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LETTERS WRITTEN TO JOHN MORRISON

N.B. These letters have been ordered alphabetically according to the correspondent's surname. In cases where a correspondent has written more than one letter, the letters have been grouped together and listed chronologically. All letters written to John Morrison are contained in two manila folders, the first labelled 'A-K', the second, 'L-Z'.

BOX 1

1/1/1

Letters from Aleksandra Ambros

1/1/1/1

**New Year card - January 1986
Warsaw, Poland**

1/1/1/2

**10 March 1987
As above**

1/1/1/3

**4 June 1987
As above**

1/1/1/4

4 March 1988 (Includes press clippings re the publication

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in Poland of a book of Morrison's stories)
As above

1/1/2a Letters from Jack Beasley

1/1/2a/1 4 September 1983
Earlwood, N.S.W.

1/1/2a/2 2 April 1984
As above

1/1/2a/3 10 September 1984
As above

1/1/2a/4 22 May 1985
As above

1/1/2a/5 23 September 1985
As above

1/1/2a/6 9 November 1986
As above

1/1/2a/7 8 December 1986
As above

1/1/2a/8 24 May 1987
As above

1/1/2a/9 1 March 1988
As above

1/1/2a/10 17 August 1989
As above

1/1/2b Letter from Doris Bennett
22 May (year unknown)
Caulfield, Victoria

1/1/3 Letter from Alec Bolton
6 October 1986
Deakin, ACT

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- 1/1/4** **Letter from Sue Bourke**
12 February (year unknown)
Springvale, Victoria
- 1/1/5** **Letter from Burt Blackburne**
(Divisional Secretary, ATEA/ATPOA)
20 June 1991
Collingwood, Victoria
- 1/1/6** **Letter from John O'n. Brennan**
(Director of Curriculum, St. Leonard's College)
21 February 1985
East Brighton, Victoria
- 1/1/7** **Letter from Don Charlwood**
25 January 1994
Templestowe, Victoria
- 1/1/8** **Letters from Clem B. Christesen**
- 1/1/8/1** 17 January 1986
`Stanhope'
Eltham, Victoria
- 1/1/8/2** 26 April 1986
As above
- 1/1/8/3** 23 March 1988
As above
- 1/1/8/4** 29 April 1992
As above
- 1/1/9a** **Letter from L. Jane Christensen**
(Associate Executive Director, National Council of
Teachers of English)
14 December 1986
Illinois, USA
- 1/1/9b** **Letter from Laurie Clancy**
(Lecturer, English Dept., La Trobe University)
26 June 1985
Bundoora, Victoria

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- 1/1/10** **Letters from Mary Connellan**
 (Librarian, St. Monica's College)
- 1/1/10/1** 13 May 1988
 Epping, Victoria
- 1/1/10/2** 14 April 1988
 As above
- 1/1/11** **Letter from Louise Connor**
 (CPA Vic, State Committee)
 12 November 1986
 Melbourne
- 1/1/12** **Letters from H.C. Coombs**
- 1/1/12/1** Date unknown
 University House, Canberra
- 1/1/12/2** 21 November 1984
 As above
- 1/1/13** **Letters from Eleanor Corey**
 (Cassell & Co. Ltd. Publishers)
- 1/1/13/1** 17 February 1967
 London, U.K.
- 1/1/13/2** A copy of a letter written to Miss Gertrude Gelbin of
 Seven Seas Books, Berlin and attached to the above letter
 to John Morrison.
 17 February 1967
- 1/1/14** **Letter from Carol A. Cranston**
 (Dept. of English, University of Tasmania)
 15 March 1990
 Hobart, Tasmania
- 1/1/15a** **Letters from Marie Davison**
- 1/1/15a/1** 24 February 1988

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Arthurs Creek, Vic.

1/1/15a/2

6 July 1989
As above

1/1/15b

Letter from Sarah Dawson
(Production Editor, Academic & General Books)
21 August 1985
Melbourne, Victoria

1/1/16

Letters from Janine Day
(Publishing Manager, J.M. Dent Pty. Ltd.)

1/1/16/1

4 May 1983
Boronia, Victoria

1/1/16/2

10 June 1983
As above

1/1/16/3

23 August 1985
As above

1/1/16/4

23 September 1986
As above

1/1/17a

Letter from Rosemary Dobson
26 November 1986
Deakin, ACT

1/1/17b

**Invitation to the Wedding of Allanna Waite &
Warren Dove**
May 1988
Vermont Sth., Victoria

1/1/18

Letter from Kym Druitt
4 February 1987
Ringwood, Victoria

1/1/19

Letter from Helga Duty
(Chief Reader, Mitteldeutscher Verlag Halle-Leipzig)
15 January 1986
Leipzig, East Germany

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- 1/1/20** **Letter from Juliet Flesch**
(Baillieu Library, University of Melbourne)
25 June 1985
Parkville, Victoria
- 1/1/21** **Letter from Sandra Forbes**
(Executive Officer, Literature - Australia Council for the Arts)
27 January 1994
Redfern, N.S.W.
- 1/1/22** **Letters from Len Fox**
- 1/1/22/1** 11 January 1988
Potts Point, N.S.W.
- 1/1/22/2** 13 April 1988
As above
- 1/1/23(a)** **Letter from Michael Fraser**
(Executive Officer, Copyright Agency Limited)
Includes copyright agreement.
26 August 1986
Milsons Point, N.S.W.
- 1/1/23(b)** **Letter from D.A. Frogsh O.C.**
(Civil Defence)
Date & address unknown.
- 1/1/24** **Letter from Rae Gill**
5 March 1993
Camperdown, N.S.W.
- 1/1/25** **Letter from Tony Gleeson**
12 January 1991
Broadwater, N.S.W.
- 1/1/26** **Letter from David Goodwin**
(Program Manager, Strategic Development Unit, Australia Council)
23 July 1991
Redfern, N.S.W.

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- 1/1/27 Letters from Dorothy Green**
- 1/1/27/1** Card dated 27 November 1986
Campbell, A.C.T.
- 1/1/27/2** 13 November 1987
As above
- 1/1/27/3** 17 October 1989
As above
- 1/1/28 Letter from Helen Green**
22 June 1989
Castlemaine, Victoria
- 1/1/29 Letter from J.S. Hamilton**
(President, Victorian Fellowship of Australian Writers)
- 1/1/29/1** 25 August 1984
Kew, Victoria
- 1/1/29/2** 8 November 1986
As above
- 1/1/30 Letter from Brian Hawke**
26 November 1990
Blackheath, N.S.W.
- 1/1/31 Letter from Lyn Harwood**
(Pascoe Publishing Pty. Ltd.)
27 July 1987
Fairfield, Victoria
- 1/1/32 Letter from Michael Heaney**
Date unknown
Nth. Fitzroy, Victoria
- 1/1/33 Letters from Laurie Hergenhan**
(Editor, Australian Literary Studies, Dept. of English,
University of Queensland)
- 1/1/33/1** 16 January 1981
St. Lucia, Queensland

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- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1/1/34/2 | 10 June 1981
As above |
| 1/1/34/3 | 14 July 1981
As above |
| 1/1/34/4 | 5 October 1984
As above |
| 1/1/34/5 | 14 January 1985
As above |
| 1/1/35 | Letters from H.P. Heseltine
(Professor & Head of Department, Dept. of English,
Faculty of Military Studies, Duntroon) |
| 1/1/35/1 | 2 February 1984
Campbell, A.C.T. |
| 1/1/35/2 | 5 April 1991
As above |
| 1/1/36 | Letter from Blanche Hewitt
(Fiction Editor, Penguin Books Aust. Ltd.)
30 June 1989
Ringwood, Victoria |
| 1/1/37 | Letters from Bernard Hickey |
| 1/1/37/1 | 24 August 1985
Venice, Italy |
| 1/1/37/2 | 5 March 1987
As above |
| 1/1/38 | Letter from Joy Hooton
(English Dept., University College, The University of
N.S.W., Aust. Defence Force Academy)
Includes a photocopy of Morrison's entry in <u>The Oxford
Companion to Australian Literature</u>
12 October 1989
Campbell, A.C.T. |

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1/1/39(a)	Letters from Andrew Hughes
1/1/39/1	10 July 1989 Tokyo, Japan
1/1/39/2	10 November 1989 As above
1/1/39(b)	Letter from R.L. Jellicoe 21 November 1917 Boulogne
1/1/40	Letter from Jim Kable 22 December 1984 Marrickville, N.S.W.
1/1/41	Letters from Stan Kelly (See 6/6 & 6/7 for Stan Kelly's cartoons of John Morrison.)
1/1/41/1	10 August 1983 West Ararat, Victoria
1/1/41/2	6 October 1983 As above
1/1/41/3	28 November 1983 As above
1/1/41/4	14 December 1983 [actually mistakenly written as '1933'] As above
1/1/41/5	4 July 1984 As above
1/1/41/6	23 October 1984 As above
1/1/41/7	19 September 1985 As above

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1/1/41/8	25 November 1985 As above
1/1/41/9	18 March 1986 As above
1/1/41/10	2 October 1986 As above
1/1/41/11	11 November 1986 As above
1/1/41/12	7 July 1987 As above
1/1/41/13	1 February 1988 As above
1/1/41/14	13 March 1988 As above
1/1/41/15	2 May 1988 As above
1/1/41/16	30 May 1989 As above
1/1/41/17	18 September 1989 As above
1/1/41/18	18 October 1991 As above
1/1/41/19	11 August 1992 As above
1/1/41/20	18 December 1994 As above
1/1/42	Letter from Leonie Kramer (Professor of Australian Literature, University of Sydney)

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29 August 1983
Sydney, N.S.W.

- 1/1/43 Letter from W.F. Larkins**
(Treasurer, The Australian Society of Authors)
Includes receipt for \$50.
16 January 1987
Milsons Point, Victoria
- 1/1/44 Letter from Jenny Lee**
(Editor, Meanjin, University of Melbourne)
29 March 1990
Parkville, Victoria
- 1/1/45(a) Letter from Elaine Lindsay**
(Senior Program Officer, Literature Arts Board, Australia Council)
4 March 1988
North Sydney, N.S.W.
- 1/1/45(b) Invitation from the Governor and Mrs. McCaughey**
23 November 1990
Melbourne, Vic.
- 1/1/46 Letters from Elsie McConnell**
- 1/1/46/1 17 October 1983**
Beaumaris, Victoria
- 1/1/46/2 5 November 1984**
12 Carmichael St. (Suburb unknown)
- 1/1/46/3 3 December 1984**
Beaumaris, Victoria
- 1/1/46/4 23 January 1988**
Brighton, Victoria
- 1/1/47 Letters from Peg McColl**
(Publishing Dept., Penguin Books Aust. Ltd.)
- 1/1/47/1 10 June 1983**
Ringwood, Victoria

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- 1/1/47/2** 27 September 1984
As above
- 1/1/47/3** 24 November 1986
Attached to a copy of a letter McColl wrote to Trevor Bennun of Recorded Book Corporation, and a letter/contract sent from Bennun to Morrison via Penguin.
As above
- 1/1/47/4** 26 September 1989
As above
- 1/1/47/5** 17 January 1989
Attached to copies of letters McColl wrote to Phil Walshe of Australian Large Print P/L.
As above
- 1/1/48** **Letters from Elizabeth McDonald**
(Publishing Manager, Lothian Books)
- 1/1/48/1** 28 July 1986
Port Melbourne, Victoria
- 1/1/48/2** 11 September 1986
Attached to a reader's report of Morrison's The Happy Warrior manuscript.
As above
- 1/1/49** **Letter from P.J. McKeon**
(Trust Officer, Perpetual Trustee Company Ltd.)
6 November 1986
Sydney, N.S.W.
- 1/1/50a** **Letter from Gale MacLachlan**
18 August 1992
Applecross, W.A.
- 1/1/50b** **Letter from Walter MacLachlan**
29 September 1984
Durham, Britain

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1/1/51a	Letter from Hilda Marshall (Youngest sister of Alan Marshall) 17 March (year unknown)
1/1/51b	Letters from David & Richenda Martin
1/1/51b/1	30 April 1983 Beechworth, Victoria
1/1/51b/2	17 October 1983 As above
1/1/51b/3	27 November 1983 As above
1/1/51b/4	29 January 1984 As above
1/1/51b/5	10 May 1984 As above
1/1/51b/6	5 July 1984 As above
1/1/51b/7	2 November 1984 As above
1/1/51b/8	11 February 1985 As above
1/1/51b/9	4 June 1985 As above
1/1/51b/10	9 November 1985 As above
1/1/51b/11	29 December 1985 As above
1/1/51b/12	5 May 1986 As above
1/1/51b/13	15 June 1986

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As above

1/1/51b/14 November 1986
As above

1/1/51b/15 11 March 1987
As above

1/1/51b/16 13 September 1987
As above

1/1/51b/17 7 December 1987
As above

1/1/51b/18 5 March 1988
As above

1/1/51b/19 1 October 1988
As above

1/1/51b/20 31 January 1989
As above

1/1/51b/21 Anzac Day 1989
As above

1/1/51b/22 12 August 1989
As above

1/1/51b/23 10 November 1989
As above

1/1/51b/24 7 February 1990
As above

1/1/51b/25 6 June 1990
As above

1/1/51b/26 11 August 1990
As above

1/1/51b/27 16 April 1991

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- As above
- 1/1/51b/28** 15 July 1991
As above
- 1/1/51b/29** 4 January 1992 (Actually dated, '4.I.1991', but closes by wishing the Morrisons a 'nice' 1992. When read in sequence with the other correspondence it becomes obvious that this letter was written in 1992, not 1991.)
As above
- 1/1/51b/30** 23 March 1992
As above
- 1/1/51b/31** 17 June 1992
As above
- 1/1/51b/32** Good Friday, 1993
As above
- 1/1/51b/33** November 1993
(Actually written by Richenda Martin, David's wife, but signed as if from both.)
As above
- 1/1/51b/34** November 1994
(Again, written by Richenda on behalf of both.)
As above
- 1/1/51b/35** 3 January 1995
As above
- 1/1/52** **Letter from Dan Monte**
17 October 1986
- 1/1/53** **Letters from Erika Moreau**
(Foreign Rights Dept., VolkundWelt Verlag fur Internationale Literatur)
- 1/1/53/1** 26 May 1983
Berlin, DDR - East Germany
- 1/1/53/2** 26 March 1984

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- As above
- 1/1/53/3** 5 April 1984
As above
- 1/1/53/4** 24 April 1984
As above
- 1/1/53/5** 15 January 1985
As above
- 1/1/54** **Letters from Alex & Cecily Morrison**
(John Morrison's son and daughter-in-law)
- 1/1/54/1** 29 December 1985
Sussex, U.K.
- 1/1/54/2** Undated
As above
- 1/1/55a** **Letter from John & Shirley Morrison**
(John Morrison's son and daughter-in-law)
15 March 1985
Tanunda, South Australia
- 1/1/55b** **Letter from Michelle Morrison**
(John Morrison's grand daughter)
Date unknown
Ascot Vale, Victoria
- 1/1/56** **Letter from Laurie Muller**
(General Manager, University of Queensland Press)
5 February 1986
St. Lucia, Queensland
- 1/1/57** **Letters from Stephen Murray-Smith**
(Editor, Overland)
- 1/1/57/1** 9 June 1984
Mt. Eliza, Victoria
- 1/1/57/2** 3 December 1984
As above

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1/1/57/3	10 August 1985 As above
1/1/57/4	14 December 1986 As above
1/1/57/5	23 January 1987 As above
1/1/58	Letters from Jan Nary
1/1/58/1	5 March 1985 Marrickville, N.S.W.
1/1/58/2	December 1987 As above
1/1/58/3	Unlisted As above
1/1/58/4	8 May 1988 As above
1/1/59	Letter from Murray Oliver 21 February 1985 North Fremantle, W.A.
1/1/60	Letters from Bruce Pascoe
1/1/60/1	20 January 1987 Fairfield, Victoria
1/1/60/2	4 July 1991 Apollo Bay
1/1/60/3	15 December 1994 As above
1/1/61	Letters from Alla Petrikovskaya
1/1/61/1	12 March 1983 Moscow, USSR

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1/1/61/2	10 March 1989 As above
1/1/61/3	12 December 1991 As above
1/1/62	Letter from Dr G. Raines 16 September 1982 Canterbury, U.K.
1/1/63	Letters from Barrett Reid
1/1/63/1	13 June 1989 Templestowe, Victoria
1/1/63/2	30 September 1992 Melbourne, Vic.
1/1/64	Letters from Ian Reid
1/1/64/1	Easter Sunday 1985 Ocean Grove, Victoria
1/1/64/2	8 November 1986 As above
1/1/65a	Letter from Trevor Robertson (Radio Australia) May 1984 Melbourne, Vic.
1/1/65b	Letter from John Romeril 24 March 1985 Address unknown
1/1/66	Letters from John Sendy
1/1/66/1	13 December 1986 Kingower, Vic.
1/1/66/2	29 September 1988 As above

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- 1/1/67** **Letters from Tom Shapcott**
(Director, Literature Board, Aust. Council)
- 1/1/67/1** 29 March 1985
Nth. Sydney, N.S.W.
- 1/1/67/2** 30 April 1985
As above
- 1/1/67/3** 6 January 1986
As above
- 1/1/67/4** 14 November 1986
As above
- 1/1/67/5** 21 September 1989
As above
- 1/1/67/6** 13 October 1989
As above
- 1/1/67/7** 27 July 1992
As above
- 1/1/68** **Letter from Peter Sheldrake**
(Deputy Director, Australian Institute of Multicultural
Affairs)
16 June 1983
Melbourne, Vic.
- 1/1/69** **Letter from David I. Smith**
(Official Secretary to the Governor-General)
- 1/1/69/1** 28 April 1989
Canberra, ACT
- 1/1/69/2** 5 June 1989
As above
- 1/1/70** **Card from Sharon Smith**
1 May 1990
Address unknown

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|-----------------|---|
| 1/1/71 | Letter from Harunobu Takeshita
(Hyoronsha Publishing Co. Ltd)
12 April 1983
Tokyo, Japan |
| 1/1/72 | Letters from Misako Takitani |
| 1/1/72/1 | 20 September, 1986
Tokorozawa, Japan |
| 1/1/72/2 | 3 January 1990
As above |
| 1/1/72/3 | 30 January 1992
As above |
| 1/1/72/4 | Date & address unknown |
| 1/1/72/5 | 21 February 1987
As above |
| 1/1/72/6 | 28 July 1987
As above |
| 1/1/72/7 | 30 November 1987
As above |
| 1/1/72/8 | 10 June 1989
As above |
| 1/1/73 | Letters from John Thompson
(Acting Principal Librarian, <u>Australian Reference</u> ,
National Library of Australia) |
| 1/1/73/1 | 5 April 1983
Canberra, ACT |
| 1/1/73/2 | 7 June 1983
As above |
| 1/1/73/3 | 29 July 1983
As above |

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- 1/1/73/4 7 January 1985
 As above
- 1/1/73/5 20 November 1986
 As above
- 1/1/74 **Letter from Louise Thurtell**
 (Assistant Editor, Collins Angus & Robertson)
 2 May 1990
- 1/1/75 **Letter from Tony Tremayne**
 (English Dept., Paisley High School)
 20 March 1986
 Newport, Vic.
- 1/1/76 **Letter from Rosanne Turner**
 (Education Sales Manager, Penguin Books Aust.)
 6 December 1991
 Ringwood, Vic.
- 1/1/77 **Telegram from Victorian Trades Hall Council**
 13 November 1986
 Melbourne, Vic.
- 1/1/78 **Letter from Bernice Wakefield**
 7 December 1991
 Newrybar, N.S.W.
- 1/1/79 **Letter from Jacqueline Warner**
 (Editor, Penguinews)
 10 February 1987
 London, U.K.
- 1/1/80 **Letter from Michael Wilkinson**
 February 1990
 Melbourne, Vic.
- 1/1/81 **Letters from E.G. Williams**
 (Managing Director, Kingfisher Books Pty. Ltd.)
- 1/1/81/1 12 October 1983
 Cheltenham, Vic.

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- 1/1/81/2** 22 August 1984
As above
- 1/1/82a** **Letter from Zoe Robb Withers**
29 January 1987
Rozelle, N.S.W.
- 1/1/82b** **Letter from Judith Woodfull**
Date unknown
Brighton, Victoria
- 1/1/83** **Letter from Di Yerbury**
(Vice-Chancellor, Macquarie University)
16 March 1990
Sydney, N.S.W.
- 1/1/84** **Letter from Djana Yermelina**
24 November 1992
Moscow, USSR
- 1/1/85** **Letters from Ma Zuyi**
(Head of Oceanic Literature, Anhui University)
- 1/1/85/1** 20 October 1980
Hefei, Anhui, China
- 1/1/85/2** 25 May 1985
As above

N.B. Four letters written to John & Rachel Morrison between 1983 and 1993, by people who have only identified themselves by their first name are contained in a manila folder.

1/2 **LETTERS WRITTEN BY JOHN MORRISON**

N.B. These letters have been ordered alphabetically according to the addressee's surname. In cases where

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Morrison has written more than one letter to the same person or organisation, the letters have been grouped together and listed chronologically. All of these letters were written between 1982 and 1992, and sent from Morrison's Flat 4, 10 Maryville Street, St.Kilda address. They are now contained in a manila folder.

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|----------------|---|
| 1/2/1 | Letters to Ms. Aleksandra Ambros
(English Department, Czytelnik, Warsaw) |
| 1/2/1/1 | 2 January 1984
Czytelnik, Warsaw |
| 1/2/1/2 | 11 February 1986
As above |
| 1/2/2 | Letter to Australian Musical Industries
12 July 1978
South Melbourne, Vic. |
| 1/2/3 | Letter to Sheril Berkovitch
10 December 1985
Fitzroy, Vic. |
| 1/2/4 | Letter to Mary Connellan
29 April 1988 |
| 1/2/5 | Letter to Jane Christensen
19 January 1987 |
| 1/2/6 | Letter to Editor, Debrett's Handbook of Australia
11 August 1987
Kings Cross, N.S.W. |
| 1/2/7 | Letter to Ms. Janine Day
(Dent Publishers)
24 January 1984
Ringwood, Vic. |
| 1/2/8 | Letter to Ms. Sarah Dawson
(Production Editor, Academic & General Books, Oxford) |

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University Press Aust.)
15 November 1985
Melbourne, Vic.

- 1/2/9** **Letter to Dorothy Green**
28 September 1987
- 1/2/10** **Letter to Eberhard Gunter**
(Director, Mitteldeutscher Verlag Halle)
10 December 1985
Leipzig, E. Germany
- 1/2/11** **Letter to J.S. Hamilton**
(President, Victorian Fellowship of Australian Writers)
8 October 1984
Kew, Vic.
- 1/2/12** **Letters to Laurie Hergenhan**
- 1/2/12/1** 22 October 1984
- 1/2/12/2** Date unknown
- 1/2/13** **Letters to Bernard Hickey**
- 1/2/13/1** 15 July 1985
- 1/2/13/2** 30 August 1985
- 1/2/14** **Letter to Dr. Leonie Kramer**
(Dept. of English, University of Sydney)
29 November 1985
- 1/2/15** **Letter to Ms. Peg McColl**
(Penguin Books Australia)
26 May 1986
Ringwood, Vic.
- 1/2/16** **Letter to Melbourne Workers Theatre**
31 May 1991
Jolimont, Vic.
- 1/2/17** **Letter to Ms. Erika Moreau**

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(Foreign Rights Dept., Volk und Welt)
1 March 1983
Berlin, E. Germany

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1/2/18 | Letter to Stephen Murray-Smith
5 August 1985 |
| 1/2/19 | Letter to Jan Nary
15 April 1985 |
| 1/2/20 | Letter to Ms. Clare O'Brien
(Penguin Books Aust.)
26 November 1984
Ringwood, Vic. |
| 1/2/21 | Letters to Tom Shapcott
(Director, Literary Arts Board, Aust. Council) |
| 1/2/21/1 | 26 July 1982
Nth. Sydney, N.S.W. |
| 1/2/21/2 | 21 May 1984
As above |
| 1/2/21/3 | 7 August 1984
As above |
| 1/2/21/4 | 1 November 1984
As above |
| 1/2/21/5 | 7 October 1985
As above |
| 1/2/21/6 | 23 September 1986
As above |
| 1/2/21/7 | 20 November 1986
As above |
| 1/2/21/8 | 13 November 1987
As above |
| 1/2/21/9 | 30 September 1989 |

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As above

- 1/2/21/10** 23 July 1992
Mont Albert, Vic.
- 1/2/22** **Letter to Miss Simmons**
18 April 1983
- 1/2/23** **Letter to Mr. David I. Smith**
(Official Secretary to the Governor-General)
16 June 1989
Canberra, ACT
- 1/2/24** **Letter to Misaho Takitani**
5 October 1987
- 1/2/25** **Letters to Mr. John Thompson**
(Acting Principal Librarian, Aust. Ref. National Library)
- 1/2/25/1** 18 April 1983
Canberra, ACT
- 1/2/26/2** 31 December 1984
As above
- 1/2/27** **Letter to Louise Thurtell**
9 May 1990
North Ryde, N.S.W.
- 1/2/28** **Letter to Patrick White**
12 November 1982
Centennial Park, N.S.W.
- 1/2/29** **Letter to the Editor, Who's Who in Australasia & the Far East**
9 May 1990
Cambridge, U.K.
- 1/2/30** **Letter to Zoe Robb Withers**
23 February 1987
- 1/2/31** **Letter Di Yerbury**
(Vice-Chancellor, Macquarie University)

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9 May 1990
Sydney, N.S.W.

N.B. Three letters written by John Morrison to correspondents identified only by their first name are contained in an appropriately labelled manila folder.

BOX 2

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CONTRACTS

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| 2/1 | Memorandum of agreement between John Morrison and Penguin Books Australia regarding the publication of <u>Stories of the Waterfront</u> . Date: 15 June 1983 |
| 2/2 | Memorandum of agreement between John Morrison and Penguin Books Australia regarding the publication of <u>Short Stories</u> . Date: 9 October 1984 |
| 2/3 | Memorandum of agreement between John Morrison and Penguin Books Australia regarding the publication of <u>North Wind</u> . Date: 16 October 1989 |
| 2/4 | Copyright clearance form requesting permission to reproduce John Morrison's story, 'The Welcome'. |
| 2/5 | Copyright agreement between Louis Braille Productions Ltd. and John Morrison regarding 'Christ and Devil and the Lunatic'. |
| 2/6 | Memorandum of agreement between John Morrison and Cassell & Company Ltd regarding the publication of <u>Port of Call</u> . Date: 1950 |

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MANUSCRIPTS

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3/1 SHORT STORIES

N.B. Typed on either A4 or quarto size paper, these manuscripts are of short stories written by John Morrison. Some are annotated in the author's hand, indicating when and/or where they were published.

3/1/1 'The Operation'

3/1/2 'The Innocent' Annotated, 'Argus Supplement 1945.'

3/1/3 'It Was Harder For Girls' Annotated, 'Argus 1940?'

3/1/4 'Sing Me To Sleep' Annotated, 'Old . . . (illegible).'

3/1/5 'Dago' Annotated, 'Cylait(?) Warsaw.'

3/1/6 'The Voice' Annotated, 'One publication: "Tracks We Travel" No.4 1977' Annotated, 'Australasian Book Society.'

3/1/7 'A Coat For A Sailor' Annotated, 'Meanjin.'

**3/2 ESSAYS, REVIEWS AND AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL
PIECES**

N.B. These manuscripts are either typed originals or photocopies of original essays and reviews. Some are annotated in the author's hand, indicating either future changes to the text, or the name of the journal or newspaper in which it was published. In cases where the manuscript is untitled, it will be identified in the listing by the first few words of its opening line.

3/2/1 "'Waterfront" brings together . . . ' Heavily annotated with suggested changes to the text.

3/2/2 'The strength of trade unionism . . . ' Original typed version and photocopy.

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- 3/2/3 'Breaking Seven O'Clock' Original typed version and photocopy.
- 3/2/4 'Haligonian Duke' Annotated, 'From Bill Bird - S.U. "Black Cargo".' (Two copies.)
- 3/2/5 'Henry Lawson. June 17th 1867 to September 2nd 1922'
- 3/2/6 'I cannot re-read Dostoyevsky today . . .'
- 3/2/7 'On Maxim Gorky' and 'Anton Chekhov'
- 3/2/8 'Jim Healy' Annotated, Overland
- 3/2/9 'One of the most warming . . .' (Three copies).
- 3/2/10 'On leaving school at 14 . . .' Autobiographical piece written for Contemporary Authors Gale Research Co. Book Tower, Detroit.
- 3/2/11 'In reply to Vic Williams - Realist Writer Dec. '53 - Jan. '54.'
- 3/2/12 'What you're demanding is that the artist . . .'
- 3/2/13 'The Blue Dandenongs' Annotated, '1967.' (Two copies.)
- 3/2/14 'Alcohol & You' by John Morrison (Employee Assistance Services Department).
- 3/2/15 'A strange and not happy day . . .' Photocopy of a diary entry dated 3 May, 1953.
- 3/2/16 Draft review of The Making of Man, by Richard Leakey and After Man, by Dougal Dixon. (Two copies.)
- 3/2/17 Photocopy of itinerary of Morrison's 1961 trip to the Soviet Union.

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PUBLICATIONS

4/1

PUBLISHED STORIES WRITTEN BY JOHN MORRISON

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N.B. These are either original copies of short stories (i.e. pages from a newspaper), or photocopies of stories published in book or newspaper format.

- 4/1/1** 'To Kill A Snake' Original pages of The New Australasian Post, June 19, 1952.
- 4/1/2** 'To Kill A Snake' Two photocopies of a different version of the story published in Twenty-Three.
- 4/1/3** 'At This Very Moment' Photocopied from Twenty-Three. (Two copies.)
- 4/1/4** 'The Last Three Years' Photocopied from Twenty-Three.
- 4/1/5** 'Way of Life' Photocopied from Twenty-Three.
- 4/1/6** 'Lascar Laughs Last' Photocopied from The Sun, Saturday, July 28, 1945. (Two copies.)
- 4/1/7** 'The Return of Peg-Leg' Photocopied from The Sun, Saturday, April 6, 1946. (Two copies.)
- 4/1/8** 'Lena' Photocopied from Meanjin. Suggested date, 1952.
- 4/1/9** 'The Determination of Kognialuk' Photocopied from The Australian Journal, September 1, 1947. (Two copies.)
- 4/1/10** 'The Judge and the Shipowner' Photocopied from Selected Stories (1972) and originally published in 1952.
- 4/1/11** 'I joined the train at Spencer street . . .' First published in Meanjin and reprinted in Australian By Choice.
- 4/1/12** 'The Hold Up' Annotated, 'Never in a "collection" except in 23'.
- 4/1/13** 'The Voice' Annotated, 'Unfinished, J.M.'

4/2 **PUBLISHED ARTICLES & REVIEWS WRITTEN BY JOHN MORRISON**

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- 4/2/1 'Anti-hanger with a whip.' Review of Murray of Yarralumla, by Gwendoline Wilson.
- 4/2/2 'Plight of the Innocent.' Review of Vanishing Tribes, by Roy Pinney. (19-4-69)
- 4/2/3 'Apache Warrior.' Review of Geronimo, by Alexander Adams.
- 4/2/4 'Tshombe on a Slag Heap.' Review of Rise and Fall of Moise Tshombe, by Colvin. (21-9-68)
- 4/2/4 'Fantasy to Draw You In.' Review of The Complete Short Stories of L.P. Hartley.
- 4/2/5 Review of The Morning Deluge, by Han Suyin.
- 4/2/6 'Michener in Spain.' Review of Iberia, by James Michener. (28-12-68)
- 4/2/7 'Northern Station Life a Generation Ago.' Review of Bush Stories, by W.A. Winter-Irving.
- 4/2/8 'Australian Disasters at Sea.' Review of Hazards of the Sea, by John Noble. (23-1-71)
- 4/2/9 'The Making of a Beguiling and Likeable Scoundrel.' Review of Aristotle Onassis, by Fraser, Jacobson, Ottaway, and Chester.
- 4/2/10 'Doomed Pair Caught in a Legal Trap.' Review of The Case That Will Not Die, by Herbert B. Ehrmann. (1-8-70)
- 4/2/11 'Foolhardiness and Heroism in Doomed Dash to the Pole.' Review of Scott's Men, by David Thomson. (11-2-78)
- 4/2/12 'In the Beginning.' Review of Before the Deluge, by Herbert Wendt. (4-1-69)
- 4/2/13 'Final Solution.' Review of Ashes in the Wind, by Dr.J. Presser. (Two copies.) Published in The Age, 1-2-69.

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- 4/2/14 'Pop went the Anthem.' Review of A History of Wagga Wagga, by Keith Swan. (20-6-70)
- 4/2/15 'Giving the Scotsman a Fling.' Review of Scotland, edited by Alastair M. Dunnet. Published in The Herald, 12-12-72.
- 4/2/16 'Chinese Dragon.' Review of The Dragon Empress, by Marina Warner. (24-3-73)
- 4/2/17 'In Contact With Conrad.' Review of Conrad's Eastern World, by Norman Sherry. (Three copies.)
- 4/2/18 'Rare Rememberer.' Reviews of Memoirs of an Aesthete & More Memoirs of an Aesthete, by Harold Acton. (12-9-70)
- 4/2/19 'Village Scholar.' Review of Country Boy, by Richard Hillyer.
- 4/2/20 'Life's Roundabout of Eating.' Review of The Deadly Feast of Life, by Donald E. Carr.
- 4/2/21 'Hiroshima Aftermath.' Review of Hiroshima, by John Hersey. Published in The Age, 18-2-67.
- 4/2/22 'The Age of Sail.' Review of Windjammer 'Prentice, by Captain Vincent Large. (22-1-72)
- 4/2/23 'Rich Life of the East End.' Review of Journey Through a Small Planet, by Emanuel Litvinoff. (10-2-73)
- 4/2/24 'Years of Chaos.' Review of The Restless Years, by Konstantin Paustovsky.
- 4/2/25 'Noblewoman of Tibet.' Review of Daughter of Tibet, by Rinchen Dolma Taring. (5-12-70)
- 4/2/26 'Bert Vickers' Story.' Review of Without Map or Compass, by F.B. Vickers.
- 4/2/27 'Miles of Blood.' Review of The Golden Isthmus, by David Howarth. (31-12-66)
- 4/2/28 'The Rollicking Old Fon of Bafut.' Review of The Fon of Bafut,

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by Pat Ritzenthaler. (13-5-67)

- 4/2/29** 'Gun Happy.' Review of Use Enough Gun, by Robert Ruark.
Published in The Age, 2/12/67.
- 4/2/30** 'Special Relationship.' Review of Transatlantic Crossing, by
Walter Allen. (26-6-71)
- 4/2/31** 'My God, That's Me!' Review of Mankind's Spies, edited by
Graeme Kinross Smith.
- 4/2/32** Review of The Road to Yesterday, by Frank Dalby Davison.
Published in The Realist, No. 16, 1964.
- 4/2/33** 'A Man of Variety.' Review of By the Evidence, by L.S.
Leakey.
- 4/2/34** Review of Not Without A Chaperone, by Cecil Porter. (5-5-73)
- 4/2/35** 'Not Much Hope for the Future.' Reviews of Surviving the
Future, by Arnold Toynbee and The Hunger to Come, by
John Laffin.
- 4/2/36** 'Cape York Plunder.' Review of Last Days of a Wilderness, by
Percy Trezise.
- 4/2/37** 'Operation Noah.' Review of Time is Short and the Water
Rises, by John Walsh with Robert Gannon.
- 4/2/38** 'Larger Garden for Literature.' Reviews of The Complete Short
Stories of Katherine Mansfield and Katherine
Mansfield's New Zealand, by Vincent O'Sullivan.
Published in The Age, May 24, 1975.
- 4/2/39** 'Towards Aesthetic Sex.' Review of The White Thorntree, by
Frank Dalby Davison. Published in The Age, 23-11-68.
- 4/2/40** 'So Worth Saying.' Review of The White Thorntree, by Frank
Dalby Davison. (4-3-70)
- 4/2/41** The Happy Warrior. Article published in Overland, 96 - 1984.
Tribute to Alan Marshall.

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- 4/2/42 'What Shall We Do About The Australian Tradition?' Published by The Realist, No. 15, 1964.
- 4/2/43 'Author's Statements - John Morrison.' Date and place of publication unknown.
- 4/2/44 Prolific in God's Gifts: A Social History of Knox and the Dandenongs by Michael Jones, which contains an extensive quote from John Morrison's novel, Creeping City. (3 copies, one of which is accompanied by a list of actual place names matched to their fictional counterparts in Morrison's novel.)

4/3 **REVIEWS, INTERVIEWS & ARTICLES**
CONCERNING JOHN MORRISON & HIS
WRITING

- 4/3/1 'Our Writers - John Morrison' by Alan Marshall, in Overland, October, 1955. (4 copies.)
- 4/3/2 'Life: An Author's Starting Point' by Maurice Dunlevy, in The Canberra Times, 1 February 1974. (2 copies.)
- 4/3/3 'John Morrison', biographical piece in The Bendigo Times, November, 1973.
- 4/3/4 'Just the Time For a Story.' The Herald, 14 November, 1974. (2 copies.)
- 4/3/5 'Ex-Wharfie's Work Colors a Familiar Landscape' by Jan Goldman. Date and place of publication unknown. (3 copies.)
- 4/3/6 'The Short Stories of John Morrison' by A.A. Phillips in Overland(?), Winter, 1974.
- 4/3/7 'At Last, the Return of the Real Short Story' by Helen Daniel, in The Age, 17 April, 1982.
- 4/3/8 'The Economics of Realism: John Morrison' by Ivor Indyk. Date and place of publication unknown. (3

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copies.)

- 4/3/9** 'Brave Note From The Underground' by Barry Hill, in The Age, 18 March, 1986. (2 copies.)
- 4/3/10** 'Prize Winner at 82 Years' by Stuart Sayers, in The Age, 8 November 1986. (2 copies.)
- 4/3/11** 'John Morrison: Writer at Work' by Morag Loh, in Meanjin, Vol. 46, Number 4, December 1987. (3 copies.)
- 4/3/12** 'Craftsman and Happy Warrior' by Rod Moran. Review of Happy Warrior in Overland, 1988. (3 copies.)
- 4/3/13** Review of The Best Stories of John Morrison by David Green, in The South Coast Times, 11 January, 1989. (3 copies.)
- 4/3/14** 'High Price We Pay For Sophistication.' Review of The Best Stories of John Morrison by Tony Lintermans, in The Herald, 30 December, 1989. (4 copies.)
- 4/3/15** 'We're deceived, says author' by Claire Fitzpatrick. Date and place of publication unknown. (2 copies.)
- 4/3/16** 'The Good Yarn Lingers On.' Review of The Best Stories of John Morrison by Jane Freeman. Date and place of publication unknown.
- 4/3/17** 'City, Country and a Touch of Philosophy.' Review of The Happy Warrior by Clem Semmler. Date and place of publication unknown. (3 copies.)
- 4/3/18** An interview with John Morrison by Peter Haddow, in Brave New World, 1983 (?). (2 copies.)
- 4/3/19** 'Interview John Morrison' by Simon Crosbie. Date and place of publication unknown, though certainly after 1987. (2 copies.)
- 4/3/20** 'Working Writer: John Morrison tells Katherine Kizilos about his life of work.' Published in The Herald, 12 January, 1989. (3 copies.)

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- 4/3/21 'This Freedom.' A critical response (designed as an aid for students) to Morrison's book of short stories of the same title, by Bretton Neil. Date and place of publication unknown. (2 copies.)
- 4/3/22 Photocopy of a radio transcript of Women's Magazine (31 August 1949), in which Colin Roderick reviews The Creeping City.
- 4/3/23 Three photocopies of the John Gordon Morrison entry in Who's Who in Australia 1988.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERSONAL PAPERS

- 5/1 Proof of proposed entry for John Morrison in the 26th edition of Who's Who in Australia 1988.
- 5/2 Photocopies of a pamphlet advertising a public meeting in which John Morrison was to appear, and a newspaper clipping reporting on that meeting (date & place of publication unknown).
- 5/3 Two photocopies of an article written by Dr. John Coulter entitled, 'National Parks Loom Large in a Cosmic Count-down', published in Habitat.
- 5/4 Two photocopies of a Victorian National Parks Association newsletter dated 10 May, 1960.
- 5/5 Partial list of titles of John Morrison short stories.
- 5/6 Photocopy of a Bruce Pascoe article entitled, 'Great Deano, but . . .', published in The Sunday Age, 27 November 1994.
- 5/7 Typed extract from Mary Gilmore's Old Days, Old Ways, starting with the line, 'The Bogan swamp was a thing of wonder . . .' (3 copies.)
- 5/8 Typed manuscript of Ron Callander's, Blood on the

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Snow.

- 5/9** Typed and photocopied excerpt from 'Maupassant', by Francis Steegmuller. Annotated in blue pen, 'My attitude all my life. J.M.'
- 5/10** Photocopy of 'Faces of Yesteryear: Victoria's First Rhodes Scholar J.C.V. Behan (C.G.S. 1894-96)', an article by David Thomson, published in Labora, April 1990.
- 5/11** 'Menzie's Literary Lie' by Richard Hall, in The Age Monthly Review. Date unknown.
- 5/12** Excerpt from unknown book, beginning, 'One day in the early 1930's . . .' Author, date and place of publication are also unknown. (2 copies.)

SERIES 6

PHOTOGRAPHS AND DRAWINGS

- 6/1** Sheet of photographic proofs depicting John Morrison in various poses at his desk. Dated on the back, 5-11-86.
- 6/2** Colour photograph of John Morrison seated with Clem Christesen. Date unknown.
- 6/3** Two photocopies of a photograph of John Morrison sitting in an armchair.
- 6/4** Copy of Louis Kahan portrait of John Morrison. Date and place of publication unknown. (2 copies.)
- 6/5** Copy of Noel Counihan crayon portrait of John Morrison. Published in Overland, October 1955.
- 6/6** Photocopy of Stan Kelly's cartoon of John Morrison standing on top of a pile of books, clutching a penguin in each hand. Caption reads, "'Two Penguins' You Beaut.' (See 1/1/41 for Stan Kelly's correspondence.)
- 6/7** Four photocopies of Stan Kelly's cartoon congratulating John Morrison on receiving the Patrick White award.

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(See 1/1/41 for Stan Kelly's correspondence.)

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HISTORICAL NOTE

John Gordon Morrison (1904 - 1998)

John Morrison was born in Sunderland, England on the 29th January, 1904. In 1923, aged nineteen, he migrated to Australia. First finding work on a sheep station in N.S.W., he eventually settled in Melbourne, marrying his first wife, Frances, in 1928 and working for the next ten years as a wharfie on the waterfront. During this time his socialist convictions strengthened, leading him to join the Australian Communist Party.

Along with other notable left wing writers (including Alan Marshall and Judah Waten) Morrison became a member of the Melbourne Realist Writers' Group. By the mid-1950's he had published two collections of short stories (Sailors Belong Ships, 1947; Black Cargo, 1955) and two novels (The Creeping City, 1949; Port of Call, 1950). Having moved to the Dandenongs, a place he loved and which became the setting for The Creeping City, he began working as a gardener - an occupation in which he remained for the rest of his working life.

In 1969, after the death of his first wife, Frances, Morrison married Rachel, a Polish immigrant. While he remained active in the literary scene of the 1960s & 1970s - primarily through his newspaper reviews and his travels to the Soviet Union as a delegate of the Fellowship of Australian Writers - these decades were, in terms of books, lean times for Morrison, with only three volumes of his work being published (Twenty-Three, 1962; Selected Stories, 1972; and Australian By Choice, 1973).

It wasn't until the 1980s, when Morrison himself was in his eighties, that his literary output received more widespread attention. During this period many of his earlier short stories were reissued in collections published by Penguin (North Wind, 1982; Stories of the Waterfront, 1984; This Freedom, 1985; and The Best Stories of John Morrison, 1988). In addition to these, a book of essays and memoirs, The Happy Warrior, was published by Pascoe Publishing in 1988. While Morrison's contribution to Australian literature had been previously recognised in his being awarded the Gold Medal of the Australian Literature Society for Twenty-Three in 1963, and his being granted an Emeritus Fellowship by the Australia Council, it was his winning of the Patrick White Literary Award in 1986 which brought him the greatest acclaim. A further accolade was bestowed upon him in 1989 when he was awarded the Australia Medal for services to literature. John Morrison died in 1998.

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THE COLLECTION

This collection of John Morrison's personal papers, concentrating as it does on the years between 1980 and 1994, provides the researcher with a fascinating view of the twilight years of a writer's life.

The correspondence, which forms the bulk of the collection, reveals both the celebration surrounding Morrison's late-in-life success, and his frustration at no longer being physically able to write. Many of the letters deal with the day-to-day negotiations between publishers and an author, while others, like the long series of letters from David Martin (see 1/1/51b), allow us to eavesdrop on at least one side of a conversation between two prominent Australian authors.

The collection of other people's reviews of Morrison's books enables the researcher to gauge how his work was received at the time of its publication. Similarly, the book reviews written by Morrison act as a reliable record of his various literary tastes and opinions.

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