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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books
<b>Title:</b>	Lisa Hobbs Birnie fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	MsC-227
<b>Date:</b>	1964-2002 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	.82 m of textual records and photographic material
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	Created December 21, 2015. SS

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Lisa (Hobbs) Birnie's career as a journalist and author has spanned six decades and three continents. She is the author of nine books of nonfiction, including *The Death and Life of Sue Rodriguez*, and *I Saw Red China*, which hit the *New York Times* best-seller list. She has interviewed Lena Horne, Louis Armstrong, Woody Allen, Clare Boothe Luce, William Shatner, Joan Crawford, Burt Lancaster and Timothy Leary. In *Mania's Memory*, the interwoven stories of two women, one a Jewish child in Auschwitz, the other a female Nazi guard, whose lives miraculously reconnect years later, was published in 2010.

### Custodial history

Records were in the custody of Lisa Hobbs Birnie prior to their acquisition by Simon Fraser University Library Special Collections and Rare Books in 2011.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of records relating to Birnie's trip to China in the 60s and her career as a journalist, including correspondence, telegrams, photographs, newspaper clippings, magazines, photocopied news articles, scrapbooks, and awards.

## Notes

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### Title notes

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### Other notes

- **Publication status:** draft
  - **Status description:** Published
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## Access points

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- Birnie, Lisa Hobbs (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Photographic material (documentary form)
- Exploration, discovery and travel (subject)
- Arts and culture (subject)
- Communications (subject)