
Charles Morgan letter to Miss Christian
1947 November 30

Abstract: British author Charles Morgan wrote this two-page thank you letter to "Miss Christian," also offering encouragement to the recipient for her writing.
Descriptive Summary

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Biographical Note

British writer Charles Langbridge Morgan wrote several plays, eleven novels, and numerous essays.

Charles Langbridge Morgan was born on January 22, 1894, in Bromley, Kent. He was a cadet in the Royal Navy and later attended naval colleges at Osborne and Dartmouth. From 1911-1913 he served in the Atlantic and China before resigning to pursue a literary career. However, at the outbreak of World War I Morgan volunteered for re-enlistment in the Royal Navy, joining the Naval Brigade forces at Antwerp. In the fall of 1914 Morgan was taken prisoner in Holland, where during his internment Morgan began writing his first novel, *The Gunroom* (1919) in which he was critical of the British Navy. Morgan again volunteered for service during World War II, and he served in the British Admiralty from 1939-1944.

After studying at Oxford, beginning in 1921 Morgan worked as a drama critic for *The Times of London*. In 1926 he became the paper’s principal drama critic, a post he held until 1939.

In the 1930s and 1940s, when Morgan’s success as a writer was at its peak, he won three important literary prizes for his novels: the Prix Féminal-Vie Heureuse (1929); the Hawthornden Prize (1932); and the James Tait Black Memorial Prize (1940).

Morgan was one of the few foreigners to become an Académicien in the Institut de France. He also received honorary doctorates from St. Andrews University (LL.D., 1947), Université de Caen (1948), and Université de Toulouse (1948). Morgan died in London, on February 6, 1958.

Sources:


Scope and Content Note

Charles Morgan wrote this two-page thank you letter to Miss Christian.

Writing from a Welsh cottage because work was being done to his London house, Charles Morgan described his current writing projects and offered encouragement to Miss Christian in her writing. Morgan recommended reading a manuscript aloud to test its length and determine the need for cuts in text.
Selected Search Terms

Personal Names

Morgan, Charles, 1894-1958--Correspondence.
Christian, Miss--Correspondence.

Topical Terms

Authors, British--20th century--Correspondence.

Form/Genre Terms

Correspondence.

Occupation

Literary critics.

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