own name, his publications include *Frame Work* in 1989; *Brainstorm* in 1991; *Rojak's Rule* in 1992; *God's Country* in 1993 and *Winter of the Wolf* in 1994. Krauzer also led fiction writing workshops at The University of Montana as an adjunct professor and played right field for the Montana Review of Books, a team comprised of Missoula writers including Bryan DiSalvatore and James Crumley.

In 1986, Krauzer's first screenplay was made into the Roger Corman produced film, "Cocaine Wars," followed by "Sweet Revenge" in 1987. His last major publications were non-fiction guidebooks about kayaking and, with local Missoula author Peter Stark, outdoor winter adventuring. He also authored an outdoor advice column for Outside Magazine.

From 1996 to 2002, Krauzer worked in production for a number of radio and television stations in Missoula. He served as Production Director for KYSS-FM, KGVO, and KLCY from 1996-1999, and in Master Control for KMMF-TV in 2002. Steven died on March 18, 2009 in Missoula.

A draft of an obituary by DiSalvatore that was printed in the March 29, 2009 Missoulian is kept in the archives and special collections accession file along with a reminiscence by Michael Sherwood dated November 9, 2010.

Content Description

The Steven M. Krauzer Papers are comprised largely of files related to specific literary works written or edited by Krauzer. These files often include drafts, notes, and treatments, which are extended synopses of a full manuscript. Files for edited works also include correspondence with publishers and copyright holders. The collection also contains general business correspondence, published copies of Krauzer's works, and computer files.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Researchers are responsible for using in accordance with 17 U.S.C. and any other applicable statutes. Non-exclusive copyright transferred to The University of Montana for unpublished works by Krauzer or materials solely authored by Krauzer including works published under a pseudonym. This transfer of rights does not pertain to materials in the Executioner series as Krauzer did not possess a legal interest in these works. For works co-authored by Krauzer, permissions may need to be attained from interested third parties for uses exceeding fair use. Exclusive copyright for works solely authored by Krauzer is to be transferred to the University by 2029 or in the event of the death of his literary heir.

Preferred Citation

Steven M. Krauzer Papers, Archives and Special Collections, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, The University of Montana-Missoula.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

This collection consists of five series:

Series I: Correspondence, circa 1970-2008, 2.6 linear feet

Series II: Works by Steven M. Krauzer, 1972-1976, 15.2 linear feet

Subseries 1: Works edited by Krauzer, 1976-1982, 2.4 linear feet

Subseries 2: Works by Krauzer, 1972-1996, 11.3 linear feet

Subseries 3: Ideas and notes, 1977-1994, 1.5 linear feet

Series III: Personal records, 1970-2009, 0.6 linear feet

Series IV: Published materials, 1971-1996, 1.4 linear feet

Series V: Computer files, 1979-2009, 991 electronic files

Acquisition Information

The Steven M. Krauzer Papers were acquired from Earl and Bernice Krauzer in 2009 with Michael J. Sherwood acting as a representative of Krauzer's estate.

Processing Note

The collection was processed in 2010. Duplicates of drafts, computer disks, and published works by Krauzer were not retained, nor were Krauzer's Yale yearbooks nor copies of commercially produced computer programs. If possible, original folders were retained, although the titles are not necessarily reflected in the container list.

The computer files were processed in 2017. Computer programs and duplicate files were not retained. The electronic files were arranged to mirror the physical collection. All original file names were retained along with the directories created by Krauzer to describe the contents of the files. The word processing files were migrated from their original WordStar file type to Adobe PDFs.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Correspondence, circa 1970-2008

2.6 linear feet

This series is largely comprised of business correspondence regarding works Krauzer sent out for publication and largely reflects Krauzer's original arrangement, with two exceptions. Krauzer's 1999 correspondence file has been placed at the front of the series due to several letters within the file dating back to Krauzer's years at Yale, and the outgoing 1981 correspondence file which contains correspondence dating as far back as 1977. These Files within this series also contain some personal correspondence, including a letter of condolence to Ripley Schemm Hugo, clippings, and drafts of short works by Krauzer. Much of the correspondence related to the compilation of works edited by Krauzer may be found in Series II, Subseries 1 (Works by Steven M. Krauzer, Works edited by Krauzer). The computer files associated with this collection are in Series V: Computer files and audio-visual materials.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Correspondence 1999	circa 1970-1999
1/2	Business correspondence received	1977
1/3	Business correspondence mailed out	1977
1/4	Business correspondence sent out 1981	1977-1981
1/5	Business correspondence received	1978
1/6	Business correspondence mailed out	1978
1/7	Business correspondence received	1979
1/8	Business correspondence mailed out	1979
1/9	Business correspondence received	1980
1/10	Business correspondence mailed out	1980
1/11	Business correspondence received 1981	1980-1981
2/1	Business correspondence sent	1982
2/2	Business correspondence received	1982
2/3	Business correspondence sent out	1983
2/4	Business correspondence received	1983
2/5	Business correspondence sent	1984

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/6	Business correspondence received	1984
2/7	Correspondence received	1985
3/1	Correspondence received	1986
3/2	Correspondence received	1987
3/3	Correspondence received	1988
3/4	Correspondence received	1989
3/5	Correspondence received	1990
4/1	Correspondence received	1991
4/2-3	Correspondence	1992
4/4	Correspondence	1993
4/5	Correspondence	1994
5/1-2	Correspondence	1995
5/3-5	Correspondence	1996
6/1	Correspondence	1997
6/2-3	Correspondence	1998
6/4	Correspondence	2000
6/5	Correspondence	2001
6/6	Correspondence	2002
7/1	Correspondence	2003
7/2	Correspondence	2004
7/3	Correspondence	2005

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7/4	Correspondence	2006
7/5	Correspondence	2007
7/6	Correspondence	2008

Series II: Works by Krauzer, 1972-1996

15.2 linear feet

This series contains drafts of works by Krauzer, as well as correspondence related to the creation of works edited by Krauzer. This series is comprised of three subseries: Subseries 1: Works edited by Krauzer, Subseries 2: Works by Krauzer, and Subseries 3: Ideas and notes for works. The files within this series contain documents relevant to the development of Krauzer's many works, including outlines and correspondence with potential contributors to edited works. Published versions of Krauzer's works may be found in Series IV: Published Works. The computer files associated with this collection are in Series V: Computer files and audio-visual materials.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<p>Subseries 1: Works edited by Steven Krauzer 2.4 linear feet This subseries contains correspondence, copyright agreements, and drafts of edited works by Krauzer and Bill Kittredge. Of note is their work on TriQuarterly 48, which was a special issue on literature of the West.</p>	1976-1982
Box		
7-8	<p><i>Great Action Stories</i> These boxes include page proofs, drafts of the introduction and head notes for Great Action Stories. Krauzer assigned the generic heading of "Anthology" or "Permissions" to most folders in these boxes. These boxes also include business correspondence related to the anthology, copyright permissions for stories used in the book, and a copies of stories that were considered, but not used in the final text.</p>	1976-circa 1979 and undated
9-10	<p><i>The Great American Detective</i> These boxes include drafts of the book, introduction, and head notes for The Great American Detective. They also include business correspondence related to the anthology, copyright permissions for stories used in the book, and a copies of stories that were considered, but not used in the final text.</p>	1977-1978 and undated
10-12	<p><i>Stories into Film</i></p>	1977-1979 and undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	These boxes include drafts of Stories into Film. They also include business correspondence related to the book, copyright permissions for stories and adaptations used in the book, and copies of stories that were considered.	
12-13	<i>TriQuarterly 48</i> These boxes include drafts of the introduction to and stories used in <i>TriQuarterly 48</i> , an issue dedicated to the literature of the West. The boxes also include business correspondence related to the issue. Notable contributors to this issue include Edward Abbey, Ivan Doig, Richard Ford, Dorothy Johnson, Cormac McCarthy and Tobias Wolff. These files also include correspondence with William Stegner, A.B. Guthrie, and Tom Robbins.	1979-1980
13	<i>The Invention of the West</i> This file contains a draft of the anthology.	1982
	Subseries 2: Works by Krauzer 11.3 linear feet This subseries contains drafts and outlines of short stories, screenplays, and book length works by Krauzer. This includes works written in collaboration with other authors, such as the Cord series, which was written in collaboration with Bill Kittredge. This subseries is organized in alphabetical order by the title of the work. Books that are part of a series are all listed under the series title. For example, <i>The Nevada War</i> is filed as Cord 2 as it is the second book of the series.	1976-1996 and undated
Box		
13	<i>Able Team 2</i>	undated
13	<i>American Iron</i>	1996
13	<i>The Armchair Detective</i> reviews Original folder title reads "Various TAD Reviews."	1976-1979
OS 56	<i>Bandolera</i>	1988
13-14	<i>Blaze</i>	1981-1982
14-15	<i>Brainstorm</i>	1990
15	The Breaks of the Game	1977

Container(s)	Description	Dates
15	The Brief Outlaw Career of Me and Buck	1978
15-16	<i>Cocaine Wars</i>	1983-1985
16	Code of the West	1978
16-18	<i>Cord 1</i>	1980-1981
OS 56	<i>Cord 1</i> galleys	circa 1982
18-19	<i>Cord 2: The Nevada War</i>	1980-1981
19	<i>Cord 3: The Black Hills Duel</i>	1982-1983
OS 56	<i>Cord 3</i> galleys	circa 1983
19	<i>Cord 4: Hunt the Man Down</i>	1983
20-21	<i>Cord 5: Gunman Winter</i>	1983
21-22	<i>Cord 6: Gunsmoke River</i>	1983-1984
22	<i>Cord 7: King of Colorado</i>	1984
22-23	<i>Cord 8: Paradise Valley</i>	1985
23-24	<i>Cord 9: Brimstone Basin</i>	1985-1986
24	<i>Dennison's War</i>	circa 1983
24-26	<i>Dennison's War 1</i>	1982-1983
27	<i>Dennison's War 2</i>	1983
27	<i>Dennison's War 3</i>	1983
27-28	<i>Dennison's War 4</i>	1984-1985
28	<i>Dennison's War 5</i>	1985
28-29	<i>Dennison's War 6</i>	1985

Container(s)	Description	Dates
29	<i>Dennison's War 7</i>	undated
29-30	<i>The Diggers: The Making of Australia</i>	1981
30	Doig Review	1979
30-31	Executioner	1980-1982
32	<i>Executioner 40</i>	1980-1981
32	<i>Executioner 44</i>	1981-1982
33	<i>Executioner 45</i>	1982
33	<i>Executioner 46</i>	1982
33	<i>Executioner 47</i>	1982
34	<i>Executioner 50</i>	1982
34	Extra Curricular Activities: our Fearless Pursuit of the New Campus Sex Clubs	1977-1978
34	Extra Innings	1976
34	The Fine Art of the Nooner	1975-1976
34-35	<i>Frame Work</i>	1988-1989
36	A Hot Afternoon in a Small Western Town	1976
36	Hugo review	1980-1981
36	<i>JokeMeisters</i>	1989-1990
36	<i>Kentucky Rifle</i>	1991-1992
37-39	L.A. Project	1986-1987
39	Liquor in the Front, Poker in the Rear	1977
39	Missoulian review of <i>The Last Good Kiss</i>	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
39	Montana Writers and the Re-Invention of the West	1979
39	<i>Patriot Kill</i>	1977-1981
39	Reviews, short pieces	1981
40	RoboRanch	1989
40	<i>Rojak 1</i>	1990-1992
40-41	<i>Rojak 2</i>	1991
41	<i>A Shadow You Will Soon Be</i>	1991
41	Streets of Gold	1978-1980
41-42	<i>Styx</i>	undated
42	<i>Sweet Revenge</i>	1985
42	University of New Hampshire thesis	1972
42	<i>You Gotta Be Kidding!</i>	1991
	Subseries 3: Ideas and notes 1.5 linear feet This subseries contains files of notes not associated with published works. These files are in chronological order.	1977-1994 and undated
Box/Folder		
42/7	Active--Murray Jr. Become a Man	1977-1978
42/8	Articles and publicity Processing note: Contains potentially offensive materials. Includes movie stills for Cocaine Wars.	1979-1987
43/1-2	Articles and publicity (continued) Processing note: Contains potentially offensive materials. Includes movie stills for Cocaine Wars.	1979-1987
43/3	Dead--Darius P. Drinkwater and the King of Wavonia	1980

Container(s)	Description	Dates
43/4	King Cole Drafts	1981
43/5	Beowulf correspondence and contracts	1986
43/6-7	Computer game	1991-1992
44/1-3	Almanac Ideas, Steve's File	1991-1993
44/4	Loose materials	1991, 2007
44/5	Tour Info Systems	1992
44/6	Food Article	1992
44/7	Helltrips - Tour info sys	1992
44/8	Sea Grass and Silver Mountain	1992
45/1	New Ideas File	August 05, 1992
45/2-4	Background Material, Steve's File	1992-1993
45/5	Ideas/Animals, Steve's File	1992-1993
45/6	Montana Biodiversity Project	1993
45/7	General Magazine Ideas	1993
45/8	Bear Article, Outside	April 1993
46/1	Campsite Article, Outside	April 1993
46/2	Coroner's inquest on body of Anthony Rich	1994
46/3	Ideas	undated
46/4	Peter French preliminary materials	undated

Series III: Personal records, 1970-2009

0.6 linear feet

This series consists of contracts, royalty statements, letters of recommendation, and Krauzer's circular card file—or rolodex. The rolodex contains cards of Krauzer's professional contacts, as well as short

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passages describing characters or events. The computer files associated with this collection are in Series V: Computer files and audio-visual materials.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
46/5	Transcripts and letters of recommendation	1970, 1996
46/6	Howard the Duck Receipts for comic books.	1976
46/7	Contracts	1977-1995
46/8	Royalty statements	1977-2007
47/1-3	Royalty statements (continued)	1977-2008
47/4	Loose royalties statements	1985-1998
47/5	List of books read and movies viewed	2009
47/7	Photograph of Krauzer	circa 2004
Box		
55	Rolodex	undated

Series IV: Published materials, 1971-1996

1.4 linear feet

This series contains published novels by Krauzer and magazines featuring Krauzer's works. Amongst the magazines featuring works by Krauzer are *Outside*, *Cavalier*, and *Fling*. In addition to the fictional works listed in Series II, this series also contains book length works of non-fiction by Krauzer that include outdoor guides and a book about hiring and promotion.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
48	Magazine articles by Krauzer Contains potentially offensive materials. Contains issues of <i>Outside</i> , <i>Vision</i> , <i>Bikini Battle</i> , <i>Montana Magazine of Western History</i> , <i>American West</i> , <i>The Armchair Detective</i> , <i>Adam</i> , <i>Far West</i> , <i>Cavalier</i> , <i>Gem</i> , <i>Fling</i> , and <i>Real Confessions</i> .	1971-1994

Container(s)	Description	Dates
52-53	Anthologies and nonfiction works by Krauzer	1977-1996
53	<i>TriQuarterly 48</i> Edited by Kittredge and Krauzer	1980
49-53	Novels by Krauzer	1982-1994
47/6	Book covers	1986-1996

Series V: Computer files, 1979-2009

991 electronic files

198 megabytes of digital materials

This series consists largely of electronic copies of Krauzer's works, correspondence, and personal records. Also included are digital audio recordings of commercials written by Krauzer, the digital master of the invitation to Krauzer's funeral, and a digital photograph of Krauzer. To access the electronic files please contact the Archives and Special Collections for a list of available files.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Electronic_folder		
Electronic Folder	Computer files associated with Series I: Correspondence Krauzer's correspondence business and personal.	1986-2009
Electronic Folder	Computer files associated with Series II: Works by Steven M. Krauzer Electronic drafts of Krauzer's works including potential writing projects and research notes. The files in this electronic folder are organized by Work according to Krauzer's original directory lists.	1979-2007
Electronic_folder		
Electronic Folder	Articles	1992-1997
Electronic Folder	Bad Dog	2001
Electronic Folder	Blood River	1988-1990

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Electronic Folder	Brainstorm	1989-1990
Electronic Folder	Cocaine Wars	1979-1990
Electronic Folder	Cord This folder contains files for the Cord series include Books 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and ideas for future books in the series.	1979-1986
Electronic Folder	Couples Self Help Book	2005
Electronic Folder	Dennison's War This folder contains files for the Dennison's War series include Books 1 through 6 and ideas for future works.	1979-1985
Electronic Folder	Fine White Line	1988
Electronic Folder	Holt 2	1993
Electronic Folder	JokeMeisters	1990-1998
Electronic Folder	Kentucky Rifle	1992
Electronic Folder	LA Project	1979-1987
Electronic Folder	Laos Project	1987-1989
Electronic Folder	Outside Magazine Articles	1991-1993
Electronic Folder	Research Notes and Story Ideas	1979-1998
Electronic Folder	Ride a Crooked Trail	2002-2007

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Electronic Folder	Rojak This folder contains files for both Rojak books.	1989-1996
Electronic Folder	Scale A Silver Mountain	1986
Electronic Folder	Sweet Revenge	1985
Electronic Folder	The Selection Solution	1993-1996
Electronic Folder	Winter Adventures	1995
Electronic Folder	Computer files associated with Series III: Personal records Krauzer's personal records.	1983-2009
Electronic_file		
Electronic File	Krauzer's Commercials The final versions of commercials written by Krauzer for radio.	1994
Electronic File	Krauzer's Airchecks Krauzer's airchecks for when he was a D. J. for a radio station.	1994
Electronic File	Krauzer Funeral Invitation The electronic version of the invitation to Krauzer's funeral.	2009

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Adventure stories

Western stories

Personal Names :

Krauzer, Steven M.--Archives

Corporate Names :

University of Montana--Missoula--Faculty

Occupations :

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