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Rebecca Sparrow Collection

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| Size | 1 box |
| Contents | Drafts of <i>The Girl Most Likely</i> and <i>The Year Nick McGowan Came to Stay</i> , correspondence and research notes |
| Biography | Rebecca Sparrow was born in Brisbane in 1972. She spent nearly ten years working in public relations and marketing in Brisbane, Sydney and London, then three years working as a travel writer. In 2000, Rebecca interviewed Brisbane author Nick Earls for a travel magazine piece, and after blurting out her life story, the idea for the novel <i>The Girl Most Likely</i> was born. <i>The Girl Most Likely</i> was published in 2003, followed by <i>The Year Nick McGowan Came to Stay</i> in 2006. <i>The Girl Most Likely</i> was a joint winner of the One Book, One Brisbane Award, 2004. Sparrow also co-authored <i>Joel and Cat Set the Story Straight</i> (2007) with Nick Earls |
| Notes | Open access. |

Series A: *The Girl Most Likely*

This series includes the original draft of *The Girl Most Likely*, research material, email correspondence with Nick Earls regarding the draft and correspondence with various publishing companies.

The Girl Most Likely is Sparrow's first novel, published by the University of Queensland Press in 2003. It was voted the 2004 One Book One Brisbane winner alongside David Malouf's *Johnno*.

Folder A: Before I started writing

Original planning document

Images from magazines which Sparrow used to visualise the characters of Rachel and Zoe

Hairdini brochure

Folder B: The Nick Earls connection

Email from Nick Earls to Sparrow, 14 Jan 2000, 1p

Email from Sparrow to Nick Earls, 16 Jan 2000, 1p

Email from Sparrow to Nick Earls, 10 Feb 2000, 1p

Email from Nick Earls to Sparrow, 10 Feb 2000, 1p

Email from Nick Earls to Sparrow, 12 Feb 2000, 2pp

Synopsis for 'Mascara', (original title for *The Girl Most Likely*), with editing by Nick Earls

Early draft of 'Mascara', chapters 1 to 7, with editing by Nick Earls

Folder C: Original manuscript and assorted rejection letters

Correspondence from Clare Forster, Publisher, Penguin Australia to Sparrow, 4 Dec 2001, 1p

Manuscript assessment note by an editor of Penguin Australia

Correspondence from Sharon Harvey, Manager Library Services, Brisbane City Council to Sparrow, 21 April 2004, 1p

Original manuscript, 'Mascara', pp1-264

Series B: *The Year Nick McGowan Came to Stay*

This series includes drafts of *The Year Nick McGowan Came to Stay*, synopsis and correspondence with editor, Rachel Scully.

The Year Nick McGowan Came to Stay is Sparrow's second novel published by the University of Queensland Press in 2006.

Folder A: A note from Rebecca Sparrow

Correspondence from Rachel Scully, editor, to Sparrow, Nov 2005, 6pp

Email correspondence between Rachel Scully and Sparrow, 21 Nov 2005 to 1 Dec 2005, 5pp

Correspondence from Rachel Scully to Sparrow, 5 Jan 2006, 2pp

Author queries, questions from Rachel Scully to Sparrow, Dec 2005/Jan 2006, 8pp

Calendar printouts revealing writing schedule in May 2005, Nov 2005 and Jan 2006

Revised synopsis with information on the main characters, Nov 2005

Folder B

Draft of *The Year Nick McGowan Came to Stay*, Rachel Scully's early reading copy, no editing, pp1-216

Folder C

Draft of *The Year Nick McGowan Came to Stay*, with editing suggestions by Rachel Scully and corrections by Sparrow, pp1-208