

FONDS DESCRIPTION

Polestar Press, 1981-2000

Polestar Press fonds, 1984-1995

3.96 meters of textual records

Administrative History: Polestar Press was founded in Victoria, British Columbia, by Julian Ross in 1981. The company moved to Winlaw, British Columbia, and later to Vancouver. Polestar Book Publishers has specialized in fiction, poetry, sports books, and books for young adults, and launched its Sirius Books imprint which features books about dogs. Polestar acted as a distributor for Garamond Press of Toronto, and also distributed selected audio recordings from Nettwerk Productions, and magnetic poetry kits. Polestar Press was purchased by Michelle Benjamin in 1995. Early in 2000 the press was bought by Raincoast Books where Polestar is the fiction division of the Raincoast imprint.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of manuscripts, page proofs, editorial and general correspondence, contracts, promotional and biographical materials. Included in the fonds are archival materials for Vi Plotnikoff's *Head Cook at Wedding and Funerals* (1994), first collection of Doukhobor short stories published and the first widely published literary writings by a Doukhobor woman, and George Elliott Clarke's poem-novel *Whylah Falls* (1990), later adapted for the stage and film, along with materials related to the publication of other works in Polestar's catalogue.

Source of supplied title: Title has been assigned after review of publisher's questionnaire.

Physical Description: Includes textual records and other materials in eleven boxes.

Immediate Source of acquisition: The Polestar Press fonds was acquired from Julian Ross by Simon Fraser University in November 2005.

Finding Aids: An inventory of the fonds is available in Special Collections.

Accruals: No further accruals of archival materials are expected.