Preliminary Guide to the Alfred and Carol Schmitz Collection

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Alfred and Carol Schmitz Collection, ca. 1967-1980

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Alfred and Carol Schmitz Collection
Dates: ca. 1967-1980
Collection number: Mss 267
Creator: Schmitz, Carol
Collection Size: 0.9 linear feet (2 document boxes and 1 map folder).
Repository: University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Dept. of Special Collections
Santa Barbara, CA 93106
Abstract: Mainly first editions, many signed, of Booker Prize winner and shortlist books, together with related
correspondence (mainly Booker authors), publicity, and other ephemera.
Physical location: Boxes 1-2 (Del Sur); Map folder (Map Cabinet 21/2).
Languages: English

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Acquisition Information
Donated by Carol Schmitz, 2009.

Scope and Content Notes
The Alfred and Carol Schmitz Collection has been donated by Carol Schmitz in the name of her late husband and herself.
The collection mainly contains Booker Prize winning and shortlisted books, together with related correspondence (mainly
Booker authors), publicity, and other ephemera.

For several years Carol attended Booker Prize events in London and searched diligently for the best copies available of
oftentimes obscure and difficult to find titles. The books are all first editions and many have been signed by the author.
The Booker Prize was founded in 1969 and became the Man Booker Prize in 2002, when the Man Group plc became the
main sponsor. It is one of the most prestigious prizes awarded to contemporary authors of fiction. Only citizens of the
Commonwealth or the Republic of Ireland are eligible. Judges are chosen from among leading critics, writers, and
academics. Decisions are often controversial and engender heated discussion in the British media.
The container list describes the manuscript and ephemeral parts of the collection. Books in the collection have been cataloged separately.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

- Schmitz, Carol
- Man Booker Prize

| Box 1 | Authors - correspondence, arranged alphabetically by surname. Authors include Beryl Bainbridge, A. S. Byatt, Michael Frayn, James Kelman, Ben Okri, Graham Swift, and Barry Unsworth
| Box 1 | Chronological - correspondence, invitations, dvds, lists of Booker Prize winners and shortlisted authors, press releases, publicity packets, and other ephemera, arranged by year
| Box 1 | 1982
| Box 1 | 1991
| Box 1 | 1993-2006
| Box 2 | 2007-2008
| Box 2 | Articles - about the Booker Prize
| Box 2 | Goff, Martyn - undated correspondence and notes from the Administrator of the Booker Prize (other dated items are filed in chronological section)
| Box 2 | Orange and Whitbread Prizes - correspondence and publicity (Carol Schmitz also collected monographs relating to these prizes), ca. 1999-2005
| Map Cabinet 21/2 | Oversize - four mounted Booker Prize lists [map cabinet 21/2]
| Map Cabinet 21/2 | 1969-1996
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