

Doris Giller

(January 22, 1931-April 25, 1993)

Doris Giller began her career as a secretary with a supermarket chain, rose to be a reporter and editor at three of Canada's major daily newspapers and made her mark in Canada's literary community.

Born and raised in Montreal, Doris joined the staff of the Montreal Star in 1963 as a reporter and feature writer. With the Star until its demise in 1979, Doris went on to hold positions as Night Editor and Lifestyles Editor and became the first female Entertainment Editor at the paper. In 1972, while Doris was in Israel, she acted as the Star's Israeli correspondent, filing stories on events including the impact of the Munich Olympic disaster on Israelis.

In 1981, Doris was hired as the Book Review Editor at the Montreal Gazette, where she created an entirely new and extensive Book Review section. During her four years at the paper, Doris established a new standard for book reviews and successfully initiated contributions from major literary figures including Pierre Bourgault, Hugh MacLennan, Irving Layton and Mordecai Richler.

Doris and her husband Jack Rabinovitch moved to Toronto in 1985. In 1988 Doris joined the Toronto Star as Assistant Book Editor and launched her regular column, Reading Habits, which became a mainstay of the Star's book pages. After a struggle with cancer, Doris Giller passed away on April 25, 1993