

Elizabeth Hoffman Honness papers, circa 1957-1966

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Summary Information

Repository	Free Library of Philadelphia: Children's Literature Research Collection
Creator	Honness, Elizabeth Hoffman, 1904-
Title	Elizabeth Hoffman Honness papers
Date [inclusive]	circa 1957-1966
Extent	0.75 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	This collection contains typescripts, galley proofs, and engraver's proofs for books by children's author Elizabeth Hoffman Honness (1904-2003), including <i>Mystery in the Square Tower</i> (1957), <i>Mystery of the Secret Message</i> (1961), and <i>Mystery of the Pirate's Ghost</i> (1966).

Preferred Citation note

[Description and date of item], [Box and folder number], Elizabeth Hoffman Honness papers, circa 1957-1966, Free Library of Philadelphia, Children's Literature Research Collection.

Biographical/Historical note

Elizabeth Hoffman Honness was born on June 29, 1904 in Boonton, New Jersey. She graduated from Skidmore College in 1926, settling in New York to write advertising copy for Macmillan Company, Century Company, and Shelton Looms from 1927 to 1934. She also worked as the managing editor for the magazine *American Girl*. She married Jesse Alfred McKaughan in 1936. That same year, she published her first children's book, *The Tale of the Sorry Sorrel Horse*. She went on to publish a series of mystery novels, including *Mystery of the Diamond Necklace* (1954) and *Mystery at the Villa Caprice* (1969), travelling extensively in order to research the various locations for her books. She also wrote two volumes of Bible stories, *People of the Promise* (1949) and *We are His People* (1959). Her final novel, *The Spy at Tory Hole* (1975) was a work of historical fiction for adults. She died on August 12, 2003.

Bibliography

Something About the Author, vol. 2.

Scope and Contents note

This collection contains typescripts, galley proofs, and engraver's proofs for books by children's author Elizabeth Hoffman Honness (1904-2003), including *Mystery in the Square Tower* (1957), *Mystery of the Secret Message* (1961), and *Mystery of the Pirate's Ghost* (1966). There is also a small amount of correspondence between the publisher and printer regarding reset type for *Mystery of the Secret Message*.

Arrangement note

This collection is arranged alphabetically in three series: 1. *Mystery in the Square Tower*; 2. *Mystery of the Pirate's Ghost*; 3. *Mystery of the Secret Message*. Within each series, materials are arranged in order of probable creation.

The galley proof and page proofs are housed in a box with the galley proofs from the Elizabeth Ripley papers.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift of Elizabeth Hoffman Honness, 1968.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

University of Minnesota: Velma Ilesley papers, 1955-1950, CLRC-145.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Engraver's proofs
- Galley proofs
- Proofs (printed matter)
- Typescripts

Subject(s)

- Children's authors--20th century
- Children's literature--20th century

Mystery in the Square Tower

Collection Inventory

Mystery in the Square Tower 1957

Draft, revised typescript

	Box	Folder
Text	1	1

Mystery of the Pirate's Ghost 1966

Draft, revised typescript

	Box	Folder
Text	1	2

Corrected galley proofs

	Box	Folder
Text	G	6

Mystery of the Secret Message 1961

Mystery of the Secret Message**Scope and Contents note**

Working title was *Mystery of the Hanging Scroll*.

Draft, revised typescript

	Box	Folder
Text	1	3

Corrected galley proofs 1961 February 27

	Box	Folder
Text	G	3

Page proofs

	Box	Folder
Text	G	4

Engraver's proofs circa 1961

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	1	4

Mystery of the Secret Message

Author's corrected partial galley proofs with related correspondence 1961 June-October

	Box	Folder
Text	1	5