

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE2908

## Giles, Boronia Lucy (Bonnie)

(1909 - 1978)

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**Born** 25 August, 1909, Collie Western Australia Australia

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**Died** 2 May, 1978, Maylands Western Australia Australia

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**Occupation** Journalist, Print journalist

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### Summary

Bonnie Giles studied journalism in Western Australia in the 1920s but struggled to balance study, work and family and failed to complete her diploma. This did not, however, stop her from establishing an enduring career. She wrote under a variety of pseudonyms for the Perth *Daily Mail* the best known of which – ‘Mary Ferber’ – became a household name. For twenty years her column, which was essentially a ‘Dorothy Dix’ column, was a ‘Monday must for her admirers’. Giles also used her column and considerable community standing to advance philanthropic causes that were close to her heart. She retired from journalism in 1969.

### Events

**1930 - 1969**

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

Giles, Boronia Lucy (Bonnie) (1919-1978), Ryan, Jan, 2006, <http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A140307b.htm>

#### Site Exhibition

The Women's Pages: Australian Women and Journalism since 1850, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008, <http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cal/cal-home.html>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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