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**Inventory of the
Rohinton Mistry fonds**

Inventory #F0180

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0180

Title: Rohinton Mistry fonds

Dates: 1984-2013

Extent: 7.7 m of textual records
 148 photographs : b&w and col. ; 12.7 x 17.8 cm and smaller + 8.56 MB
 9 audio cassettes
 8 video cassettes
 8 compact discs : approximately 10.3 GB of sound and moving image recordings
 1 jigsaw puzzle

**Biographical Sketch/
 Administrative History:** Rohinton Mistry, writer, was born in Bombay (now known as Mumbai), India, in 1952, and immigrated to Canada in 1975. He earned a degree in mathematics and economics at the University of Bombay before continuing his education in Canada. He attended York University and the University of Toronto, where he received his B.A. in English and philosophy. Mistry began his career as a writer by winning two Hart House literary prizes in 1983 and 1984, and Canadian Fiction Magazine's Annual Contributor's Prize in 1985 for his short stories. Mistry's first book, a collection of short stories entitled "Tales from Firozsha Baag," was published in 1987. His first novel, "Such a Long Journey" (1991), won the Governor General's Award, the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best Book, and the W.H. Smith/Books in Canada First Novel Award, and was short listed for the Booker Prize and the Trillium Award. It was adapted for film and released as a major motion picture in 1999. His 1995 novel, "A Fine Balance," won the Giller Prize, the Commonwealth Writers' Prize, the Los Angeles Times Book Award and the Royal Society of Literature's Winifred Holtby Prize, in addition to an award by the Danish Literature Council. It was also short listed for the Booker Prize, the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, and the Irish Times International Fiction Prize. His latest novel, "Family Matters" (2002), was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize, and was the winner of the Kiriyama Prize and the Canadian Authors Association's Award for Fiction. Mistry received the Trudeau Fellows Prize from the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation in 2004, and a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2005. He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature in 2009, was a finalist for the 2011 Man Booker International Prize, and in 2012 was awarded the Neustadt International Prize for Literature. In 2013, on the twentieth anniversary of the Giller Prize, he won the CBC Books' "Giller of All Gillers" for "A Fine Balance." Mistry's work has been published in more than thirty languages.

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of records that document Mistry's career as a writer, including financial records, personal and professional correspondence, publicity files, first editions and translations of his published works, notes, drafts and galleys of his short stories, travel essays and novels, including "Tales from Firozsha Baag," "Such a Long Journey," "A Fine Balance," and "Family Matters." It also includes records documenting his work with his literary agent and publishers, his selection to the Oprah Book Club, the burning and banning of "Such a Long Journey" at the University of Mumbai in September 2010, Mistry's involvement with literary festivals and awards, and his support of organizations devoted to literacy, humanitarianism, and writers.

The fonds is arranged in the following series:

S00158	Literary Manuscripts
S00159	Awards, Reading Tours and Promotional Material
S00160	Correspondence
S00216	Financial Records

**Restrictions on
 Access and Use:** Some restrictions on access apply; see individual accession file lists.

Finding Aid: Series-level descriptions with corresponding file lists are complete at this time. Individual accession file lists are available separately; see accruals note.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000180.htm>

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Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 2000-058, 2003-007, 2014-013.
Further accruals are expected.

Immediate source of acquisition: Donated by Rohinton Mistry in 2000, 2003, and 2014.

Provenance Access Points: Mistry, Rohinton, 1952-

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