

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Rowley, Hazel Joan

(1951 - 2011)

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**Born** 16 November, 1951, London United Kingdom

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**Died** 1 March, 2011, Manhattan New York United States of America

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**Occupation** Academic, Author, Biographer

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### Summary

Hazel Rowley was an influential biographer who wrote the award winning life story of Christina Stead, in addition to works on novelist Richard Wright, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, and Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre.

Hazel completed a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in French and German at the University of Adelaide and later completed her PhD at the university in French literature. In the 1980s she received a position at Deakin University before moving to America in the 1990s, where she worked for a period of time at the Du Bois Institute at Harvard University.

Following her untimely passing in 2011, Hazel's family and friends established the Hazel Rowley Literary Fellowship in order to support Australian writers working on biography projects.

### Archival resources

**National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection**  
[Papers of Hazel Rowley, \[1986-1993\] \[manuscript\]](#)

### Author Details

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