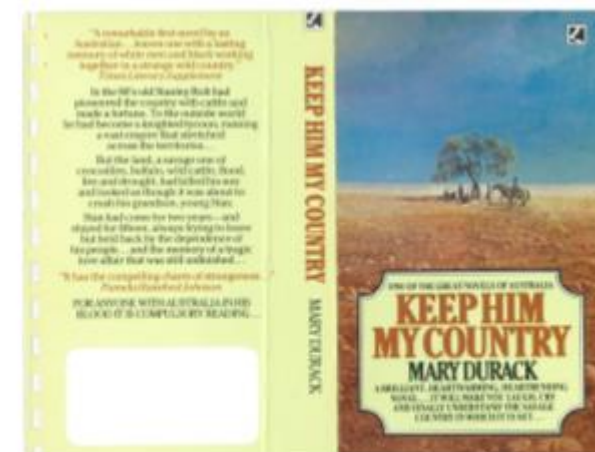


MARY DURACK MILLER PAPERS:

MDM/KC: KEEP HIM MY COUNTRY MATERIAL

'Keep Him My Country' MDM's only novel was first published in 1955 by Constable. MDM first submitted the MS to various publishers under a male pseudonym, convinced that it would not be accepted if thought written by a woman. It was from the main theme of this story that the operatic drama 'Dalgerie' was conceived by the composer James Penberthy, libretto by MDM, produced by Stefan Haag for Elizabethan Theatre Trust in 1958 at Somerville Auditorium and again in July 1973 at the Sydney Opera House.



Transworld Publishers book cover for "Keep Him My Country"
See: ACC 7273A/box 66.16

Cross-referencing, descriptions and comments by Patsy Millett (PMM)

REQUEST THIS NUMBER ↓	Date	Source	Description	PMM index reference
ACC 7273A/box 66.1	c1950s	Manuscript	"Keep him my Country" - Manuscript - carbon copy - 98,000 words approximately. Final draft. Some hand corrections. Includes photocopies of pages 351-352 (originals torn and have been repaired).	MDM/KC 1
ACC 7273A/box 66.2	1956	Serials	7 editions of "The Countryman" 1956 - serialisation of "Keep him my Country". Illustrations by Elizabeth Durack. Volume 71, No. 3455-3458, 3460, 3461, 3462.	MDM/KC 2
ACC 7273A/box 66.3	c1976-1980	Letter	Letters from Stoney Creek films regarding film rights to "Keep him my Country" - (David Baker and Gilda Baracchi).	MDM/KC 3
ACC 7273A/box 66.4	1961	Letter	1961 letter from MDM to Heinemann Publishers re failure to distribute or supply demand for book 'Keep Him my Country'.	MDM/KC 4
ACC 7273A/box 66.5		Letter	Handwritten letter to MDM from Nessie KIDSON. Note on letter stating Nessie was blind.	MDM/KC 5
ACC 7273A/box 66.6		Letter	Handwritten letter to MDM signed 'Pat'. Talks about Pat's response to 'Keep Him My Country'.	MDM/KC 6
ACC 7273A/box 66.7	16/09/1955	Letter	Typed letter to MDM from Abbey on United Nations Information Centre stationery. Congratulations on favourable reviews of 'Keep Him My Country' in Sydney Morning Herald.	MDM/KC 7
ACC 7273A/box 66.8	19/11/1955	Letter	2 handwritten letters to MDM signed 'Anne' . Mentions of the success of 'Keep Him My Country'.	MDM/KC 8
ACC 7273A/box 66.9	07/12/1956	Letter	Handwritten letter to MDM signed 'Mrs Mary K Peddie' and 'Miss Christian Mackay'.	MDM/KC 9
ACC 7273A/box 66.10	18/01/1956	Letter	Handwritten letter to MDM signed Gerald Durack.	MDM/KC 10
ACC 7273A/box 66.11		Photocopy	Photocopy of 'Keep Him My Country' review in the 'Westerly' by Irene A. Greenwood.	MDM/KC 11
ACC 7273A/box 66.12	12/01/1956	WAN The Countryman	WAN and the Countryman newspaper clippings promoting MDM's "sold out" 'Keep Him My Country' novel. Beginning as a serial in The Countryman.	MDM/KC 12
ACC 7273A/box 66.13	1968	Angus & Robertson Ltd	2 royalty statements addressed to MDM from Angus & Robertson Ltd documenting the print sales and profits of 'Keep Him My Country'.	MDM/KC 13
ACC 7273A/box 66.14		Promotional material	Colour copy of book cover for 'Keep Him My Country', including 'with compliments' card from Transworld Publishers.	MDM/KC 14

See also;

- C/MZ, no's 1-4, for Countryman serialisation of 'Keep Him My Country'
- MDM/CG B(aker, David), C(urrie, Mavis), for corresp re 'Keep ...' & possibility of film
- MDM/CON for contracts re.
- MDM/CW H(arney, Bill), H(otchin, C), J(ohnston, Frank H), M(ayman, T), M(urray-Smith, S), P(almer, Nettie), P(enberthy, J), P(richard, KS), R(onan, T), S(tow, Randolph), for corresp re 'Keep ...'
- MDM/PUB/COR Constables, Rigby, for corresp with MDM re publishing matters and personal.
- **MDM/RVW2, Section 9, for REVIEWS and ARTICLES RE.**
- MDM/VER1, no's 90 & 91, for poem 'Keep Him My Country', and German translation, 'Dalgerie's Lied'. Used in book.

NB: All letters to MDM re "Keep him my Country" transferred to Correspondence Files.
For all reviews and articles see MDM Review file Section 9.

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