Entry type: Person
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McCrae, Marjorie (Mahdi)

Occupation Cartoonist, Illustrator, Journalist

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
Career in journalism active

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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