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## **Rebecca Rosenblum Papers**

Gift of Rebecca Rosenblum, 2020

**Dates:** 1993-2019

**Extent:** 6 boxes (ca. 1.02 metres)

### **Biographical Description:**

Rebecca Rosenblum was born in Hamilton, Ontario on May 23, 1978. She grew up in a small town near Hamilton and attended Ancaster High School. Rosenblum received an Honours English degree from McGill University in 2001, a publishing certificate from Ryerson University, and a masters of English and creative writing from University of Toronto in 2007. Rosenblum is a writer, editor, and works in publishing. *Once*, her first collection of stories published in 2008, won the annual Metcalf-Rooke Award. She was also announced as one of three finalists for the Writers' Trust of Canada/McClelland & Stewart Journey Prize for *Once*. In Spring 2009, Rosenblum was a juror for the Journey Prize 21. In May 2009, *Once* was one of three finalists for the Danuta Gleed Literary Award. In the summer of that year, *Once* was longlisted for the Relit Award, and her short story "Linh Lai" was a finalist for the Canadian National Magazine Awards. *Road Trips*, a chapbook, was published in 2010. Her second collection, *The Big Dream*, was published in 2011 and long listed for the Frank O'Connor Short Story award. One of the stories in the collection, "How To Keep Your Day Job," was adapted into a short film. Rosenblum's debut novel, *So Much Love*, was published in 2017 and placed on the Trillium Book Award Shortlist, Amazon First Novel Award Shortlist, Globe and Mail Top 100 Books List for 2017 and the Quill and Quire Books of the Year List. She is married to writer Mark Sampson. Rosenblum also writes for her blog, "Rebecca Rosenblum: Rose Coloured."

### **Scope and Content:**

Collection documents Rosenblum's writing career from high school to the present. This includes drafts and notes pertaining to short stories and novel development. Collection also contains personal correspondence, photographs, ephemera and financial records.

### **Custodial History:**

Donated by Rosenblum in 2020.

### **Arrangement:**

*Contains series:*

- Series 1: Juvenilia

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- Series 2: Post-secondary Education
- Series 3: Correspondence and Financial Records
- Series 4: Ephemera
- Series 5: Writing
- Series 6: Photographs
- Series 7: Floppy disks

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<b>SERIES 1: Juvenilia</b>			
<b>BOX: FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SCOPE AND CONTENT</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>
<b>Box 1</b>	[Literary Festival booklets]	Four booklets of short stories from the Ancaster High & Vocational School Literary Festival, and a booklet of short stories from the Hamilton Public Libraries' Power of the Pen Awards, and a newspaper clipping. Each booklet contains one to two entries by Rosenblum: "Big Orange Moving Thing," "untitled," "Ask a Stupid Question," "An Exercise in Futility," "Kevin and Caroline," "Alternate Mode of Transportation," "In the Time of the Radio Gods," "The Relevance of Hamlet in the Nineties," "Les probleme le plus serieux de notre societe et comment le resoudre" and "A Story About Cigarettes And Other Things."	1993- 1997
<b>Box 2 Folder 1</b>	Becky's Writers Craft Journal	A journal of handwritten letters and notes regarding short story development and personal correspondence.	1997
2:2-3	Portfolio	Holograph drafts, WP with holograph revisions, WP with manuscript revisions of "Narrative Contract: In the Time of the Radio Gods," and a bibliography.  WP with manuscript revisions, handwritten notes, WP with holograph revisions, and a WP copy of "Drama Contract: Dialogue for 2 characters," and a bibliography.  WP with manuscript revisions, holograph drafts, WP with holograph revisions for "Essay Contract: Personal Essay: Girl in a Bubble," and a bibliography.  File also contains, English exams, a publication notice, and miscellaneous short stories, arranged in alphabetical order.	1997

<b>SERIES 2: Post-secondary education</b>			
<b>BOX: FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SCOPE AND CONTENT</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>
	<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>		
2:4	McGill Fiction	WP with holograph revisions, and WP with manuscript revisions, for several short stories. There are also award announcements and newspaper clippings.	1997-2001
2:5	McGill Essays	Several essays with manuscript revisions.	1998-2001
2:6	Leaders of Imaginary Worlds: Tess of the d'Urbervilles, Tom Jones and Their Iconic Narrators [Honour's Thesis]		23 April 2001
2:7	Fiction + Internship Work	WP with manuscript revisions for several short stories. Miscellaneous writing for a HarperCollins Canada internship.	2001-2005
	<b>Master's Degree</b>		
<b>Box 3 Folder 1</b>	Grad School papers (U of T)	Admissions letter and essays with manuscript revisions.	2005-2007
3:2	<i>Once</i> : A short story collection [Master's Thesis]		29 March 2007

<b>SERIES 3: Correspondence and Financial Records</b>			
<b>BOX: FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SCOPE AND CONTENT</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>
3:3	Rejections + submissions calendar	Rejection letters and a 2006 calendar detailing submission information	2006-2012

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3:4	Grant applications and responses		2006-2010
3:5	Miscellaneous correspondence + financial records	Newspaper clippings, ephemera, monetary award notices, correspondence, "Draft 5.1" publication, contracts, and royalty statements	2007-2015
3:6-7	[Correspondence from John Metcalf]	Correspondence and WP with editorial revisions by Metcalf for partial drafts	2007-2019

<b>SERIES 4: Ephemera</b>			
<b>BOX: FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SCOPE AND CONTENT</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>
<b>Box 4 Folder 1</b>	Newspaper album Feb. 17 1998 to 2006 (McGill + University of Toronto)	Clippings from the University of Toronto and issues of <i>Step Magazine</i> from McGill University.	1998-2006
4:2	<i>Once</i> ephemera		2008-2010
4:3	<i>Once</i> press clippings		2008-2010
4:4	<i>The Big Dream</i> ephemera		2011-2012
4:5	<i>The Big Dream</i> press clippings		2011-2012
4:6	<i>So Much Love</i> ephemera		2017-2018
(ovs)	<i>So Much Love</i> poster		[ca. 2017]

<b>SERIES 5: Writing</b>			
<b>BOX: FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SCOPE AND CONTENT</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>

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4:7	Miscellaneous edited manuscripts + blog posts	WP with manuscript revisions for several short stories: “Lonelyville,” “Ithaca When I Think About It,” “Rumors That You Are Dead,” “Ms Universe,” “Wall of Sound,” and “Fruit Factory.” Some stories are untitled.	2007-2008
4:8	Steal Me [Short story]	WP with manuscript revisions	
4:9-10	<i>Once</i> : Stories		30 March 2008
<b>Box 5 Folder 1</b>	<i>So Much Love</i> : Full Draft #1	WP with manuscript revisions	November 2013
5:2	<i>So Much Love</i> : Full Draft #3 [partial]	WP with manuscript revisions	29 December 2013
5:3	<i>So Much Love</i> : Full Draft #6	WP with editorial revisions by Anita Chong for the chapters “Marriage,” “The Happy Ending,” and “The Girl for Me”	[ca. 2014]
5:4-5	[ <i>So Much Love</i> Drafts and Correspondence]	WP with computer generated and editorial revisions by Anita Chong and another editor, and holograph revisions	[ca. 2015-2016]
5:6	<i>So Much Love</i> : Full Draft #8	WP with editorial revisions by Anita Chong for the “Marriage” chapter	[ca. 2015]
5:7	<i>So Much Love</i> : Full Draft #9	WP with computer generated and handwritten manuscript revisions	[ca. 2015]
5:8	<i>So Much Love</i> : Full Draft #10 (partial)	WP with computer generated editorial revisions by Anita Chong for the chapters “Marriage,” “The Girl for Me,” “Before (Some Things),” “Castle,” “To Burn in a Bright Moon,” “The House that Modern Art Built,” “The Happy Ending,” “Sad Stories”	[2016?]
5:9	<i>So Much Love</i> : Full Draft #10	WP with editorial revisions, possibly by Mark Sampson or another editor	February 2016
5:10	<i>So Much Love</i> : Full Draft #11	WP with computer generated editorial revisions by Anita Chong for the “Sad Stories” chapter	[ca. 2016]

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<b>SERIES 6: Photographs</b>			
<b>BOX: FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SCOPE AND CONTENT</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>
Box 6	<i>Once</i> author photos [DVD]	82 .jpg and 82 .tif photo files of Rosenblum headshots. Photos by Dave Starrett.	10 March 2008
6	Stress-Free Degree Photos [CD]	18 .jpg files of Rosenblum and friends	31 May 2008

<b>SERIES 7: Floppy disks</b>			
<b>BOX: FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SCOPE AND CONTENT</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>
6	[1] Stories – Old computer 4 (copied Jan 10) Story folder only	Folder: “Story” Short stories  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bagels.doc</li> <li>2. storycontest.doc</li> <li>3. DUI.doc</li> <li>4. All Week Long.doc</li> <li>5. TWO OPENING PARAGRAPHS.doc</li> <li>6. Love tales.doc</li> <li>7. A knowledge of things not buses.doc</li> <li>8. Sushi palace.doc</li> <li>9. Exile.doc</li> <li>10. Young Girl B.doc</li> <li>11. Recognition.doc</li> <li>12. falstaff.doc</li> <li>13. This is Jenny.doc</li> <li>14. Death is more appropriate in winter.doc</li> <li>15. Fringe Festival.rtf</li> <li>16. Dream Fugue.doc</li> <li>17. Notes for my therapist.doc</li> </ol>	1998- 2002

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>18. beautiful protest.doc</li><li>19. Sigune in the forest.doc</li><li>20. On Deer Crescent.doc</li><li>21. Dearth Girl.doc</li><li>22. Gleam and Glow.doc</li><li>23. grades.doc</li><li>24. If it were you.doc</li><li>25. It was late to be sitting down.doc</li><li>26. Kate waited a year.doc</li><li>27. Lie.doc</li><li>28. Meanwhile.doc</li><li>29. Mornings.doc</li><li>30. PEELING THE WALLPAPER.doc</li><li>31. Sarah.doc</li><li>32. THREE SHORT STORY OUTLINES.doc</li><li>33. In my backyard.doc</li><li>34. time around scars.doc</li><li>35. This story begins years before it began.doc</li><li>36. THE ETERNAL MILITIA.doc</li><li>37. She never loved.doc</li></ol>	
	[2] Old Computer 4 : Jan /04	Short stories, poems, essays, and miscellaneous files <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. She.doc</li><li>2. Street Dances.doc</li><li>3. Wuthering Heights.doc</li><li>4. SELF.doc</li><li>5. Whiskey Bar.doc</li><li>6. woodfuel.doc</li><li>7. We had done all we could.doc</li><li>8. TRASHFLOWERS.doc</li><li>9. Thesis proposal2.doc</li></ol>	2000-2003



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		10. Thesis!.doc 11. Sassafras.doc 12. Silk proposal.doc 13. RESUME2003.doc 14. "Touched.doc	
	[3] Old Computer 3 : Jan /04	Essays and short stories  1. FREDRICK WINTERBOURNE.doc 2. LIFE AT THE END OF THE WORLD.doc 3. murderous love.doc 4. DOCILE BODIES IN SPANDEX.doc 5. Night goes underground.doc 6. MUSIC.doc 7. Homeless people.doc 8. DREAM BELIEVERS.doc 9. Fire.doc 10. Dream and Disfigurement.doc 11. Kiss me.doc 12. One Moment.doc 13. isolated women.doc 14. Philosophy term paper.doc 15. Forms of Devotion.doc 16. Party.doc 17. Mortal Poems.doc 18. Filibuster.doc 19. Key turns.doc 20. objectivity.doc 21. MR.doc 22. parody.doc 23. picture presentation.doc 24. Green Grass.doc 25. Green Grass ditto.doc	1998- 2002

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		26. Janeandsea.doc 27. Final - If.doc 28. Food subterfuge.doc 29. Fruit Factory.doc 30. Jake.doc	
	[4] Eudora – gone evil : Back-up	Short stories, professional correspondence, and miscellaneous files  1. steps1.doc 2. TWO OPENING PARAGRAPHS.doc 3. PICTURE McGIL1-Data.doc 4. Chart.xls 5. Filibuster.doc 6. Tintern Abbey.doc 7. objectivity.doc 8. picture presentation.doc 9. Thesis proposal2.doc 10. Key turns.doc 11. A boy and a girl walk into a bar.doc 12. Final - If.doc 13. assignment.doc 14. Silk proposal.doc 15. Fruit Factory.doc 16. angry young.doc 17. spaceman.doc 18. cover letter.doc 19. reissnation letter.doc 20. STYLE SHEET.doc 21. Elaina Gruber.doc 22. Backup of Minnie.wbk 23. Minnie.doc 24. Gold Mountain.doc 25. MathPower.doc	2000- 2004

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26. Private security.doc</li> <li>27. Literature text.doc</li> <li>28. Sales Plan.doc</li> <li>29. pitch night.doc</li> <li>30. Memory.doc</li> <li>31. memory pieces.doc</li> <li>32. Sense.doc</li> </ul>	
	[5] Basic [Boot] : Floppy Disk	<p>Essays and system files</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cosy.doc</li> <li>2. Fishy.doc</li> </ul>	1996-2003
	[6] Stories : Sept 1997- Dec. 1999	<p>Short story. Remaining files were corrupted and unreadable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If it were you.doc</li> </ul>	1999
	[7] Computer : Jan/04	<p>Short stories and essays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AN UNANNOUNCED DAY.doc</li> <li>2. CHAOTIC LITERATURE PROJECT #2.doc</li> <li>3. Delicious Paradise.doc</li> <li>4. An Extremely Short Story.doc</li> <li>5. Bright Star essay.doc</li> <li>6. being virgilia.doc</li> <li>7. A boy and a girl walk into a bar.doc</li> <li>8. And the air smelled like sausage and exhaust.doc</li> <li>9. A party.doc</li> <li>10. Collection.doc</li> <li>11. A List of Reasons.doc</li> <li>12. Collection3.doc</li> <li>13. Apocolypse.doc</li> <li>14. appetite as voice.doc</li> <li>15. canlitseminar.doc</li> <li>16. canlitseminar.rtf</li> </ul>	1997-2003

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>17. And you in your clubsy dress.doc</li><li>18. Ain't.doc</li><li>19. altDui.doc</li><li>20. Character listing.doc</li><li>21. cover letter.doc</li><li>22. silk blurb.doc</li><li>23. Resume.doc</li><li>24. 1000 Things.doc</li><li>25. CoverLC.doc</li><li>26. Story\redwhite.doc</li><li>27. Story\Timberlands.doc</li><li>28. Story\Julianna Ohlin was a poet.doc</li><li>29. Story\Grad Poem.doc</li><li>30. Story\What did your boyfriend say.doc</li><li>31. Story\DUI1.doc</li><li>32. Story\FrancescaV.doc</li><li>33. Story\n.doc</li><li>34. Story\CR.doc</li></ol>	
	[8] Stories : Sept 1997- Dec 1999	<p>Remaining files were corrupted and unreadable.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Story\Love tales.doc"</li><li>2. Story\Love tales.txt"</li><li>3. Story\On Deer Crescent.doc"</li><li>4. Story\Once upon a time.doc"</li><li>5. Story\PEELING THE WALLPAPER.doc"</li><li>6. Story\Sarah.doc"</li><li>7. Story\She never loved.doc"</li><li>8. Story\Souvenir.doc"</li><li>9. Story\Sushi palace.doc"</li><li>10. Story\THE ETERNAL MILITIA.doc"</li><li>11. Story\This is Jenny.doc"</li><li>12. Story\This story begins years before it began.doc"</li></ol>	1998- 1999

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		13. Story\time around scars.doc"	
	[9] Paper (Canlit #3)	Essays and resume  1. SELF.WPD 2. canlitseminar.doc 3. Thesis!!.doc 4. JANE&SEA.WPD 5. Rebecca Rosenblum.doc 6. RESPONSE.WPD 7. Resumertf.rtf 8. RES2001.WPD 9. COVERL.WPD	2000-2001
	[10] In the Time of the Radio Gods by Becky Rosenblum	Essay 1. RADIO5.WPD	12 May 1997
	[11]	15 files: .MS, .TXT, .TST, .HIS, .WRD, .FIL extensions	1986-1997
	[12] Disk of Storage (Mainly High School Stories)	1. ALICE.WPD 2. BICYCLE.WPD 3. BIGORANG 4. CIGARETT.WPD 5. COFFEE.WPD 6. DIALOG.WPD 7. EXAMO.WPD 8. FACES.WPD 9. GIRLS.WPD 10. IFTHIS.WPD 11. LISTS.WPD 12. MONOLOGE 13. MYFRIEND.WPD 14. OLDFRIEN.WPD 15. PAISLY.WPD 16. POWER.WPD	1995-2001

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		17. RADIO5.WPD 18. REFER.WPD 19. RING.WPD 20. SENSE.WPD 21. SKIDQUIZ	
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