

# **Corydon Bell illustrations, 1954-1964**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Free Library of Philadelphia: Children's Literature Research Collection
<b>Creator</b>	Bell, Corydon, 1894-1980
<b>Title</b>	Corydon Bell illustrations
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1954-1964
<b>Extent</b>	0.2 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection contains twenty sheets of final art and one published copy of the book <i>Snow</i> (1954), written by Thelma Harrington Bell and illustrated by Corydon Bell.

### Preferred Citation note

[Description and date of item], [Box and folder number], Corydon Bell illustrations, 1954, Free Library of Philadelphia, Children's Literature Research Collection.

## Biographical/Historical note

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Corydon Bell was born on July 16, 1894 in Ohio. After serving in the Army Medical Corps during World War I he decided against furthering his medical training and devoted himself to art. He married author Thelma Harrington on May 12, 1921. They settled in Ohio and he illustrated books and advertisements before moving to the mountains of North Carolina in 1944. In North Carolina he continued to illustrate children's books, including his wife's, in addition to painting his Cherokee neighbors and the environment. The natural world inspired many of his books, including *The Wonder of Snow* (1957) and, with his wife Thelma, *Thunderstorm* (1960). He wrote and illustrated *John Rattling-Gourd of Big Cove* (1955), a collection of Cherokee legends, after learning the legends from Cherokee on the Qualla Reservation. It was the first time the legends had been printed since the 1890s. He died in June of 1980.

### Bibliography

"Corydon Whitten Bell (1894-1980)," *Contemporary Authors*.

"Finding Aid for the Thelma and Corydon Bell Papers, 1956 – 1972," The University of North Carolina Greensboro, accessed January 3, 2012, <http://library.uncg.edu/info/depts/scua/collections/manuscripts/ead/Mss018.xml>.

*Something about the Author*, vol. 4.

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## Scope and Contents note

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This collection contains twenty sheets of final art and one published copy of the book *Snow* (1954), written by Thelma Harrington Bell and illustrated by Corydon Bell. The published copy is a seventh printing.

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## Arrangement note

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Illustrations are arranged in the order in which they appear in the published book.

## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Gift of Corydon Bell, 1977.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Archival Materials note**

University of Minnesota: Corydon Bell papers, 1949-1964, CLRC-696.

University of North Carolina, Asheville: Thelma Harrington Bell (1896-1985), M2005.05.01-04.

University of Southern Mississippi: Corydon Bell papers, 1950-1965, DG0075.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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**Genre(s)**

- Illustrations

**Personal Name(s)**

- Bell, Thelma Harrington, 1896-1985

**Subject(s)**

- Artists
- Children's authors--20th century
- Children's literature--20th century
- Illustrated children's books--20th century
- Illustration of books--20th century

## Snow

## Collection Inventory

### Snow 1954

Final art, graphite on acetate, 20 sheets 1954

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	1-4

### Scope and Contents note

The illustrations for pages 26, 32, 36, 40, 54, and 55 are not present.

Published book, seventh printing 1964

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Books	1	5