

A Guide to the Robert Spencer Carr Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Carr, Robert Spencer, 1909-1994
Title:	Robert Spencer Carr Papers
Dates:	1927-1948
Abstract:	Typescripts of three novels by author, Robert Spencer Carr.
Extent:	1 Linear feet. 2 boxes.
Identification:	MS Group 60
Language(s):	English

Biographical/Historical Note

Born March 26, 1909, in Washington, D.C., died 1994 in Dunedin, Florida. A child prodigy, Carr was published in national magazines at the age of 15 and published his first novel, *The Rampant Age* (1928), at 17. He only authored two more novels, *The Bells of Saint Ivan's* (1944), and *The Room Beyond*. Science fiction works, *Beyond Infinity* (1951), a collection of stories, and *Invaders* (1954), were published later. Carr was a prominent proponent of Unidentified Flying Objects and is alleged to have perpetrated major hoaxes, including the notion that alien bodies were recovered from a UFO crash and autopsied by the U.S. government.

Sources: Warfel, Harry R., *American Novelist of Today* (1951), p.82; Carr, Timothy Spencer. "Son of Originator of 'Alien Autopsy' Story Casts Doubt on Father's Credibility," *Skeptical Inquirer*, July/August 1997, pp. 31-32.

Scope and Content

Typescripts of *The Rampant Age*, *The Bells of St. Ivan's*, *The Room Beyond*, and one photograph.

Access or Use Restrictions

Access

The collection is open for research.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Contents List

Box

- 1 *The Rampant Age* (1928). Long Pants by Robert S. Carr.. Typed ms., 349 leaves. 34 cm. bound. Note by the author, explaining revisions made for publication in the *Smart Set* and for the book publication. Signed and dated by the author, November 1, 1927, and signed by John Farrar, Sept. 14, 1927, and ten others. 1927
- 1 *The Bells of Saint Ivan's* (1944) by Robert Spencer Carr. Typed ms., 166 [i.e. 198 leaves]. With note, by R.S.C. April 5, 1944, explaining that this is the original manuscript, submitted to agent Curtis Brown, Sept. 1943, and revised as of November 23rd. Signed by the author on the last leaf. Pages 1-111. 1944
- 1 *The Bells of Saint Ivan's*. Pages 112-166. 1944
- 2 *The Room Beyond* (1948). Typed ms., 873, [111] leaves. Chapters 1-5. 1948
- 2 *The Room Beyond*. Chapters, 6-11. 1948
- 2 *The Room Beyond*. Chapters 12-17. 1948
- 2 *The Room Beyond*. Chapters 18-23. 1948
- 2 *The Room Beyond*. Chapters 24-29. 1948
- 2 *The Room Beyond*. Chapters 30-33. 1948
- 2 Photograph of seven unidentified people in an outdoor scene. Note on verso, March or April, 1929. The man in the middle of the second row may be Carr. Cf. photo in Harry R. Warfel's *American Novelist of Today* (1951), p.82. 1929

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