

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person

**Entry ID:** AWE3735

## Murdoch, Madoline (Nina)

(1890 - 1976)

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**Born** 19 October, 1890, North Carlton, Melbourne Victoria Australia

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**Died** 16 April, 1976, Camberwell Victoria

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**Occupation** Journalist, Print journalist, Teacher, Writer

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### Summary

After winning a *Bulletin* prize in 1913 for a sonnet about Canberra, Nina Murdoch published a book of verse, *Songs of the Open Air*. She was one of the first women general reporters at the *Sydney Sun*, and from 1922 was working in Melbourne at the *Sun News-Pictorial* using the pen-name 'Manin'. She was the first woman permitted to cover Senate debates. In 1930, Murdoch published *Seventh Heaven, a Joyous Discovery of Europe*, based on her own travels. Another book, *She Travelled Alone in Spain*, followed five years later. Her last book, *Portrait in Youth of Sir John Longstaff*, was published in 1948.

### Events

**1920 - 1940**

## Published resources

### Resource Section

Murdoch, Madoline (Nina) (1891-1976), Edgar, Suzanne, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A110611b.htm>

### Edited Book

200 Australian Women: A Redress Anthology, Radi, Heather, 1988

### Book

Songs of the Open Air, Murdoch, Nina, 1915

Seventh Heaven, Murdoch, Nina, 1930

More Songs of the Open Air, Murdoch, Nina, 1922

Portrait of Miss Emily: A tale in which the heroine from Birmingham is invited to a French wedding, upsets another and is responsible for a third, Murdoch, Nina, 1931

She Travelled Alone in Spain, Murdoch, Nina, 1935

Tyrolean June: A Summer Holiday in Austrian Tyrol, Murdoch, Nina, 1936

Vagrant in Summer: Holiday Memories of Nine European Towns, Murdoch, Nina, 1937

Portrait in Youth of Sir John Longstaff, Murdoch, Nina, 1948

### 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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