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A collection of manuscripts, typescripts and proofs relating to A History Maker (Edinburgh: Canongate, 1994).

This collection represents the author's work between November 1993 and July 1994. It has been arranged chronologically and numbered by the author, and a copy of the author's list has been appended to this inventory.

1. **Source material and correspondence, 1967, 1985, 1993-94.**
 - (a-d) Manuscripts and typescripts of the play, 'The History Maker', 1967.
 - (e) Typescript opening for film version, 1985.
 - (f) Rewriting of (e) for novel, 1993.
 - (g) Copies of correspondence between Alasdair Gray and Canongate Press, 1993-94.

2. **November - mid December 1993.**
 - (a-g) Manuscript drafts, dictated manuscripts and revised typescripts of Chapter 1.

3. **Mid December 1993 - 6 January 1994.**
 - (a-i) Revised typescript of Chapters 1-2, with manuscript drafts and corrected typescript of Chapter 3, and revised typescript of Chapters 1-3.

5. **March 1994.**
 - (a-c,h,k) Manuscript drafts, manuscript and corrected typescripts of Chapter 4.
 - (d-g,i) Revised typescripts of Chapters 1-4.
 - (j) Typescript of footnotes.

6. **2 April - 2 May 1994.**
 - (a-c,e,m) Manuscript drafts, manuscripts and corrected typescripts of Chapter 5.
 - (d) Manuscript of blurb for jacket.
 - (f) Corrected typescript of Chapters 1-5, with manuscript of preliminary pages.
 - (g-l) Manuscript drafts and corrected typescripts of 'Notes and Glossary'.

7. **5 May - 22 May 1994.**
 - (a) Corrected typescript of 'Glossary and Notes'.
 - (b) Typescript of Chapters 1-5, 'Notes Explaining Obscurities' and 'Postscript'.

- (c) Manuscript of 'Postscript'.
- (d) Uncorrected bound proof.

8. June 1994.

- (a-b) Manuscript drafts of 'Prologue'.
- (c) Corrected typescript of preliminary pages, 'Prologue', Chapters 1-5, 'Notes Explaining Obscurities' and 'Postscript'.
- (d-e) Manuscript drafts and corrected typescript of 'Notes Explaining Obscurities' and 'Postscript'.

9. 30 June 1994.

- (a) ASCII files.
- (b) Corrected pages proofs.
- (c-d) Instructions from author to typesetter, with sample pages.

10. July 1994.

Corrected page proofs.

11. 8 August 1994.

Revised proofs with minor corrections.

12. December 1994.

Inscribed copy of The History Maker.

Appendix

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A HISTORY MAKER

Collection of manuscripts, typescripts, research materials, letters and typeset proofs relating to Gray's novel A History Maker, published by Canongate in November 1994.

List of numbered folders containing the above listed chronologically:

Folder 1 Source material 1967-93; correspondence with the publishers 17 September 1993 to 20 July 1994.

[A] 18 numbered foolscap pages (typed by Alec Gray, the author's father) of The History Maker, a television play, with MS headings on page 1 "The History Maker, Alasdair Gray, 2nd section. Original opening - expensive"! and additions on page 18: the first form of the novel's Chapter 1, "In the Public Eye".

[B] 21 typed A4 pages for the same play with a domestic opening: first version of Chapter 2, "In Private Houses". These are stapled to an unnumbered title page with Tippex and MS additions showing change of address.

[C] 7 MS foolscap pages written in ballpoint, numbered in ink, headed "Scene 7 The House of the Warriors": first form of Chapter 3, "Warrior Work".

[D] 2 MS foolscap sheets, numbered A, B, C, (C is verso of A), A headed "Scene 8", a kind of conference indicated but not described in Chapter 5, "Kittock the Henwife".

[E] 1985 38 A4 pages erratically numbered but in sequence, photocopied from [A] and [B] with MS changes in ink on Tippex and gummed label, plus stiff card MS title page. This presents the earliest version of Chapters 1 and 2 arranged for retyping as a film opening to be submitted to Alasdair Reid after he directed Story of a Recluse.

[F] 42 A4 typed pages in plastic clip binder, a neat retyping of [E] preceded by 1 page headed "The History Maker" and sub-headed "Context" giving the play's historical and social background, and pages 2 and 3 summarizing the plot, and unnumbered title page indicating that what follows are the earliest scenes of a science-fiction film. MS changes and typed paste-overs on first page added in 1993 call "The History Maker" a science-fiction work This material was sent to Canongate Press with a letter asking if the firm would like it as a novel with this plot and scenery and if so would they take it in lieu of "The Anthology of Prefaces".

[G] Copies of 18 letters between the author and Canongate Press proposing the book, accepting it and discussing practical details.

Folder 2 November - mid December 1993

[A] 8 A4 sheets of MS in Scott Pearson's hand, written both sides, numbered 1 to 16: start of Chapter 1 dictated by the author.

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[B] 5 other sheets, numbered 1 to 10, ditto.

[C] First typed version: pages 1 to 9, with MS corrections by author in red, page 9 cut off short and 2 MS sheets partly written by author, partly dictated to Scott Pearson.

[D] Second typed version: 16 numbered pages with author's MS changes in red and black.

[E] Continuation of second version, pages numbered 15 to 24, with MS corrections in red.

[F] Third typed version: 24 numbered pages with MS notes by Scott Pearson and date late December 1993 on page 1, MS changes by author elsewhere.

[G] 3 pages draft MS and 2 revised typescript pages.

Folder 3 mid December - 6 January 1994

[A] 3 sheets of MS in Scott Pearson's hand, dictated by author: start of Chapter 2.

[B] 3 pages typed from [A] with extensive author's MS changes.

[C] 6 typed pages numbered 1 to 6 with author's MS changes.

[D] 5 pages author's MS, on reverse of Morag McAlpine order form, numbered A to D, continuing [C].

[E] Typed version of work to date, pages numbered 1.1 to 1.24 and 2.1 and 2.11 with author's MS changes, dated 5 January.

[F] 4 pages author's MS continuing [E].

[G] Photocopy of [E] plus [F] revised in author's MS, with 9 author's MS pages numbered alphabetically bringing the second chapter to an end and preceded by a MS letter to Scott Pearson suggesting that a typed version of the first two chapters could be posted to the publishers before 20 January 1994.

[H] Typed pages numbered 1 to 51 with author's MS changes and title page dating completion "14 February 1994 - the first tow chapters".

[I] 48 and a half sheets of MS draft.

Folder 4 2 February - 4 March 1994

[A] Typed pages 1 to 51, same as 3[H], with author's MS revisions as in 3[H] but more of them, and MS "corrected 2nd February" on title page.

[B] Typed pages numbered 53 to 59 with author's MS emendations and (on 5[B] and its verso) insertions in Scott Pearson's MS: start of third Chapter, Warrior Business.

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[C] Typed pages 53 to 67, author's emendations throughout. First page dated "15 Feb 94 - 3500 words" in Scott Pearson's MS.

[D] Typed pages 53 to 68 incorporating previous changes, but with author's MS amendments and first page dated "17 Feb" in Pearson's MS.

[E] Author's MS pages numbered 1 to 6, much stiffened by over-writing on adhesive paper. These continue the narrative from [D]. Pages 1 to 4 are dated "Thursday Feb 24th 1994", page 5 is dated "25 Feb", page 6 "Sat 26 Feb", page 7 "Sunday 27 Feb", page 8 "Monday 28 Feb".

[F] Typed pages numbered 53 to 75, without amendments, dated "28 February 1994" in Pearson's MS.

[G] Typed pages numbered 75 to 83 with author's amendments which include the decision to end the third chapter, and start the next, half way down page 82.

[H] Typed pages numbered 1 to 82: the first three chapters fully revised without amendments, with title page giving completion date as 3 March 1994.

[I] 44 sheets of author's draft MS, different sizes and colours, one a brown envelope.

Folder 5 Start of March - 31 March 1994

[A] 6 pages of author's MS continuing the narrative from the start of the fourth chapter, (there called "Private Eyes") on page 82 of 4[G]. The pages are headed W and X: 5 March Sat; 1: March 5, 94; 2: 5 March 94; 3: Sun 6 March 1994.

[B] Typed pages 83 to 94 giving start of Chapter 4 (now called "A Historical Plot") from the point indicated on page 82 of 4[G] to the conclusion of 5[A], with author's MS amendments.

[C] Typed pages 83 to 94 revised with [B] amendments, and with more author's MS amendments.

[D] Typed pages 1 to 54 in clip binder: first two chapters with author's MS amendments cutting out pages 6,7, 8 and minor changes, with title page with various other MS directions and note to Scott Pearson dated 12 March.

[E] Photocopy of typed pages 1 to 22 (first chapter) and author's MS amendments putting pages 1-19 and half 20 into the present tense.

[F] Typed pages 1 to 95, incorporating all previous revisions up to 5[C], with author's MS amendments, in black plastic clip binder, a letter to Scott Pearson as title page, undated, (saying all footnotes will be shifted to a section at the end of the book) and after page 95 three pages continuing the narrative: one sheet written in pencil on both sides by Scott Pearson (to whom it was dictated) with author's MS amendments in red, and author's MS page numbered 3.

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[G] Typed revision of 5[F] with additional three pages making pages numbered 1 to 89, with author's MS amendments, in black clip binder with typed title page and scribbled MS note dating it 24 March and attributing additions and revisions to Chris Boyce.

[H] 8 author's MS pages headed A,B,C,D,1,2,3,4, last page dated "51 minutes A.M. 31 March 1994", with a note anticipating a quick end to the book.

[I] Typed pages to 97 (first four chapters) revised with author's MS amendments and a title page with MS note dating these on March 31st.

[J] Typed pages 1 to 3 of former notes listed as nucleus for "Notes and Glossary" after last chapter.

[K] 37 pages of author's MS, 1 sheet written both sides in Scott Pearson's MS, 6 typed pages with MS amendments.

Folder 6 2 April - 2 May 1994

[A] MS pages numbered 98 to 107, page 98 headed "5: Spurs on the Plate", page 101 headed "2nd April 1994".

[B] Typed pages numbered 101 to 114: version of 6[A] largely amended in author's MS with page 101 headed "5: Kittock and Lule amended", and 4 MS pages numbered W,X,Y,Z with directions for their insertion in the text.

[C] Typed pages numbered 101 to 120, page 101 headed "5: Kittock the Henwife". This is a version of 6[B] with 3 MS pages added to the end, numbered 121 to 123.

[D] Fax of blurb of "The History Maker" dispatched 7 April 1994.

[E] Typed pages numbered 101 to 121 incorporating previous revisions without amendment. MS pages numbered 121 to 127, last page dated 12 April 1994.

[F] Typed pages numbered 1 to 128, being all five chapters, amended in MS by author, preceded by 4 author's MS pages on lined writing paper giving Scott Pearson text for the prelim pages, that is:

1. Blurb for jacket, with Pearson's MS date 16 April 94.
2. Half title page.
3. Title page with dedication.
4. Biblio page.
5. Contents: this typed and dated 12 April, but date scored out and with author's MS expanding it.

[G] Notes and Glossary. 5 pages of lined writing paper numbered 1 to 5 in author's MS with cut-up of 5[M] intermingled with author's MS expanding it.

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[H] MS pages numbered 1 to 6 for addition to what is now headed "Glossary and Notes".

[I] Typed pages numbered 1 to 12 incorporating [G] and [H], with author's MS amendments.

[J] 9 author's MS pages, not numbered, given sequence by the numbers of the pages they annotate (starting 25, ending 121) for addition to "Notes and Glossary".

[K] 7 pages in author's MS, not numbered, with additional material for glossary, the first page addressed to Scott Pearson asking him to send the completed whole to Chris Boyce for advice. The second page asks for changes of English names in Chapter 1

into Northumbrian ones suggested by Dr Charlton, also a change in the language of medical diagnosis and prescription in Chapter 5.

[L] Typed pages 129 to 156 with MS amendments, and 7 pages in author's MS> Dated, typescript: 28 April 94; MS additions: 2 May 94.

[M] Draft pages of authors MS: 77 A4 sheets, 1 A4 cardboard sheet, 1 brown envelope, 12 fragments of A4.

Folder 7 5 May - 22 May 1994

[A] Typed pages 129 to 163, the first headed "Glossary and Notes" and dated 5 May in Pearson's MS, amended throughout in author's MS. A summary on last page indicates material to come, including a postscript. A further note on page 129 shows the amended version was returned to Scott Pearson on 9 May.

[B] 4 typed prelim pages (blurb, half title, title and contents) and typed text 1 to 166 without amendments, incorporating all former amendments plus 7A. A copy of this was posted to Canongate on 13 May 1994, another to Chris Boyce with a request for his advice.

[C] 3 pages of author's MS headed POSTSCRIPT, dated 12 May 94 in Scott Pearson's MS>

[D] Uncorrected proof copy, bound in red paper, issued by Canongate for publicity purposes circa 22 May 1994. This incorporates 7B and 7C, and a note on the front gives 6 October 1994 as publication date and says the finished book will be illustrated and designed by the author.

Folder 8 June 1994

[A] 9 A4 pages of author's drafts and 1 fragment of a page for a prologue to A History Maker.

[B] 4 author's MS pages, first headed PROLOGUE and numbered 1 to 4.

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[C] 4 typed prelim pages (blurb, half title, title and biblio page) with MS instructions to Scott Pearson on blurb page. 1 page author's MS giving list of eventual prelim pages (on reverse of a copy of a business letter dated 8 June 1994). Typed prologue pages numbered vii to xi. Typed text numbered 1 to 171, page 1 dated 9 June 1994, with author's MS amendments and additions suggested by Chris Boyce, and extended

notes. There are two copies of page 105, each with different amendments. Pages 154B, 160B, 160B continued, 165, 166 in author's MS.

[D] Typed revision of [C] from page 130 to 177.

[E] Author's draft MS: 42 pages, 12 fragments, 4 typed pages numbered 143, 145, 146, 150 with MS amendments.

Folder 9 30 June 1994

[A] Scott Pearson's floppy disk on whose envelope is written "A. Gray, A History Maker, ASCII files" which incorporates all previous amendments and was delivered to Joe Murray of Em-Dee perhaps a week before 30 June 1994 enclosed in an envelope with "Em-Dee Productions, Unit 7 Strathclyde Business Centre, 29 Brand St, Cessnock, Glasgow G51 1DN".

[B] Typeset pages ix to xiv and 1 to 208 with author's MS amendments - no prelims except title page and letter from typesetter headed "A HISTORY MAKER. General notes on typography from Joe Murray of Em-Dee".

[C] 5 page MS letter from author to typesetter, dated 30 June, accompanying the first typeset version of the book and explaining changes in lay-out and typeface with diagrams in red and black.

[D] 18 printouts of sample pages by typesetter with author's MS notes on them.

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The typesetter's second printout with author's MS amendments:

Half title page with author's MS

Prologue - 7 pages numbered in Roman

Pages 1 to 215, with author's MS amendments

These pages are missing - 138, 140, 173, 177 and 216 (the last page).

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Last proof copy with amendments in Scott Pearson's MS (minus illustrations).

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