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Summary information

Repository: University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections

Title: Joan Thomas fonds

ID: Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34 (A.12-64)

Date: 1971-2012, predominant 2000-2011 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1.13 m of textual material.
2 audio cassette tapes.
3 CD-Rs.
2 photographs.

Physical location: Annex basement

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Physical location: Rare book vault

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Joan Thomas grew up on the Canadian prairies. She studied English at the University of Winnipeg and taught English in three different high schools, as well as in a teacher-training program in the Caribbean. She has worked as a freelance writer, reviewer, and editor, and as Writing and Publishing Consultant for the Manitoba Arts Council.

Thomas has been a frequent book reviewer for the *Globe and Mail* since 1993 and for two years wrote a biweekly feature review in the *Globe*. In 2010, she, along with Pasha Malla and Alissa York, selected the stories for the *Journey Prize Anthology* (McClelland & Stewart) and in 1999 she was co-editor (with Heidi Harms) of *Turn of the Story: Canadian Short Fiction on the Eve of the*

Millennium (House of Anansi Press). Her interview-based features with writers have been published in the *Winnipeg Free Press* and *Prairie Fire*.

Thomas has been writing fiction since about 2000. Her 2008 novel *Reading by Lightning* won the Commonwealth Prize for Best First Book (Canada and the Caribbean) and the Amazon.ca First Novel Award. Her second novel, *Curiosity*, was published in April 2010 by McClelland & Stewart. It was named a Quill and Quire Book of the Year and was nominated for the ScotiaBank Giller Prize and the International IMPAC-Dublin Literary Award.

Custodial history

The fonds was donated to the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections by Joan Thomas in 2012.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of research for and drafts of Thomas's long- and short-form fiction work, as well as copies of her published work. Correspondence with editors, friends, and fans is also included, as are records and information from Thomas's visits to academic conferences and the Banff Centre for the Arts. As well, a digital copy of material found on Thomas's website is included.

Notes

Title notes

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Partial
- **Status description:** Draft

Access points

- Multiple media (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Student work

<u>Date:</u> 1971-1988 (date of creation)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Student work	1971-1988		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 1
Freelance work				
<u>Creator:</u> Thomas, Joan (Sandra Joan)				
<u>Date:</u> 1987-2012 (date of creation)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Freelance book reviews			UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 1
	File - Freelance articles	1992-2012		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 1
	File - Freelance contracts	1996-2008		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 1
	File - Robertson v. Thomson lawsuit	2012		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 1
	File - Reviewing notebooks	1996-1998		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 1
	File - Authors' responses to reviews	1991-1997		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 1
	File - CBC documentaries and interviews	1992		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 1
Carol Shields interview and article				
<u>Creator:</u> Thomas, Joan (Sandra Joan)				
<u>Creator:</u> Shields, Carol, 1935-2003				
<u>Date:</u> 1994-1995, 2003 (date of creation)				

<u>Date:</u> 1994-1995 (date of creation)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Carol Shields correspondence and article	1994-1995, 2003		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 1
Success For All Learners: A Handbook on Differentiating Instruction				
<u>Creator:</u> Thomas, Joan (Sandra Joan)				
<u>Date:</u> 1996 (date of creation)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Success For All Learners: A Handbook on Differentiating Instruction	1996		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 1
In Her Own Voice: Childbirth Stories from Mennonite Women				
<u>Creator:</u> Thomas, Joan (Sandra Joan)				
<u>Creator:</u> Harms, Heidi, 1953-				
<u>Creator:</u> Martens, Katherine, 1935-				
<u>Date:</u> 1997 (date of creation)				
<u>Date:</u> 1997 (date of creation)				
<u>Date:</u> 1997 (date of creation)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - In Her Own Voice: Childbirth Stories from Mennonite Women	1997		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 2
	File - In Her Own Voice - correspondence	2 October 1996		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 2
Turn of the Story: Canadian Short Fiction on the Eve of the Millennium				
<u>Creator:</u> Thomas, Joan (Sandra Joan)				
<u>Creator:</u> Harms, Heidi, 1953-				
<u>Date:</u> 1997-2000 (date of creation)				

<u>Date</u> : 1997-2000 (date of creation)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Turn of the Story: Canadian Short Fiction on the Eve of the Millennium	1999		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 2
	File - Turn of the Story - correspondence and contract	1997-2000		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 2
	File - Turn of the Story - Anansi catalogues and editors' photograph	1999		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 2
	File - Turn of the Story - reviews	1999		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 2
Feast of Misrule				
<u>Date</u> : 2000 (date of creation)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Feast of Misrule - unpublished manuscript	2000		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 2
	File - Feast of Misrule - correspondence	2000		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 2
Grant applications				
<u>Creator</u> : Thomas, Joan (Sandra Joan)				
<u>Date</u> : 2003-2011 (date of creation)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Grant applications	2003-2010		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 2
The Journey Prize: Canada's Best New Writers				
<u>Creator</u> : Thomas, Joan (Sandra Joan)				

<u>Creator:</u> Malla, Pasha, 1978-				
<u>Creator:</u> York, Alissa				
<u>Date:</u> 2010 (date of creation)				
<u>Date:</u> 2010 (date of creation)				
<u>Date:</u> 2010 (date of creation)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - The Journey Prize: Canada's Best New Writers	2010		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 2
	File - The Journey Prize - correspondence and list of submissions	2010		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 2
Reading by Lightning				
<u>Creator:</u> Thomas, Joan (Sandra Joan)				
<u>Date:</u> 2004-2011 (date of creation)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Archival research material	1902-1903 [200-?]		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 3
	File - Research notes	2004-2007		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 3
	File - Research notebooks	[200-?]		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 2
	File - Editor's notes	2008 2005-2008 2007-2008		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 3
	File - Correspondence with editor Bethany Gibson	2005-2011 2005-2011		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 3
	File - Digital copy of correspondence with Bethany Gibson and Goose Lane Editions	2005-2011 2005-2011 2005-2011 2005-2011		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 3

	File - Contract with Fiddlehead/Goose Lane Editions	12 February 2007	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 3
	File - Correspondence with Goose Lane Editions: Suzanne Alexander, Akoulina Connell, Susan Baker	2008-2011 2008-2011 2008-2011 2008-2011	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 3
	File - Reading by Lightning - draft for first Goose Lane edit	[200-]	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 3
	File - License for "I'll Fly Away"	[200-]	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 3
	File - Reading by Lightning - uncorrected proof	2008	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 3
	File - Reading by Lightning - second edition	2008	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 4
	File - Reading by Lightning - readers' guide edition with afterword, interview, and other features	2008, 2011	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 4
	File - Publicity and reviews	2008	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 4
	File - Thin Air Writers' Festival	2008	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 4
	File - Launch party	2008	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 4
	File - Correspondence from friends on launch	2008	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 4
	File - Commonwealth Prize	2009	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 4
	File - Commonwealth Prize correspondence	2009	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 4
	File - Prizes and nominations	2009-2010	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319,

		Tc 163, El 34, Box 5
	File - On the Same Page program - Winnipeg Public Library	2009-2010 UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 5
	File - Goose Lane catalogues	2009-2011 UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 5

Curiosity

Creator: Thomas, Joan (Sandra Joan)

Date: 2008-2012 (date of creation)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Research notebooks	2007		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 5
	File - Research notes	[200-]		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 5
	File - Research notes and early first- person draft	[200-]		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 5
	File - Research: postcards	[19--?]		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 5
	File - Historical timelines	[200-]		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 5
	File - Research correspondence	2007-2009		
	File - Printed draft with notes	2007		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 5
	File - Correspondence with editor Lara Hinchberger	2008-2011		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 5
	File - Correspondence with publisher	2009 2009		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 6
	File - Digital copy of correspondence with editor, final draft of Curiosity	2008-2011		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319,

			Tc 163, El 34, Box 6
	File - Editing notes	2008-2009	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 6
	File - Curiosity draft with editing notes (2008)	2008	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 6
	File - Curiosity draft with editing notes (2009)	2009	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 6
	File - Curiosity - uncorrected proof	2010	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 6
	File - Curiosity - hardcover		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 7
	File - Curiosity - paperback		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 7
	File - Publicity	2010-2011	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 7
	File - Launch	2010	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 7
	File - Reviews	2010	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 7
	File - Award nominations	2011-2012	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 7
	File - Mary Anning Day	2011	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 7

Published short stories

Creator: Thomas, Joan (Sandra Joan)

Date: 1994, 1995, 2009 (date of creation)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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	File - "Summer of Love" in Canadian Fiction Magazine	1994	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 7
	File - "Somewhere in the memory of the universe" in Prairie Fire	1990-1996 1990	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 8
	File - "Help Island" in Prairie Fire	2009	UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 8

QuArc Magazine

Creator: Agricore Cooperative Ltd.

Date: 2011 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

QuArc Magazine, a one-time collaboration between Arc Poetry Magazine and The New Quarterly, published in 2011. Thomas's conversation with Anita Lahey begins on page 31 of the Arc side. Also includes correspondence relating to the interview.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual material.

Physical location: Annex basement

File / item list

Banff Centre for the Arts

Creator: Thomas, Joan (Sandra Joan)

Date: 2007-2012 (date of creation)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - 5-week writing studio	2007 2007 2007		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 8
	File - Faculty	2010, 2012		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 8

Events

Date: 2010-2011 (date of creation)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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	File - Writers' festivals	2010		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 8
	File - Explora International Conference	2011		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 8
	File - Speaker's notes	2009-2011		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 8

Correspondence

Date: 2005-2012 (date of creation)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Digital copy	2008-2011		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 9
	File - Correspondence with Anne McDermid	2005-2011		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 9
	File - Correspondence re: prizes and freelance writing	2009-2011		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 9
	File - Correspondence re: book promotion	2008-2010		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 9
	File - Correspondence through website	2010-2012		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 9
	File - Awards and professional events	2008-2009		

Website

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Website	2012		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 9

Restricted material

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Explora International Conference	2011		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 9
	File - Banff Centre for the Arts	2006-2012		UMASC Mss 363, Pc 319, Tc 163, El 34, Box 9