

GUIDE TO THE PETER SPIER ILLUSTRATIONS

Collection Abstract:

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Collection Title: THE PETER SPIER ILLUSTRATIONS

Inclusive Dates: 1954-1964

Size: 1 Box (1.5 l.f.)

Source: Gift of Peter Spier, 1980

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Repository: Port Washington Public Library Local History Center

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INTRODUCTION:

Noted children's book illustrator and former Port Washington, New York resident, Peter Spier, donated these drawings and watercolors to the Library. Spier, who was born in Amsterdam in 1927, has illustrated over 100 books and has been the recipient of the Caldecott Medal and the Lewis Carroll Shelf Award.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

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BOX LIST:

Box Folder Content

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The Cow that Fell in the Canal / Phyllis Krasilovsky -- Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1960.

- 1 5 pen/ink/watercolor drawings, mounted on 4 boards
- 2 Pen/ink drawings- 7 pages with overlays

The Prince and the Pauper / Mark Twain -- Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1954.

- 3 Watercolor frontispiece, 5 ½ x 8, mounted on board 10x14
- 4 6 full-page pen and ink drawings, mounted
- 5 7 half-page pen and ink drawings, mounted
- 6 8 half-page pen and ink drawings, mounted
- 7 5 color proof sheets (of the frontispiece)
 10 black and white proof sheets (various)

Girl Scout Material (for Girl Scout publications), ca. 1959-1964

- 8 "She's an angel!" by Rose-Marie Brooks – 1 pen/ink drawing with 3 transparencies and story layout; 1 proof of drawing and story
- 9 International sketches – 10 pen/ink drawings; 1 proof of 2 images
- 10 Aviation sketches – 4 pen/ink drawings; 4 ink/wash drawings
- 11 "Play way to skills" by Helen J. Green – 1 pen/ink drawing with ink/wash overlay; 2 proof pages

Box Folder Content
1 (continued)

- 12 *Leader* (magazine) –
 May – “Girl Scouting for Rural Girls” -1 pen/ink drawing; 1 proof
 Oct. – “ Girl Scout Foundation” – 1 pen/ink drawing
 “What is Creativity” – 1 pen/ink drawing
 Dec. – “ Arctic Expedition” - 1 pen/ink drawing with paper overlay
 “Sparked by the Yule Log” – 1 pen/ink drawing with
 transparency
- 13 Miscellaneous – 8 drawings, various sizes, some with transparencies