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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Bagnold, Enid
Title:	Enid Bagnold Letters to Robin Maugham
ID:	4079854
ID:	MS#0064
Date [inclusive]:	1963-1979
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Physical Description:	0.21 linear feet 0.5 document box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	English author and playwright, Enid Bagnold developed a close personal and professional relationship with fellow English writer Robin Maugham. This collection consists of her letters to him, primarily in the year 1979.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Enid Bagnold Letters to Robin Maugham; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Enid Algerine Bagnold was born in October 1889 in Rochester, Kent, England. Both a novelist and a playwright, Bagnold is best remembered for her 1935 book, *National Velvet*, which was made into the 1944 film of the same title starring Elizabeth Taylor. Her writing career began much earlier, however, when she wrote candidly about serving as a nurse and then as a driver during World War I.

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Biographical / Historical

In 1920, Bagnold married Sir Roderick Jones, earning the title Lady Jones yet maintaining her maiden name for her writing career. They resided in the Sir Edward Burne Jones House in Rottingdean, Sussex, England. The couple had four children.

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Biographical / Historical

Throughout her long career, Bagnold befriended many in the literary world, some of whom are included in her 1980 publication, *Letters to Frank Harris & Other Friends*. Another such friend, nephew of writer William Somerset Maugham, Robin Maugham was especially important to her in the final years of her life. Bagnold died in March 1981 at the age of 91.

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Summary

Enid Bagnold's letters to Robin Maugham are primarily personal in nature, though it is evident that Maugham often sent Bagnold copies of his books for which, whether solicited or not, she would share her critique. The letters begin in 1963 with a short, hand-written note on Bagnold's personalized stationery. The letters throughout the 1960s and 1970s, many of which are also hand-written on this stationery, are often congratulatory and consist primarily of discussions of the two's work and travels. Katharine Hepburn is mentioned in one.

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Summary

Some of the letters in the "undated" folder are fragments. Only one of the letters includes a response from Maugham.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically. Undated items are placed at the end.

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Processing Information

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Processing Information

Papers cataloged 10/06.

Accruals

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Controlled Access Headings

- Authors, English -- 20th century -- Correspondence
- Women authors, English -- 20th century
- Women dramatists, English
- Correspondence
- Maugham, Robin, 1916-1981

Collection Inventory

Series I: Enid Bagnold's Letters to Robin Maugham, 1963- 1979

Title/Description	Instances	
1963 October-1969 November	box 1	folder 1
1972 February-1978 May	box 1	folder 2

1979	box 1	folder 3
undated	box 1	folder 4

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