

Ian Slater fonds

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Fonds Description

Ian Slater fonds. – 1981-1998, 2003.

80 5 ¼ inch computer disks.

1 annotated book.

Biographical Sketch

Ian Slater was born in Australia in 1941, and worked for the Australian navy, as a cipher clerk in that country's Department of External Affairs, and as a defense officer for the Australian Joint Intelligence Bureau. After leaving Australia he became a marine geology technician with New Zealand's Institute of Oceanography, and later with UBC's Institute of Oceanography. In 1977 he earned his Ph.D. in political science. As an author and lecturer he has taught a wide variety of courses in the humanities.

Dr. Slater is the author of twenty-three adventure thrillers, including his best-selling *Firespill*; *Sea Gold*; *Air Glow Red*; *Storm*; *Deep Chill*; *Forbidden Zone*; *Macarthur Must Die*; *Showdown*; *Battle Front*; and *Manhunt*. He is also the author of eleven books in his *World War III* series. His non-fiction book *Orwell: The Road To Airstrip One*, a study of George Orwell's social and political thought, has been acclaimed by publications from the *Times Literary Supplement* to the *Washington Post*. The latter wrote, "It is doubtful that any book provides a better foundation for a full understanding of Orwell's unique and troubling vision." *ABC Book World* states, "In Slater's revised version, his new preface contains a true story that Slater was part of and which is at once so moving about the power of one good, brave man and the power of literature to change events that it alone is worth the price of the book."

Dr. Slater also served as editor of the UBC academic quarterly *Pacific Affairs* from 1988 to 2002; has written book reviews for major North American newspapers; worked as a film critic; and written radio dramas and short stories for the CBC. He also wrote the screenplay for the National Film Board's animated film, *Flash Point*, based on his novel *Firespill*.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of material documenting Ian Slater's writing career. It includes 79 5 ¼ inch computer floppy disks, containing different versions in digital format of Slater's works of fiction dating from 1981 to 1998. All digital manuscripts were originally typed in plain-text format on DOS 3.1 or 3.2, and have not been altered in any way. As of December 2014 all digital manuscripts are still readable except "newshow.4a" on disk 24. The fonds also includes a heavily-annotated copy of the second (2003) edition of Slater's *Orwell: The Road To Airstrip One*.

Notes

Inventory available.

Biographical information is derived from the website www.ian-slater.com.

Further accruals are expected.

Item List

BOX 1

PUBLICATION

Orwell: The Road To Airstrip One. Second edition, 2003.

[Heavily annotated]

[Originally published 1985. This edition includes an extensive new preface]

DIGITAL FILES

Disk #	Filename	Viability	Notes	Published Work
1	battle.1 battle.sum	Yes Yes	DOS 3.2	<i>WW III - Rage of Battle</i>
2	battle.2a kozan	Yes Yes		
3	battle.3a	Yes		
4	battle.4a	Yes		
5	battle.5a	Yes		
6	battle.6a	Yes		
7	force.1	Yes		<i>WW III - Force of Arms</i>
8	force.2	Yes		
9	force.3	Yes		
10	force.4 force.sum	Yes Yes		
11	dawn.1	Yes	DOS 3.2	<i>WW III</i> [working titles "Dawn's Early Light", Twilight's Last Gleaming",
12	dawn.2	Yes		

Disk #	Filename	Viability	Notes	Published Work
13	dawn.3	Yes		"Rockets Red Glare"]
14	dawn.4	Yes		
15	dawn.5	Yes		
16	dawn.6	Yes		
17	dawn.7	Yes		
	dawn.rev	Yes		
	dawn.sum	Yes		
	dawn.cha	Yes		
	dawncha.z	Yes		
	dawnsum2	Yes		
18	dawn.2	Yes	DOS 3.2 "dawn.b" written on disk label	
	redrev.7	Yes		
19	asian.4	Yes	DOS 3.1	<i>WW III - Asian Front</i>
	fifth	Yes		
20	militia.out	Yes		?
21	newshow.sum	Yes		<i>Showdown / Battle Front</i>
	newshow.1a	Yes		
22	newshow.2a	Yes		
23	newshow.3a	Yes		
	newshow.sum	Yes		
24	newshow.4a	No		
	newshow.sum	Yes		
25	newshow.5a	Yes		

Disk #	Filename	Viability	Notes	Published Work
26	storma1 title.s	Yes Yes	DOS 3.1	<i>Storm</i>
27	storma2	Yes	DOS 3.1	
28	storma3	Yes	DOS 3.1	
29	storma4	Yes	DOS 3.1	
30	storma5	Yes	DOS 3.1	
31	chill.a title	Yes Yes	DOS 3.2	<i>Deep Chill</i>
32	chill.b	Yes	DOS 3.2	
33	chill.c	Yes	DOS 3.2	
34	chill.d	Yes	DOS 3.1	
35	chill.e	Yes	DOS 3.1	
36	twilight.a	Yes	DOS 3.2 "World In Flames" written on front of disk	<i>WW III ["Twilight's Last Gleaming"] *or* WW III - World In Flames</i>
37	twilight.b	Yes	DOS 3.2	
38	twilight.c	Yes	DOS 3.2	
39	twilight.d	Yes	DOS 3.2 "revised" written on disk	
40	twilight.e twilight.sum	Yes Yes	DOS 3.2	

Disk #	Filename	Viability	Notes	Published Work
41	newshow.2 newshow.sum	Yes Yes	DOS 3.2	<i>Showdown / Battle Front</i> [?]
42	newshow.1 newshow.ins newshow.quo	Yes Yes Yes	DOS 3.2	
43	showdow.3	Yes	DOS 3.2 other filename "flashpoi.3" crossed out	<i>Showdown / Battle Front</i>
44	showdow.4	Yes	DOS 3.2 other filename "flashpoi.4" crossed out	
45	showdow.5	Yes	DOS 3.2 other filename "flashpoi.5" crossed out	
46	southchi.1 southchi.pro southchi.sum	Yes Yes Yes	other filename "red.4 (revised)" crossed out	<i>WW III - South China Sea</i>
47	southchi.2 red.sum	Yes Yes	other filename "red.5 (revised)" crossed out	
48	southchi.3	Yes	other filename "red.7 (revised)" crossed out	
49	southchi.4	Yes	other filename "red.8 (revised)" crossed out	

Disk #	Filename	Viability	Notes	Published Work
50	southchi.5	Yes		
51	southchi.6	Yes	other filename "red.9 (revised)" crossed out	
52	odessa.2	Yes	DOS 3.2	"Odessa Run" [unpublished]
53	odessa.3	Yes	DOS 3.2	
54	odessa.4	Yes	DOS 3.2	
55	station.2 station.sum	Yes Yes		"Station" [unpublished]
56	arctic arctic.pro arctic.tit outline	Yes Yes Yes Yes	DOS 3.2	<i>WW III - Arctic Front</i>
57	arctic.2 red.ins	Yes Yes	DOS 3.2	
58	arctic.3	Yes	DOS 3.2	
59	arctic.4	Yes	DOS 3.2	
60	arctic.5	Yes	DOS 3.1	
61	asian.1 asian.sum	Yes Yes	other filename "wwiii.6a" crossed out	<i>WW III - Asian Front</i>
62	asian.2	Yes	other filename "wwiii.6b" crossed out	

Disk #	Filename	Viability	Notes	Published Work
63	asian.3	Yes	other filename "wwiii.6c" crossed out	
64	redrev.1 red.pro red.sum	Yes Yes Yes		<i>Air Glow Red</i>
65	redrev.2	Yes		
66	redrev.3	Yes		
67	redrev.4	Yes		
68	redrev.5 red.ins red.in2	Yes Yes Yes		
69	redrev.6	Yes		
70	redrev.8	Yes		
71	redrev.9	Yes		
72	warshot.1 warshot.pro warshot.sum	Yes Yes Yes		
73	warshot.2	Yes		
74	warshot.3	Yes		
75	warshot.4	Yes		
76	showdow.1 showdow.tit showdow.sum	Yes Yes Yes	DOS 3.2 other filename "flashpoi.1" crossed out	<i>Showdown / Battle Front</i>

Disk #	Filename	Viability	Notes	Published Work
77	showdow.2	Yes	DOS 3.2	
78	showdow.6	Yes	DOS 3.2	
79	odessa.1	Yes	DOS 3.2	"Odessa Run" [unpublished]