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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
Creator:	Coatsworth, Elizabeth, 1893-1986
Title:	Elizabeth Jane Coatsworth Papers
ID:	SpC MS 0102
Date [inclusive]:	1930-1968
Physical Description:	1 linear foot (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Contains notebooks and diaries of Elizabeth Jane Coatsworth, a noted poet and author of children's books.

Preferred Citation

Elizabeth Jane Coatsworth Papers , SpC MS 0102, [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Biographical Note

Born in Buffalo, New York in 1893, Elizabeth Jane Coatsworth graduated from Vassar College in 1915 and from Columbia University with an M.A. in 1916. She became a poet and author of prose works for children and adults. She was known for her children's books, winning a Newberry Medal in 1931 for "The Cat Who Went to Heaven," a Children's Spring Book Festival Honor Award twice, and honorary degrees from both University of Maine and New England College. In 1975 she received the Kerlan Award from the University of Minnesota, recognizing her "singular attainments in the creation of children's literature."

Coatsworth married author and naturalist Henry Beston in 1929 with whom she had two children. She enjoyed a long career, publishing over 90 books from 1910 to her autobiography in 1976. She passed away in 1986 in Nobleboro, Maine at the age of ninety-three.

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Scope and Contents

Contains notebooks and diaries of Elizabeth Jane Coatsworth, a noted poet and author of children's books. Also includes two manuscripts of her husband, Henry Beston.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Elizabeth Coatsworth, November 1959, and 1972.

Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the library.

Access Restrictions

Kept at Fogler Library's offsite storage facility. One week's notice required for retrieval.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Kerlan Children's Literature Research Collection Special Collections, 499 O. Meredith Library
University of Minnesota, 309 19th Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55455-0414.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Authors, American -- Maine
- Children's literature
- Notebooks
- Manuscripts
- Diaries
- Poems
- Beston, Henry, 1888-1968

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Check-list of books by Elizabeth Coatsworth on deposit in the Kerlan Collection of the Research Center for Children's Books at the University of Minnesota. Includes the original manuscripts in the Kerlan Collection (6 pages) <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 323	Folder 1
The city under the sea. A - Z, with double-lettered pages also Ms., proof copy with notes, some pages handwritten <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 323	Folder 2
Four notebooks with jottings of conversations and miscellaneous information used for reference in her Maine adult books (4 volumes), 1941-1959 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 323	Folder 3
Letter to "Miss Rich," May Day. Photocopy (5 pages), 1963	Box 323	Folder 4

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Language of the Material: English.

Miscellaneous clippings and information relating to Elizabeth Coatsworth Beston. Sources vary	Box 323	Folder 5
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Language of the Material: English.

The two millers. A - R, illus., varied size. Proof copy, handwritten pages, with notations	Box 323	Folder 6
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Language of the Material: English.

The wonderful tune. A - W, illus., varied size. Handwritten pages, book pages, with notations	Box 323	Folder 7
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Language of the Material: English.

Poems begun at Chimney Farm. Holograph. Gift of the author (240 pages), August 8, 1946	Box 323	Folder 8
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Language of the Material: English.

Diary of trip to Yucatan and Mexico, Holograph. Gift of the author, January 17, 1936?	Box 323	Folder 9
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Language of the Material: English.

Diary of trip, 1928, married, June 1929	Box 323	Folder 10
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Language of the Material: English.

A collection of poems by various poets and several pictures in bound volume. Typescript	Box 323	Folder 11
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Language of the Material: English.