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Abstract: B. Traven (1890?-1969) was a seaman and author. His publications include The cotton pickers (1956), The treasure of Sierra Madre (1935), and The white rose (1965). The collection consists of several articles by Lawrence Clark Powell about B. Traven, as well as a copy of Edward R. Hagemann's article, A checklist of the works of B. Traven and the critical estimates and biographical essays on him; together with a brief biography.

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Biography
Much of the biographical information about B. Traven is conjectural; he may have been born Berick Traven Torsvan on March 5, 1890 in Chicago, Illinois; went to sea as a cabin boy around 1900 or 1912; later became a seaman; spent some time in London and Berlin, before settling in Mexico about 1920-22; wrote in German; titles in English translation include The death ship: the story of an American sailor (1934), The cotton pickers (1956), The treasure of Sierra Madre (1935), The bridge in the jungle (1938), and The white rose (1965); he died on March 27, 1969.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of several articles by Lawrence Clark Powell about the novelist B. Traven, as well as a copy of Edward R. Hagemann's article, A checklist of the works of B. Traven and the critical estimates and biographical essays on him; together with a brief biography, in the Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America, first quarter, 1959.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Traven, B.
Powell, Lawrence Clark, 1906-.
Hagemann, E.R. (Edward R.), 1921-.
Authors--20th century--Archival resources.

Articles, correspondence, and ephemera about B. Traven. v.p., ca. 1925-1959.

Physical Description: 2 boxes.

Scope and Content Note
This collection was started by Lawrence Clark Powell and contains several articles by him about B. Traven.

The collection was expanded and brought up to date in 1958 by Edward R. Hagemann who published A checklist of the works of B. Traven and the critical estimates and biographical essays on him; together with a brief biography, in the Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America, First Quarter, 1959. A copy of this is in the collection.