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Nicholson, Joyce Thorpe

(1919 - 2011)

Born	19190601, Northcote Victoria Australia
Died	20111230, Mornington Victoria Australia
Occupation	Author, Feminist, Publisher

Summary

Joyce Nicholson was born in Melbourne, the daughter of publisher D.W. Thorpe. She was educated at Methodist Ladies College before completing a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Melbourne, where she was vice-president of the Student Representative Council. She has been active in the women’s movement, involved in early years with the Women’s Electoral Lobby (W.E.L.) and Sisters Publishing Ltd. She was Managing Director, and later sole owner, of D.W. Thorpe Pty Ltd from 1968 until 1987, when the firm was sold. She is the author of over 25 books, many of them written for children, others dealing with women’s issues.

Events

1993 - 1993
Chief Executive Officer of Courtyard Press

1987 - 1992
Chief Executive Officer of Jayen Press

1979 - 1980
Co-founder and director of Sisters Publishing Ltd

1971 - 1974
Editor of *Newsletter* for the Royal Historical Society of Victoria

1974 - 1974
Founding member of the National Book Council

1935 - 1946
Junior typist, secretary and sub-editor at D W Thorpe Pty Ltd (Melbourne)

1968 - 1980
Managing director and proprietor of D W Thorpe Pty Ltd (Melbourne), and editor, *Australian Bookseller* and *Australian Books in Print*

1943 - 1943
Married George Harvey Nicholson (dec.1980), they had 4 children

1957 - 1957
Organizer of the first Children’s Book Week in Victoria

1998 - 1998
Recipient of the Lloyd O’Neil Award for services to the Book Industry

1972 - 1983
Secretary and executive member of the Australian Library Promotion Council

1940 - 1940
Vice-president of the Student Representative Council at the University of Melbourne

1947 - 1968
Writer and part-time work at D W Thorpe Pty Ltd (Melbourne)

Published resources

Edited Book
Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

Who's Who in Australia 2003, De Micheli, Catherine and Herd, Margaret, 2003

The Half-open door : sixteen modern Australian women look at professional life and achievement, Grimshaw, Patricia and Strahan, Lynne, c1982

Thesis
The Women's Electoral Lobby and Women's Employment: Strategies and Outcomes, Nicholson, Joyce, 1991

Journal Article
A life in books, Gorman, Lyn, 2000

A life of books: the story of D.W. Thorpe Pty Ltd., 1921-1987, Walker, Nick, 2000

Book
You can run a library, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, 1948

Yap the penguin, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919- and Smith, L. H. (Leonard Hart), 1910-, illus., 1967

Woop the wombat, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919- and Smith, L. H. (Leonard Hart), 1910- (photography by), [1968]

Why women lose at bridge, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, 1985

What society does to girls, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919- and Leunig, Mary, 1950- (illustrated by), 1975

Successful parties and social evenings, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919- (compiled by), [195-?]

Sir Charles and the lyrebird, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919- and McArdle, Brian (photography by), 1966

Ringtail the possum, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919- and De Lisle, Gordon (photography by), 1965

Our first overlander, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, 1956

A mortar-board for Priscilla, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, 1963

Man against mutiny : the story of Vice-Admiral Bligh, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, c1961

The little green tractor, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919- and Max B. Miller (illustrations by), [1950]

A Life of Books: The Story of D.W. Thorpe Pty Ltd., 1921-1987, Nicholson, Joyce and Thorpe, Daniel, 2000

Kerri and Honey, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, 1962

How to play solo : complete guide to solo (solo whist), auction solo, three-handed solo, hints on bidding and play, scoring, illustrated hands, with special chapter for beginners who have never played cards of any kind, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, [1945?]

How to play auction bridge, Nicholson, Joyce, 1919-, [193-]

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

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The Half Open Door

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