

Reference Number: **2001.0069**  
Collection/Series Title: **MEANJIN EDITORIAL RECORDS OF  
CHRISTINA THOMPSON**

<b>Creator</b>	Meanjin
<b>Creator's Activity/Occupation</b>	Publishers

#### Creator's Historical Note

Meanjin was founded in Brisbane by Clem Christesen (the name, pronounced Mee-an-jin, is derived from an Aboriginal word for the finger of land on which central Brisbane sits) in 1940. It moved to Melbourne in 1945 at the invitation of the University of Melbourne. At the beginning of 2008 Meanjin became an imprint of Melbourne University Publishing.

Known primarily as a literary magazine, Christesen ensured that Meanjin reflected the breadth of contemporary thinking, be it on literature, other art forms, or the broader issues of the times. During Christesen's 34-year editorship he published the leading figures in Australian letters and introduced Australian audiences to many international writers. This breadth has characterised Meanjin for more than 70 years, continuing under its eight subsequent editors Jim Davidson, Judith Brett, Jenny Lee, Christina Thompson, Stephanie Holt, Ian Britain, Sophie Cunningham and Sally Heath. A list of the contributors to Meanjin includes Australian writers Judith Wright, Kylie Tennant, Manning Clark, Vance & Nettie Palmer, A D Hope, Dymphna Cusack, Martin Boyd, Alan Marshall, Dorothy Hewett, Peter Singer, Vincent Buckley, Donald Horne, Patrick White, Gwen Harwood, Bruce Dawe, David Malouf, Humphrey McQueen, Jack Hibberd, Roberta Sykes, Helen Garner, Alex Miller, Frank Moorhouse, John Morrison, Hal Porter, Rodney Hall, A A Phillips, Peter Carey, Alice Pung, Michelle de Kretser, J M Coetzee, Carmen Callil and Dorothy Porter. International authors published include Jean-Paul Satre, and Kurt Vonnegut.

Ref: About Meanjin, <http://meanjin.com.au/about-meanjin>, accessed 23/4/2012

<b>Creator</b>	Thompson, Christina
<b>Creator's Activity/Occupation</b>	Editors

#### Creator's Historical Note

Christina Thompson was the editor of Meanjin 1994 -1998. She was born in Switzerland in 1959 and grew up outside Boston. She attended Dartmouth College and in 1984 was awarded a fellowship for graduate study in Australia. She received her PhD from the University of Melbourne, held postdoctoral appointments at the East West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, and the University of Queensland, and in 1994 was appointed editor of the Australian literary journal, Meanjin. In 1998 she returned to the US and in 2000 assumed the editorship of Harvard Review. Her essays and criticism have appeared in numerous publications including the Australian, the Sydney Morning Herald, the Boston Globe, the American Scholar and the Contemporary Pacific.

Ref: <http://www.allenandunwin.com/default.aspx?page=311&author=489>, accessed 23/4/2012

**Date Range of  
Collection/Series**

1988-1998

**Size/Extent**

36 archive boxes (4.5 m)

**Access Conditions**

Access: Open

**Scope and Content of Collection/Series**

This registration contains the papers of Christina Thompson as editor of Meanjin , and some of those of her pre 1994 predecessor, Jenny Lee.

Correspondence and manuscripts from contributors of Meanjin; Meanjin Board minutes, 1988-1994, 1996-1997; annual financial statements, 1989-1997.

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