



## **Barbara Baumgartner papers, 1989-1994 FLP.CLRC.BAUMGARTNER**

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## Summary Information

**Repository:** Free Library of Philadelphia: Children's Literature Research Collection

**Creator:** Baumgartner, Barbara, 1939-2024

**Title:** Barbara Baumgartner papers

**Identifier:** FLP.CLRC.BAUMGARTNER

**Date:** 1989-1994

**Physical Description:** 0.2 Linear feet

## Overview

This collection includes drafts, notes, and source material by the author, children's librarian, and professional storyteller Barbara Baumgartner, for her book *Crocodile! Crocodile! Stories Told Around the World* (1994). The collection also includes correspondence between Baumgartner and her literary agent, and puppets used in the performance of one of the folktales.

## Scope and Contents note

The Barbara Baumgartner papers include correspondence, manuscript drafts, source material, and typescripts relating to *Crocodile! Crocodile! Stories Told Around the World* (1994). Illustrated by Judith Moffatt, the book is a collection of international folktales that Baumgartner performed as a storyteller. The collection also includes the script and puppets used in performing the folktale "The Grateful Snake," which appears in *Crocodile! Crocodile!*.

## Biographical/Historical note

Barbara Baumgartner was born September 9, 1939, in Wilmington, Delaware, and spent most of her life in the Philadelphia area. She graduated from Oberlin College in 1961 and received her library degree from Drexel University in 1968. After working for years as a children's librarian at the Free Library of Philadelphia, she pursued a Ph.D. in Storytelling and Education from the Union Institute. She taught courses on children's literature and conducts storytelling workshops around the area. A member of the National Storytelling Association and a founder of the local Patchwork Storytelling Guild, Baumgartner focused on folktales from world cultures. Her first book, *Crocodile! Crocodile! Stories Told Around the World* (1994), was illustrated by Judith Moffatt. She published three other books of stories and folktales: *Good as Gold* (1998), *The Gingerbread Man* (1998), and *All My Shining Silver* (2000). Barbara passed away on April 18, 2024.

## Bibliography:

"Meet Our Storytellers." Patchwork Storytelling. Accessed December 29, 2011.  
<http://www.patchworkstorytelling.org/meetourstorytellers.html>

*Something About the Author*, vol. 86.

## **Conditions Governing Access note**

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## **Preferred Citation note**

[Description and date of item], [Box and folder number], Barbara Baumgartner papers, 1989-1994, Free Library of Philadelphia, Children's Literature Research Collection.

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## **Arrangement note**

The materials are arranged in probable order of creation.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Publication Statement**

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### **Controlled Access Headings**

- Baumgartner, Barbara, 1939-2024
- Children's authors--20th century
- Children's literature--20th century
- Correspondence
- Folklore
- Manuscripts
- Puppets
- Storytelling
- Typescripts

### **Collection Inventory**

Crocodile! Crocodile! Stories told around the world, 1994

Correspondence with literary agency, 1989-1994

Box 1; Folder 1 (Text)

Four drafts of the tale "Sody Sally-ray-tus," corrected manuscript and typescript, 1989 July-1990 February

Box 1; Folder 2 (Text)

Source material for "The Grateful Snake," photocopy, circa 1989

Box 1; Folder 3 (Text)

Incomplete draft, typescript, circa 1989-1990

Box 1; Folder 4 (Text)

"The Squeaky Old Bed," corrected typescript, circa 1993

Box 1; Folder 5 (Text)

"A Note to Parents and Teachers," typescript, 1993 June

Box 1; Folder 6 (Text)

"Notes for the Storyteller," lecture notes, typescript, circa 1994

Box 1; Folder 7 (Text)

Transcription of "The Grateful Snake" from *Crocodile!* Crocodile!, typescript, circa 1994

Box 1; Folder 8 (Text)

Script for "The Grateful Snake" puppet play, typescript, circa 1994

Box 1; Folder 9 (Text)

Puppets for "The Grateful Snake," marker on paper mounted to wooden sticks, 7 items, circa 1994

Box 1; Folder 10 (graphic materials)