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Summary Information

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Biographical sketch

Novelist, screenwriter, and veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion in the Spanish Civil War. Bessie was blacklisted as a screenwriter in 1950 as one of the Hollywood Ten.

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Summary

The collection consists of 38 letters from Bessie to his friend, Loretta Frances Fokes Lish, about his life, political views, current writing, and Gordon Lish.

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- Screenwriters
- Hollywood blacklist
- Lish, Gordon
- Spain. Ejército Popular de la República. Abraham Lincoln Battalion