

The Australian Women's Register

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Nicholson, Joyce Thorpe

(1919 - 2011)

Born 1 June, 1919, Northcote Victoria Australia

Died 31 December, 2011

Occupation Author, Feminist, Publisher

Summary

Joyce Nicholson was born in Melbourne, the daughter of publisher D.W. Thorpe. She was educated at Methodist Ladies College before completing a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Melbourne, where she was vice-president of the Student Representative Council. She has been active in the women's movement, involved in early years with the Women's Electoral Lobby (W.E.L.) and Sisters Publishing Ltd. She was Managing Director, and later sole owner, of D.W. Thorpe Pty Ltd from 1968 until 1987, when the firm was sold. She is the author of over 25 books, many of them written for children, others dealing with women's issues.

Events

1968 - 1980

Managing director and proprietor of D W Thorpe Pty Ltd (Melbourne), and editor, *Australian Bookseller* and *Australian Books in Print*

1974 - 1974

Founding member of the National Book Council

1972 - 1983

Secretary and executive member of the Australian Library Promotion Council

1993 - 1993

Chief Executive Officer of Courtyard Press

1987 - 1992

Chief Executive Officer of Jayen Press

1971 - 1974

Editor of *Newsletter* for the Royal Historical Society of Victoria

1940 - 1940

Vice-president of the Student Representative Council at the University of Melbourne

1957 - 1957

Organizer of the first Children's Book Week in Victoria

1943 - 1943

Married George Harvey Nicholson (dec.1980), they had 4 children

1998 - 1998

Recipient of the Lloyd O'Neil Award for services to the Book Industry

1935 - 1946

Junior typist, secretary and sub-editor at D W Thorpe Pty Ltd (Melbourne)

1947 - 1968

Writer and part-time work at D W Thorpe Pty Ltd (Melbourne)

1979 - 1980

Co-founder and director of Sisters Publishing Ltd

Published resources

Edited Book

Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

Who's Who in Australia 2003, De Micheli, Catherine and Herd, Margaret, 2003

Thesis

The Women's Electoral Lobby and Women's Employment: Strategies and Outcomes, Nicholson, Joyce, 1991

Journal Article

A life in books, Gorman, Lyn, 2000

A life of books: the story of D.W. Thorpe Pty Ltd., 1921-1987, Walker, Nick, 2000

Book

You can run a library, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, 1948

Yap the penguin, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919- and Smith, L. H. (Leonard Hart), 1910-, illus., 1967

Woop the wombat, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919- and Smith, L. H. (Leonard Hart), 1910- (photography by), [1968]

Why women lose at bridge, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, 1985

What society does to girls, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919- and Leunig, Mary, 1950- (illustrated by), 1975

Successful parties and social evenings, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919- (compiled by), [195-?]

Sir Charles and the lyrebird, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919- and McArdle, Brian (photography by), 1966

Ringtail the possum, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919- and De Lisle, Gordon (photography by), 1965

Our first overlander, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, 1956

A mortar-board for Priscilla, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, 1963

Man against mutiny : the story of Vice-Admiral Bligh, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, c1961

The little green tractor, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919- and Max B. Miller (illustrations by), [1950]

A Life of Books: The Story of D.W. Thorpe Pty Ltd., 1921-1987, Nicholson, Joyce and Thorpe, Daniel, 2000

Kerri and Honey, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, 1962

How to play solo : complete guide to solo (solo whist), auction solo, three-handed solo, hints on bidding and play, scoring, illustrated hands, with special chapter for beginners who have never played cards of any kind, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, [1945?]

How to play auction bridge, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, [193-]

Resource

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Archival resources

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