

# Margaret Eleanor Anne Hart



Anne Hart c.2006. Credit Memorial University.

b. Oct. 7, 1935, Winnipeg, MB; d. Oct. 9, 2019, Victoria, BC  
Maiden name Margaret Eleanor Anne Hill

## Education :

1956 BA (King's College, Dalhousie University)  
1952 BLS (McGill University)

## Positions:

Librarian, Dalhousie Library, Kipling Collection  
Librarian, British Museum Library  
Librarian, Queen's University Library  
1969-1972 Cataloguer (part-time), Newfoundland Public Libraries  
1973-1974 Librarian, Memorial University Library of Newfoundland  
1974-1977 Assistant Head, Centre for Newfoundland Studies, Memorial University Library of Newfoundland  
1977-1998 Head, Centre for Newfoundland Studies, Memorial University Library of Newfoundland  
1999- Honorary Research Librarian, Memorial University of Newfoundland

## Publications:

Hart, Anne (1975). Help me Hepplewhite. Play. Produced for CBC National.

Hart, Anne (1976). "Help me Hepplewhite," In The Blasty bough, by Clyde Rose: 60-69. Portugal Cove:

## Breakwater Books.

Hart, Anne, Kitty Power, et al., comp. (1977). Newfoundland and Confederation. Toronto: Clark Irwin.

Anne Hart (1979). "The Friday everything changed." In *Crossroads II: Canadian stories and poems*, selected and edited by William Boswell, Betty Lamont, John Martyn: 12-21. Toronto: Van Nostrand Reinhold.

Hart, Anne, et al., comp. (1980). *My inside self: writings and pictures by children of Newfoundland and Labrador*. St. John's: Newfoundland Library Association.

Anne Hart (1985). *The life and times of Miss Jane Marple*. New York: Dodd, Mead & Co., 1985.  
This book has been reissued many times, in several languages.  
Also published under title: *Agatha Christies' Miss Marple: the life and times of Miss Jane Marple*.

Anne Hart (1990). *The life and times of Hercule Poirot*. London: Pavilion Books, 1990.  
This book has been reissued many times, in several languages.  
Also published under title: *Agatha Christies' Poirot: the life and times of Hercule Poirot*.

Hart, Anne (2001). "Into unknown Labrador." In *Rediscovering Canada: image, place and text*, edited by Gudrun Bjork Gudsteins. [Reykjavík,] University of Iceland Press.

Hart, Anne (2001). "Lettuce, turnip and pea." In *Dropped threads: what we aren't told*, edited by Carol Shields and Marjorie Anderson: 33-39. Toronto, Random House.

Buchanan, Roberta, Anne Hart, and Bryan Greene (2005). *The woman who mapped Labrador: the life and expedition diary of Mina Hubbard*. Montreal: McGill Queen's University Press.  
[Biography of the first white woman to cross Labrador. The three collaborators edited Mina Hubbard's diary, and Ms. Hart wrote the biography of Mina Hubbard.]  
Shortlisted for the Winterset Award for excellence in Newfoundland and Labrador writing.

Hart, Anne (2007). [Address to convocation](#). [Memorial University] President's report, 2007.

## Radio:

CBC Radio Ideas documentary: "Into Unknown Labrador: The Mina Hubbard Story," 1998-05-28. This lecture was also delivered by Ms. Hart to The Newfoundland Historical Society on January 27, 2000.

## Associations/Committees:

Canadian Library Association

Canadian Library Trustees Association. President, 1982-1983

Newfoundland Public Libraries Board. Chair, 1974-1978; Chair, Anniversary Committee, 1984-1986

Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women. Chair, Publications Committee, 1982-1984

Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association

Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Archivists

Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador. Vice-President, 1989

Writers Union of Canada

Crime Writers Association  
Crime Writers of Canada  
Mystery Writers of America  
Bronte Society (Life Member)  
Newfoundland Historical Association  
Newfoundland Human Rights Association  
St. John's City Council Arts Jury  
Winterset Board of Directors, 2009

## Honours:

2004 Order of Canada  
1974 Margaret Duley Fiction Contest - Newfoundland Writers Guild and Canada Council  
1985 Writer's Residency, Ragdale Foundation, Lake Forest, IL  
1986 Annual Merit Award, outstanding Library Trustee, Canadian Library Trustees Association  
2006 Honorary Doctor of Literature, Memorial University of Newfoundland

## Accomplishments:

"Anne led two accomplished careers. As a librarian she nurtured the Newfoundlandia collection at Memorial University Libraries, building the Centre for Newfoundland Studies into the largest collection of published materials on all aspects of Newfoundland and Labrador anywhere, and an Archives unit in 1982 that now stands on its own as the University Library's Archives and Special Collections. As a writer Anne published three biographies (two of Agatha Christie's fictional detectives, Jane Marple and Hercule Poirot, and one of Labrador explorer Mina Hubbard) and many poems and short stories. Anne also guided other authors over many decades, edited scores of manuscripts, and was active in the St. John's literary community, and helped establish the Winterset Prize. For this work she obtained Library Research Professor status at Memorial University, an honorary degree from Memorial in 1997, and the Order of Canada in 2004."

"With creativity and vision, Anne Hart has made lasting contributions to the cultural life of her province...[The] heritage books and documents [at the Centre for Newfoundland Studies] will provide generations of students, scholars and the public with a record of the history of Newfoundland and Labrador. A highly regarded author and poet, she has been a tireless champion of the literary community, supporting and promoting her fellow writers. Her leadership has also benefited local, provincial and national organizations working in the areas of heritage, literacy and human rights."

## Comments:

"Anne Hart is a foremost expert on Agatha Christie and wrote her acclaimed biographies of Poirot and Marple with the full endorsement of Agatha Christie Limited. They have become regarded as the definitive works on their subjects."

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