

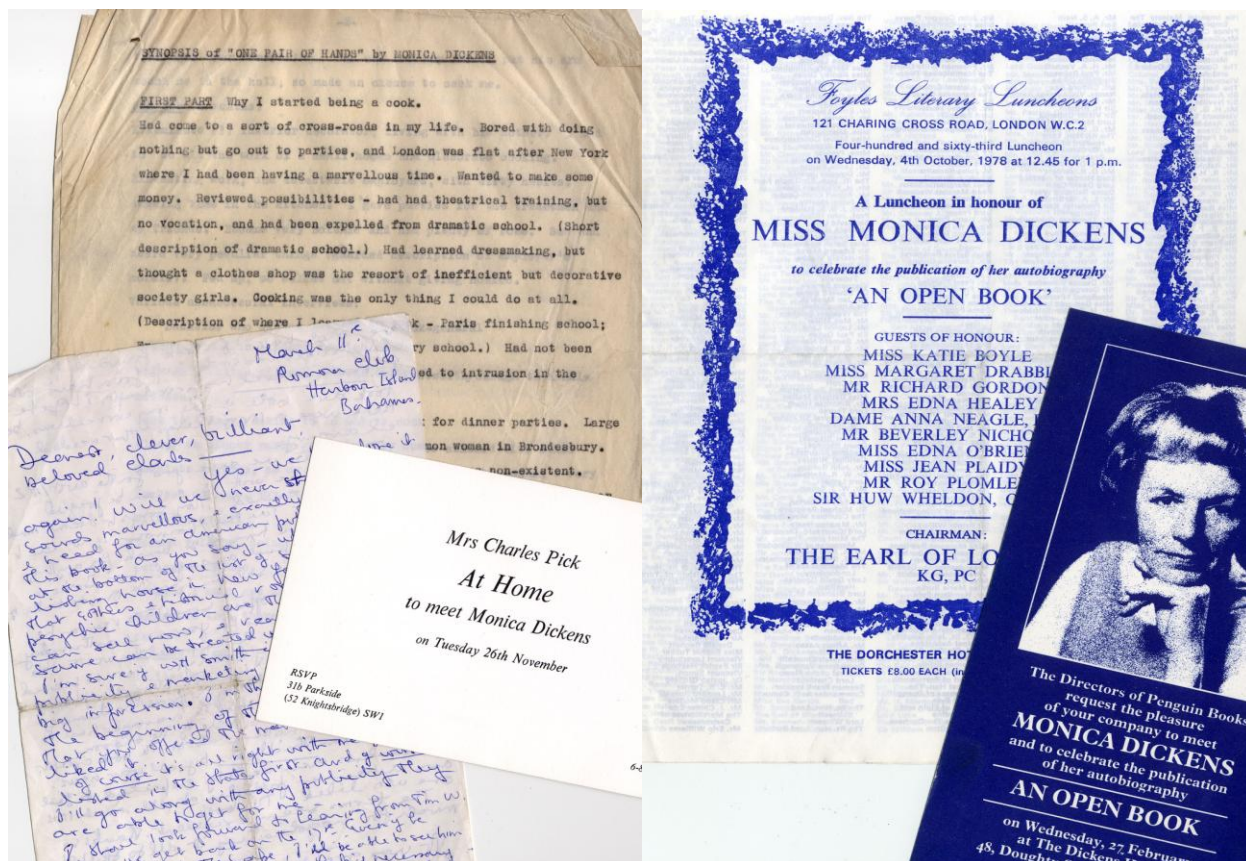
MONICA DICKENS in the Charles Pick Archive

Monica Dickens (1914–1992) published more than 30 volumes of fiction, as well as autobiography, children’s books, journalism and literary criticism. She was one of the two or three best-selling female novelists of her generation and the great granddaughter of the writer Charles Dickens.



Monica Dickens started writing after having met Charles Pick, the publisher, at a dance in 1937. Six weeks later she had completed her first book *One Pair of Hands*. The two became friends and by the 1960s she had sold more than 10 million books. The Charles Pick Archive includes many of Dickens’ letters to Pick, as well as invitations, press cuttings, and memoirs. [Ref CP/1/6].

Top right: Monica Dickens and Charles Pick in the BBC television programme ‘This is Your Life’ with Eamonn Andrews. Copyright BBC and FremantleMedia.



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