

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE3822

## McCrae, Marjorie (Mahdi)

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**Occupation** Cartoonist, Illustrator, Journalist

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### Summary

Mahdi McCrae, great-granddaughter of Georgina McCrae, was a painter, cartoonist and commercial artist of some renown who had a keen eye for critiquing Sydney society. Norman Lindsay, a close friend of her parents, taught her how to draw. He admired her work greatly, stating that her teenage efforts, many of which were published in Aussie magazine, showed an 'extraordinary delicacy of line and virility of form.' As her reputation grew, her work became more widely published. Throughout the 20s and 30s her drawings were reproduced in *Home*, *Woman*, *Melbourne Punch* and the *Bulletin*.

### Events

**1920 - 1940**

### Published resources

#### Edited Book

Heritage : the national women's art book, 500 works by 500 Australian women artists from colonial times to 1955, Kerr, Joan, 1995

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### 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>

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