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# Preliminary Inventory to the Helen Lester Papers 1942-2017



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## Descriptive Summary

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<b>Abstract</b>	Helen Lester (1936 – ) is an American children’s book writer.

## Information on Use

### Access

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### Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Lester, Helen. Papers, Acc #, Box #, Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### Biographical Note

Helen Lester (1936 – ) is an American children’s book writer. This collection is comprised of book and publication materials. It spans her earliest illustration and writing until 2017. It also includes other career materials, such as information from school visits, conferences, and awards.

## INVENTORY

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RL HL Misc Stories. Notes, 1995-1996

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