
Finding Aid for the Edward Ardizzone Papers, 1935-1966

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Edward Ardizzone Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1935-1966

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Creator: Ardizzone, Edward, 1900-

Extent: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.

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Abstract: Edward Ardizzone (1900-1979) was born in Haiphong, French Indochina. He was a painter and graphic artist. He wrote and illustrated *Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain* (1936) and illustrated more than 100 books, the most famous of which was *Magic Carpet*. The collection consists of original watercolors, manuscripts, and printed material by Ardizzone.

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Biography

Ardizzone was born October 16, 1900 in Haiphong, French Indochina; arrived in England in 1905; left school in 1918 and spent six months at a college of commerce; worked as a clerk for several years while taking evening classes at the Westminster School of Art; gave up job in 1926 to concentrate on a career as a professional artist; married Catherine Berkley in 1929, and had two sons and a daughter; worked as both painter and graphic artist until 1939; wrote and illustrated *Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain* (1936); in 1940 appointed an official war artist and was attached to the British Army's General Headquarters at Arras; illustrated more than 100 books, most famous of which was *Magic Carpet*; created the Tim books series; served as instructor in graphic design at the Camberwell School of Art and visiting tutor at the Royal College of Art; exhibited works at Leicester Gallery, and Imperial War Museum; awarded Commander of the British Empire, 1971; died in London, November 8, 1979.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of original watercolors, manuscripts, and printed material by Ardizzone. Includes illustrations for Limited Editions Club edition of Thackeray's *Henry Esmond*. Also includes drawings for *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*, *Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain*, *Lucy Brown and Mr. Grimes*, and *Tim the Wanderer*.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Ardizzone, Edward, 1900- --Archives.

Illustrators--England--Archival resources.

Watercolors.

Box 1 **Two water color drawings. London, ca.1952.**

Physical Description: 7 × 8.75 each.

Scope and Content Note

The drawings, signed E.A., are based on the characters from the artist's Tim and Lucy series of books published by Oxford University Press, 1952. They were especially made for the Bernard Meeks Collection of Children's Books.

- Box 1 **Water color drawings for Thackeray's *Henry Esmond*. London, ca.1956. New York: Limited Editions Club.**
Physical Description: 32 drawings.
Scope and Content Note
Included is a complete set of illustrations, minus title page drawing.
- Box 1 ***Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*. New York: The Limited Editions Club, 1949.**
Physical Description: 51pp.
Scope and Content Note
Printer's proof copy, with illustrations pasted in.
- Box 1 ***Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain*, by Edward Ardizzone. London: Oxford University Press, 1936.**
Physical Description: 31 leaves.
Note
Ex libris: Edward Ardizzone.
- Box 1 ***Lucy Brown and Mr. Grimes*, by Edward Ardizzone. London: Oxford University Press, n.d.**
Physical Description: 32 leaves. Manuscript.
Scope and Content Note
This is a paste-up copy, with original water color illustrations pasted in with the holograph text.
- Box 1 ***Tim the Wanderer*, rough draft, by Edward Ardizzone.**
Physical Description: 46 leaves. Manuscript.
Scope and Content Note
Included are black ink drawings and text, many leaves with original drawings and text pasted together. Bound, with illustrated title page, and an ink drawing and title on cover board.
- Box 1 **Letter from Ardizzone to Peter Wiener. London, January 26, 1966.**
Physical Description: 1 leaf. Holograph, illustrated. With envelope.