

Milton Meltzer papers, 1955-1973

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Meltzer, Milton, 1915-2009
Title	Milton Meltzer papers
Dates	1955-1973 (inclusive) 1955 1973
Quantity	17 linear feet, (12 containers) : 11 record storage boxes, 1 manuscript box
Collection Number	Ax 533
Summary	Milton Meltzer (May 8, 1915-) held many positions in his life, varying from working in public relations to lecturing and working as a full-time writer. Collection comprises primarily literary manuscripts and correspondence related to Milton Meltzer's work as an author and editor of books for children and young people on American history, particularly African American history.
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

Milton Meltzer (May 8, 1915-) was born in Worcester, Massachusetts to Benjamin and Mary (Richter) Meltzer. He wed Hilda Balinky on June 22, 1941 and they had two daughters.

Meltzer received his education at Columbia University from 1932-1936. He was a member of the Author's Guild, Author's League of America, PEN, and Organization of American Historians.

During his career Meltzer held positions in public relations for the staff of Henry A. Wallace for President, and Pfizer. He was also an editor for Science and Medicine Publishing Co. Inc., and a consulting editor for Thomas Y. Crowell Co., Doubleday and Co. Inc., and Scholastic Book Services.

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Meltzer was also a writer for Federal Theater Project of the Works Project Administration and Columbia Broadcasting Inc. Meltzer was also an account executive for the Medical and Pharmaceutical Information Bureau. He was also a full time writer of books. Meltzer was an adjunct professor at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a lecturer at universities in the United States and England, as well as professional meetings and seminars. Meltzer also wrote films and filmstrips. He served in the air force branch of the military and became a sergeant.

Content Description

The collection contains several manuscripts and correspondence reflecting Meltzer's writing career. For several of the manuscripts the correspondence for a particular work is included in the collection of folders holding a particular manuscript. There is a separate series for correspondence that does not pertain to a particular work.

Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

Description

[Guide to the Milton Meltzer Papers](#)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

African Americans
African Americans--History--Juvenile literature
Authors, American--20th century
Young adult literature, American--Authorship

Personal Names :

Rapoport, Bernard, 1917-2012

Form or Genre Terms :

Correspondence

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