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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Robinson, Jerry, 1922-2011
Creator:	Cameron, Don
Creator:	Finger, Bill, 1914-1974
Creator:	Samachson, Joseph, 1906-1980
Creator:	Schiff, Jack
Creator:	Schwartz, Alvin, 1916-2011
Title:	Jerry Robinson papers
ID:	10098862
ID:	MS#1640
Date [inclusive]:	1942-1964
Physical Description:	40 linear feet
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Abstract:	Papers of comic book illustrator Jerry Robinson.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Jerry Robinson Papers; Box and Folder (if known); Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Sherrill David Robinson was born January 1, 1922. He briefly attended Columbia University (1940-1941) to study journalism before leaving school to work with Batman creator Bob Kane as an inker and letterer for the book, and then at National Comics as a staff illustrator. Robinson was instrumental in creating many of the Batman secondary characters and villains. Robinson was president of the National Cartoonists Society from 1967 to 1969 and served a

two-year term as president of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists starting in 1973. He was inducted into the Comic Book Hall of Fame in 2004 and received the Sparky Award for lifetime achievement from the Cartoon Art Museum in 2011. Robinson died in 2011 at the age of 89.

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Scope and Content

The Jerry Robinson collection contains a number of comic book and comic strip scripts given to Robinson to illustrate, including scripts by Batman co-creator Bill Finger and Robinson's own scripts for Atoman and London. In addition to the scripts, the collection includes coursework from high school and Robinson's time as a student at Columbia, as well as notebooks, script ideas, examples of Robinson's illustrating work outside of the comics, original art, Sunday comics tearsheets, and much more.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 1 series.

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Accruals

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Controlled Access Headings

- Batman (Fictitious character)

Collection Inventory

Jerry Robinson Papers	
Title/Description	Instances
Scripts	box 1
Scope and Contents	
(these are scripts written by others and given to Jerry Robinson to create the illustrations for the comic)	
<i>Batman</i> #12 "Brothers in Crime" by Jack Schiff,, 1940s	box 1
<i>Batman</i> #18 "Secrets of Hunter's Inn" by Joe Samachson	box 1
<i>Batman</i> #24 "Adventures of Alfred" by Joe Samachson,, 1945	box 1
<i>Batman</i> #27 "A Christmas Peril" by Don Cameron, 1945 February, 1945	box 1
<i>Batman</i> #31 "Punch and Judy" by Bill Finger, 1945 December, 1945	box 1
<i>World's Finest Comics</i> #16 by Alvin Schwartz,, 1945	box 1
Illustration Work, 1963-1964	box 1
Creative Writing and Coursework, 1940s	box 1
Scope and Contents	
(includes class notes, syllabi, a notebook with story ideas, and drafts of scripts)	

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