

# AL2947 - The Stan Winer Collection

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Title: The Stan Winer Collection

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**Bulk Dates:** 

Extent: 0.1 linear metres (1 archival box)

Language: English

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Abstract: A freelance journalist, writer and researcher, Stan Winer is a South African citizen born in 1940.

His interest is mainly in politics, international relations and issues relating to Human Rights. His published works have featured in both international and local media. The collection includes a manuscript written by Winer dealing with south African covert operations. This work proposes that the human rights records of the former South African regime should not be judged in isolation of the Cold War, and the Western Society of nations, of which South Africa was a part. Newspaper clippings relating to South African state-sponsored death squads, train violence, and other covert actions perpetrated by the South African government compliment the collection. Another series worth noting is the documentation relating to civil litigation by Stan Winer and others in the British High Court, concerning the defamatory book "Inside BOSS" (Penguin: London, 1981) by Gordon Winter, a self-styled defector from the bureau of State Security. This series includes primary and photocopied documents dealing with "Inside BOSS", together with photographs from the Dutch

edition and a comprehensive collection of newspaper clippings concerning the case.

### Introduction

Stan Winer, donor of the collection, is a South African born in 1940. He is a freelance journalist, a writer and a researcher. Winer is mainly interested in politics, international relations and issues related to Human Rights. His published works have featured in both international and local media. His interest in human right issues led him into collecting material and information related to Human Rights abuses in South Africa during the Apartheid era. Winer and the records

The collection is made up of correspondence, books, manuscripts, photos and news-clippings, newsletters, miscellaneous. It includes among other things, a manuscript authored by Winer himself, about South African covert operations.

The work was originally dedicated to the proposition that the human rights records of the former South African regime should not be judged in isolation of the Cold War, and the Western Society of nations, of which South Africa was a part. Also, there are newspaper cuttings relating to South African state-sponsored death squads, train violence, and other covert actions that were perpetrated by the South African Government such as massacres. Furthermore, among the collection is primary documentation relating to civil litigation by Stan Winer and others in the British High Court, concerning the defamatory book Inside BOSS (Penguin:London, 1981) by one Gordon Winter, a self-styled defector from the bureau of State Security

Also, there are miscellaneous primary and photocopied documents dealing with Inside BOSS, together with some photos in the Dutch edition of Inside BOSS and a comprehensive collection of news-clippings also concerning Inside BOSS.



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Another item in the collection is a book titled Rough Justice: the extra-ordinary truth about Charles Richardson and his gang by Robert Parker 1981. Fontana Paperbacks: Great Britain. In donating the book, Winer intends to direct those interested in the underground operations of the Apartheid government, as some of the issues are referred to in the book. Lastly, the Cape Town trauma centre for survivors of torture and political violence used to publish a monthly newsletter which Winer sporadically received, and now is apparently discontinued.

The newsletter contained, among other things, 'stories' by ex-political prisoners and apartheid human rights violations survivors. Some of the topics discussed in the newsletter included 'Healing of emotional pain', 'Approaching the TRC with complaints in particular about reparations, pensions', 'Discussions with government about special pensions', 'looking at projects that will create opportunities for people in the group' etc.

Cross reference on photographs and news-clippings - See the SAHA ephemera database

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### Classification

A1: Correspondence

A2: Newsletters

A3: Books

A4: Manuscripts
A6: Miscellaneous

# Inventory

A1: Correspondence

- A1.1: Correspondence from Ronald Segel to Stan Winer 27/11/81 [27/11/81]
- A1.2: Correspondence from Phyllis Altma to Stan Winer 22/12/81 [22/12/81]
- A1.3: Correspondence from The Moderator of the World Council of Churches to Stan Winer 15/07/83
- A1.4: Correspondence from the High Court of Justice to Penguin Books Limited. London 27/01/84 [27/01/84]
- A1.5: Correspondence between the High Court of Justice, Stan Winer and Penguin Books Limited 27/01/84 [27/01/84]
- A1.6: Correspondence from S. Dolle from the Secretary of the European Commission of Human Rights to Stan Winer 03/04/84
- A1.7: Correspondence from Peter Carter, Ruck and Partners to Stan Winer 18/01/84 [18/01/84]



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A1.8: Correspondence from Stan Winer to Gordon Byard - 13/12/83 [13/12/83]

## A2: Ipheha Ndaba Newsletters

A2.1: 'For Ex. Political Prisoners and Apartheid Human Rights violations survivors' No.1 March 1999 - 'Introduction'

A2.2: No.2 - April 1999 - 'Overview of the second meeting '

[April 1999]

A2.3: No.4 - June 1999 - 'Story-telling' Group

[June 1999]

A2.4: No.5 - July 1999 - 'Story-telling' Group continued

[July 1999]

A2.5: No. 6 - August 1999 - 'Objectives of the meetings'

[August 1999]

A2.6: No. 7 - September 1999 - 'In memory of lost ones who died in the struggle'

[September 1999]

A2.7: No. 8 - October 1999 - 'Activities of the Committee'

[October 1999]

A2.8: No. 10 - December 1999 - 'Story telling'

[December 1999]

A2.9: No. 12 - February/March 2000 - 'March on Parliament for Reparations'

[March 2000]

A2.10: No. 13 - April 2000 - 'Planning for International Torture day on June 26th 2000'

[June 26th 2000]

A2.11: No. 14 - May 2000 - 'International Torture Day June 26th 2000'

[June 26th 2000]

A2.12: No. 15 - June 2000 - 'Meeting at Tuinhics'

[June 2000]

A2.13: No. 17 - August 2000 - 'Launch of ?Khulumani Cape Town'

[August 2000]

A2.14: No. 18 - September 2000 - 'Launch of Khulumani Cape Town'

[September 2000]

A2.15: No. 19 - October 19 - 'Khulumani March on Parliament for Reparations'

[October 19]

## A3: Books

A3.1: Rough Justice: the extra-ordinary truth about Charles Richardson and his gang by Robert Parker. 1981. Fontana Paperbacks: Great Britain.

[1981]

## A4: Manuscripts

A4.1: Bomber Barons: the secret history of covert operations, psychological warfare and strategic deception in World War 2 and the Cold War. A guide to sources in English; by Stan Winer 1997.

[1997]

A4.2: Truth and Reconciliation Commission Statement - Stan Winer.

### A6: Miscellaneous

A6.1: Photocopy of Stan Winer's ID

A6.2: Book cover with Gordon Winter as author - Title - (in Afrikaans) Geheim agent voor Zuid-Africa: 16 Jaar in dienst van de Boss