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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Grove Press
Title:	Grove Press Collection
ID:	10553502
ID:	MS#1697
Date [inclusive]:	1956-1984
Date [bulk]:	1958-1983
Physical Description:	1 linear feet 1 record storage carton
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Grove Press Collection consists of production, publication, and marketing materials from the Grove Press Records at Syracuse University, which document the history of the Grove Press in Greenwich Village.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Grove Press Collection; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Historical Note

Established in 1949 in Greenwich Village, Grove Press grew after Barney Rosset's purchase in 1951 from a small independent press into a multimillion-dollar publisher of twentieth century avant-garde works. It continues under Grove Atlantic. It was famous for publishing controversial and banned books, such as D.H. Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover* (1959) and Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer* (1961). Grove Press Film Division distributed Vilgot Sjoman's *I Am Curious (Yellow)*, which broke American box office records for foreign films. Grove challenged and fostered debate on prevailing attitudes about sexuality, the Vietnam War, civil rights, black power, and student movements in the United States. It experienced internal

conflict in staff unionization efforts and in feminist challenges to employment practices and publication emphases.

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Summary

The collection consists of production and marketing materials related to books published by Grove Press from 1954 to 1984. Items include book cover color proofs, black and white photographs, news releases, court records, order forms, catalogs and some office files.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged into three series.

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Publication Statement

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

2013.2014.M063: Source of acquisition--Grove Press Records, Special Collections Research Center, Syracuse University Libraries. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--09/23/2013.

Ownership and Custodial History

The Grove Press Collection was given to the Rare Book and Manuscript Library by the Syracuse University Libraries in 2013.

Processing Information

Papers Processed by Jacqueline Rider JHR November 2013.

Accrual

No additions are expected

Accruals

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Related Materials

Selected Related Material--at Columbia

[Barney Rosset Papers](#) Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University

Selected Related Material--at Outside Repositories

[Grove Press Records](#) Special Collections Research Center, Syracuse University Libraries

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Controlled Access Headings

- American literature -- 20th century
- Beats (Persons)
- Censorship
- Booksellers and bookselling
- Censorship -- United States -- History -- 20th century
- Erotica -- United States
- Film festivals -- United States
- Obscenity (Law) -- United States -- Cases
- Pornography -- United States
- Publishers and publishing
- black-and-white photographs
- Book jackets
- Catalogs
- Color proofs
- Order forms
- Page proofs
- Press releases
- Evergreen review -- New York (State)
- Beckett, Samuel, 1906-1989
- Genet, Jean, 1910-1986
- Lawrence, D. H (David Herbert), 1885-1930
- Miller, Henry, 1891-1980
- Rosset, Barney
- Warhol, Andy, 1928-1987
- Grove Press
- Grove Press. Film Division

- Grove Press -- History -- 20th century

Collection Inventory

Series I: Book Titles, circa, 1958-1984

Scope and Contents

Series I consists of files related to production, publication, and publicity of books from Grove Press. Included are color proofs for dust jackets and paperback covers, page proofs, black and white photographs of authors and book cover art. Documents for several book titles are arranged separately in this series. Of particular note are court records, news releases, and promotional materials pertaining to the Grove Press publication of D.H. Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover* in 1959 and Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer* in 1961.

Title/Description	Instances
491, 1966	box 1
A-Andy Warhol, 1968-1969	box 1
<i>Barbarella</i> , 1968	box 1
<i>Games People Play</i> , 1965	box 1
<i>Lady Chatterley's Lover</i> , 1959 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 1
<i>Marquis de Sade</i> , 1965	box 1
<i>The Master & Margarita</i> , 1967	box 1
<i>One Hundred Dollar Misunderstanding</i> , 1962-1963	box 1
<i>Our Lady of the Flowers</i> , 1963	box 1
<i>Tropic of Cancer</i> , 1959-1965 <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	box 1
<i>Tropic of Cancer on Trial</i> , 1968-1969	box 1
Dust Jackets -- Color Proofs, undated	box 1
Paperback Book Covers, undated, 1981	box 1
Photographs -- Authors, 1962-1972	box 1
Photographs -- Book Cover Art, undated	box 1
Proofs, undated	box 1

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Series II: Marketing Materials, 1956-1984

Scope and Contents

Series II consists of book reviews, catalogs, newsletters, news releases, order forms, and marketing items such as fliers, posters, and review reprints. Included are files for Grove Press film division.

Title/Description	Instances
Book Reviews, 1968-1969	box 1
Catalogs, 1956-1983 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 1
Evergreen Club, 1959-1968	box 1
Evergreen Program -- MacBird, 1967-1971	box 1
<i>Evergreen Review</i> , undated	box 1
Film Division, 1963-1974	box 1
<i>I am Curious (Yellow)</i> , 1969	box 1
Marketing, 1957-1984 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 1
News Releases, 1962-1980 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 1
Order Forms, 1959-1976 <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	box 1

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Series III: Office Files, 1961-1972**Scope and Contents**

Series III consists of financial statements, annual reports, staff meeting minutes, contracts, author information forms, publication schedules, reviewer lists, and black and white photographs of Grove Press offices on the corner of Mercer and Bleecker Streets in Greenwich Village. Included are documents pertaining to charges against Grove Press and its journal *Evergreen Review* for sexual discrimination of female employees as well as sexism, racism, and exploitation of children in Grove Press works.

Title/Description	Instances
Financial Statements, 1964-1972	box 1
Office Files, 1961-1969	box 1
<i>Print Magazine</i> , 1963	box 1

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