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Biographical / Historical

May Sarton (1912–1995) was an American poet, novelist, and memoirist, celebrated for her introspective and lyrical explorations of human emotions and relationships. Born Eleanor Marie Sarton in Wondelgem, Belgium, she spent her early years in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Sarton's literary career spanned several decades, and her work often delved into themes of love, solitude, and the human experience. Some of her notable poetry collections include "Encounter in April" (1937), "Inner Landscape" (1969), and "Collected Poems, 1930-1993" (1993). One of her most famous works is the memoir "Journal of a Solitude" (1973), in which she reflects on her life, creativity, and the challenges of maintaining a sense of self in the face of societal expectations. Sarton's writing emphasized a keen sensitivity to the nuances of human relationships and an unflinching examination of her own emotional landscapes.

Content Description

Letters from May Sarton to Evelyn Phoup, including a get-well card, a Valentine's Day card, photographs, and a condolence card to Jean Hudson regarding the death of Evelyn Phaup.

Separated Materials

The following titles have been transferred to the Rare Book Collection:

Sarton, May, et al. *The Fur Person* / by May Sarton ; Illustrations by Barbara Knox. Illustrated by Barbara Knox, Rinehart & Company, 1957.

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Sarton, Eleanor Mabel, et al. *Letters to May*. Puckerbrush Press, 1986.

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