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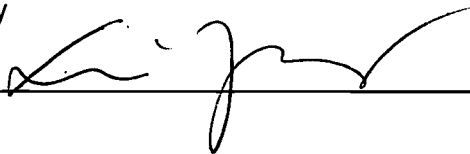
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Purpose of Project

Between 1930 and 1947, Ursula Parrott wrote 22 books, 50 short stories, and four filmscripts. Eight of her works were made into movies, including one she wrote in collaboration with Zane Grey and other popular writers of the time. Her stories dealt with themes that are still relevant today: divorce, abortion, pacifism, civil rights, spousal abuse. Her books were regularly reviewed by *The New York Times*, as were her marriages, divorces, friendships with the likes of Sinclair Lewis and F. Scott Fitzgerald, and constant legal difficulties.

Although Ursula Parrott was a popular and prolific "romance" writer of her time, little is known today about either her or her works. The purpose of this project is to compile a comprehensive and authoritative bio-bibliography of Ursula Parrott as a representative of a small but important part of the history of women writers and writings. The project consists of both print and web presentations. The print version includes a single "back-of-the-book" index, covering titles, illustrators, reviews, reviewers, film stars, and family members. The web version utilizes hot links to help the user navigate through the site.

Introduction

The 1920s through 1940s was an exciting time for women writers. Willa Cather won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, Pearl Buck, the Nobel Prize for literature. Emily Post published her first book on etiquette. Lillian Hellman published plays which were subsequently performed on Broadway and Marianne Moore and Edna St. Vincent Millay entertained the world with their poetry. Margaret Mitchell gave us *Gone with the Wind*. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President, wrote her autobiography and Louella Parsons reported on Hollywood gossip. Gertrude Stein had twelve books published, followed closely by Edith Wharton with seven. And Ursula Parrott wrote 22 books, 50 short stories, and four screenplays. "Who? Ursula Parrott? Never heard of her!"

The truth is that although Ursula Parrott was a prolific and popular writer, not much information is available about her. Literature searches turned up little except book reviews and an occasional newspaper article covering a marriage, divorce, or arrest. The reason she seems to have been forgotten (or ignored) by bibliographers and compilers could be the perception of and disdain for the type of literature for which she was known.

Ursula Parrott was representative of a group of women writers in the 1920s, '30s and '40s who wrote what her son Marc called "formula stuff." In the Afterword of a reprint of *Ex-Wife* published in 1989, he describes her and her craft:

"My mother worked like a galley slave: I well recall the chaos and tension of making those eternal deadlines for publishers and magazines. She and a handful of her peers made more money...than any American women could in that time. In the atmosphere of black coffee, cigarette stubs, and the clacking upright on a card table, and sleepless nights, she forged the dreams she sold to "Cosmo" or *Redbook* for the delectation of 1930s housewives" (Parrott, p. 220).

Ursula Parrott and those peers -- Kathleen Norris, Faith Baldwin, Vina Delmar, and Margaret Culkin Banning were the most popular -- became the new "mass market" writers. "The 1920s and 1930s...saw a new and vital phase of the commodification of popular fiction and the firm establishment of many of the genre categories with which we are familiar today" (*Twentieth-century Romance & Historical Writers*, p. xiv). One genre category to which the writer refers is, of course, romance literature. The early part of the twentieth century is when romances, especially those serialized in popular women's magazines, started to gain the popularity they maintain even today. This literary type, however, has never been totally accepted as "literature." Kay Mussell, in *Twentieth-century Romance & Historical Writers*, notes: "In 1932 Q.D. Leavis's pioneering study, *Fiction and the Reading Public*, offered an

almost entirely disparaging account of popular novels as debased 'kill-time interests' written in a modern suburban idiom, crude, puerile and cliched. Social snobbery and condescension could inform the views of progressives like the feminist and novelist Rebecca West who sneeringly dismissed the 'lower animals' who read bestsellers" (p. xiv).

No one could deny, however, the popularity of romance literature. Aside from the novels, romance literature started to be serialized in the increasingly popular women's magazines. Short stories and serialized fiction became an important draw of such magazines as *Women's Home Companion*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Saturday Evening Post*, and *Ladies' Home Journal*. "Like its competitors, the *Journal* attempted...to expand the domestic woman's "traditional areas of interest." The magazine hosted a prestigious group of contributors, including Louisa May Alcott, ...Edith Wharton, [and] Kathleen Norris. The *Journal* was particularly astute in choosing for serialization future best-sellers" (*Oxford Companion to Women's Writing in the United States*, p. 541).

Ursula Parrott answered the call for romance literature by writing both novels and short stories for magazines. Over a period of 15 years, she published over 50 separate works. Publishers, magazine editors, and even Hollywood paid attention to what she wrote. So did the public: *Ex-Wife* sold 100,000 copies and Marc Parrott estimates his mother's total income from writing to be more than \$700,000 (Parrott, p. 220), a goodly sum for that day in time.

Literature Review

Still, I could not find a biography of Ursula Parrott, or a bibliography of her writings. Searches in the MLA Bibliography, Library Literature, Arts & Humanities Search, and Dissertation Abstracts came up empty, except for noting that a reprint of *Ex-Wife* was included in the 1989 Plume American Women Writers Series. Searches in Readers' Guide revealed references to short stories only. Web inquiries turned up two mentions of Ursula, but neither

biographical nor bibliographic. She is not even included in *Twentieth-century Romance & Historical Writers!* It is my contention that due to the many contributions of Ursula Parrott to women's literature and the early motion picture industry, a comprehensive bio-bibliography would be of benefit to those researchers and literature buffs willing to recognize ALL types of publications, mass market, magazine serials, or otherwise, as an important part of women's contributions to the arts. Her stories take the reader from the crash of 1929, through the post-war era right through to World War II, covering topics in which women from all walks of life held interest. Ursula deserves recognition and further study for what she contributed -- an enormous amount of popular literature, which was read and loved by millions of women throughout the first half of this century. So do her peers. Further investigation should be conducted into the lives and writings of some other writers of the time.

Methodology

Print Bibliography

Bibliographic research for this project was based as closely as possible on procedures outlined in James L. Harner's *On Completing an Annotated Bibliography*. Harner recommends the following steps:

- I. Plan the research
 - A. Examine thoroughly the subject author's life and works.

Since so little has been published about the personal life of Ursula Parrott, my biographical research consisted of newspaper articles and primary research in the form of personal interviews via telephone and in person with her daughters-in-law, one of whom lives in Hawaii and the other in New York. (Ursula's son, Lindsay "Marc" Parrott, Jr., died in 1988; her grandson refused to talk with me.). Print versions of newspaper indexes (especially New York papers) were the

focus. *Publisher's Weekly* and entertainment publications of the time were also examined. Basic vital statistics sources, such as the online Everton's Geological Helper and state vital statistics and historical societies were used to verify dates.

B. Decide what types of works to include.

Since my intended audience includes researchers as well as casual readers, I have attempted to compile a complete bibliography, therein covering all of Ursula Parrott's works. Therefore, my bibliography includes novels (originals and reprints), short stories, screenplays, book reviews, films based on books by Parrott, and miscellaneous other published works. I examined and read approximately 70% of the materials covered by the bibliography.

C. Announce the bibliography in appropriate scholarly journals.

My plan for Step #C is to post and maintain my bibliography on a site on the web that is dedicated to American Women Writers. I have contacted the web masters of two sites: "A Celebration of Women Writers (<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs.cmu.edu/user/mmbt/www/women/writers.html>) and the American Women's Writers Index (<http://www.accd.edu/sac/english/bailey/amwomlit.htm>) regarding adding my bibliography to their websites. I am currently awaiting a reply. I also plan to submit my bibliography to the editors of *Twentieth-century Romance & Historical Writers*.

D. Choose a good style manual.

The print version of my bibliography follows the guidelines in *The Chicago Manual of Style*. Entries are annotated as appropriate.

II. Compile the entries.

A. Identify the works.

Resources that have been used to identify and locate materials include, but are not limited to:

Books: WorldCat, the OCLC Online Union Catalog (online)

Book Reviews: Book Review Digest (print), Janice Parrott (daughter-in-law)

Short Stories: Readers' Guide (print)

Films: Internet Movie Database (web)

B. Obtain the works.

Since only one of Ursula Parrott's works is available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, and those held by Ohio State University are in a non-circulating special collection, most were acquired through Interlibrary Loan. I purchased four through the Advanced Book Exchange site on the web. Short stories were printed from microfilm wherever possible. In the process of doing my research, I personally visited libraries in Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, Yellow Springs, Philadelphia, and New York.

C. Write the entries.

Entries were written and edited in Microsoft Word. Entries were ordered first by year then alphabetically. Entries were numbered. The bibliographic style follows *The Chicago Manual of Style*. Novels, short stories, book reviews, screenplays, films, and miscellaneous writings were indexed

Web site

The web site was written in HTML (Hypertext Markup Language), in part using the Front

Page design software package. Web pages contain graphics and navigational hot links, as well as logical links from topics to sub-topics.

Discussion

The bibliography on the following pages was compiled with care for use by both casual readers and scholars researching the history of women's literature. As such, my goal was to develop a tool that is easily used and navigated. I have provided the biographical and bibliographical information in two formats: a print version, which includes an index to its contents, and a web version, which uses hot links to move the user around. Each has its own particular strengths and weaknesses.

Logical relationships: The index in the back of the print index enables a user to "browse" for logical relationships. For instance, a user can look see from the index that there are three different people named "Towle" included in the bibliography. This information is not available to one navigating through the web page, because a link from one "Towle" to another has no logical sequence.

Browsability: The web version of the bibliography allows the user to browse the contents much more handily than the print version. Using the print index, the reader must flip from the index to the referenced page or citation, then go back to the index and repeat the process for each entry. The web version allows the user to move quickly by clicking on the hot link. There is always the chance that a web user will get "lost," however, in the maze of links. It is therefore important to always have available links that return him or her to the general index at the top of the page.

Obscure references: Obscure references tend to get lost in web pages. For instance, a reference to Binnie Barnes, who had a starring role in the film *There's Always Tomorrow*, is an easy addition to the index at the back of the print bibliography. To find her in the web version,

though, the searcher must rely on the browser's "Find" function. And because there is no way to "browse" what is included in the web page, there is no way a person would know to look for Binnie Barnes in the first place. It is possible, therefore, that many obscure references that might be found by browsing the index of a print bibliography would be lost in the web version.

Relative importance of entries: A back-of-the-book index provides instant feedback as to the importance of an entry to the main subject. One can easily see the number of references for an entry and immediately assess the usefulness of the bibliography. This insight is not always evident in a web page.

In conclusion, it can be argued that both types of navigation through a bibliography -- back-of-the-book index and hot links -- are superior in some aspects and inferior in others. It is my opinion, though, that a researcher who wants to "turn over every stone" should ultimately rely on print materials to ensure complete subject coverage.

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Ursula Parrott:

A bibliography of her works

Foreword

Katherine Ursula Towle Parrott was born in Boston, Massachusetts on March 26, 1899. Her father, Henry Towle, was a physician; her mother, Mary Fluck Towle, was a homemaker. Ursula had one sibling, an older sister named Lucy.

Ursula attended the Catholic Girls Latin School and later graduated from Radcliffe College. Immediately after graduation, she moved to New York's Greenwich Village and supported herself as a fashion writer. In 1922, at the age of 23, she married Lindsay Marc Parrott, a reporter for *The New York Times*.

Two years later, in 1924, Ursula gave birth to her only child, a son named Lindsay "Marc" Parrott, Jr. However, Lindsay Parrott, Sr., who never wanted any children, did not immediately know of the existence of his son. Upon learning of her pregnancy, Ursula returned to Boston from London, where she and her husband were living at the time, and gave birth to her son there. She left the infant in the care of her father and sister and returned to Lindsay. It wasn't until about two years later that her husband discovered that he was a father, and he and Ursula immediately divorced. Lindsay Parrott, Sr. never accepted his son Marc, and although Ursula saw the child often, bringing toys and taking him on trips, Marc was almost seven years old before she acknowledged being his mother. From that moment on, however, she doted on him, giving him the best of everything, including a Harvard education. His welfare was, in fact, the driving force behind her writing career. Ursula also continued a relationship with Lindsay through many years afterwards, even while both were married to other people.

Ex-Wife, Ursula Parrott's first book, was published in 1929. Based on her divorce and the time immediately following, it was considered scandalous at the time and therefore originally published anonymously. ("Leftover Ladies," an article published in *Mentor* magazine that same year, also discusses the plight of divorced women in 1929 New York.) *Ex-Wife* was enormously successful, and Ursula became a popular author and scandalous woman overnight, reveling in both roles throughout most of her life.

Although she was continuously involved with her first husband, Ursula married three other men. In 1931, she married Charles T. Greenwood, a prominent New York banker. She divorced him one year later, claiming intolerable cruelty. She married John Wildberg, an attorney, in 1934. That relationship ended when he threatened her with a gun at her in 1937. In 1939, she married Air Force Major Coster Schermerhorn. This marriage was her longest -- 4 years -- and ended dramatically when she was caught in a scandal for smuggling a 26-year-old military prisoner out of a Florida Army base by hiding him under the back seat of her car. Sought and caught by the FBI and tried in a

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federal court, Ursula claimed tearfully that they were merely "going out to dinner." She was found not guilty of the charge and, according to a New York Times' article on the trial, even the prosecuting attorney applauded when the verdict was announced. Ursula was also rumored to have had affairs with both F. Scott Fitzgerald and Sinclair Lewis.

In between marriages and affairs (and becoming one of the few women in the United States to earn a pilot's license), Ursula Parrott was a prolific, successful, and popular writer. She wrote for women -- books, popular magazine short stories and serialized novels, and filmscripts. Over a period of 18 years, she wrote 22 books (including one which she co-authored with nine other prominent writers of the time, including Zane Grey), over 50 stories, and four filmscripts. Eight of her novels were subsequently made into films, starring such famous actors as James Stewart, Norma Shearer, Cary Grant, Robert Montgomery, Humphrey Bogart, Fred MacMurray, Barbara Stanwyck, and Ray Milland.

Ursula's lifestyle was one of constant ups and downs. She quickly spent everything she earned. She'd write non-stop for 72 hours, sell her story, spend every penny on her son or male companion of the moment, then write another story when she needed the money. Eventually, her imprudent ways caught up with her. She stopped writing in 1947, and in 1952 a warrant was issued for her arrest in New York on a grand larceny charge of taking and then pawning \$1,000 worth of silverware from the home of friends with whom she was staying. She went into hiding and was not publicly heard from again. According to her son Marc, she died of cancer in 1957, anonymously, in the charity ward of a New York hospital. Her sister, Lucy, who had been secretly caring for her during the illness, was by her side. She is buried in the Towle family plot in Holly Hood Cemetery in Brookline, Massachusetts.

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A. Novels

A1 *Dream without Ending*

New York: Longmans, Green & Company, 1935.

[not examined]

Contents: "*Dream without Ending*," "*A King in Caribbea*," "*Salute! There Goes Romance*," "*Remember Me*," "*Death Is a Dream*," "*Forever, Perhaps*," "*Whenever Spring*," "*A Princess Goes Home*"

A2 *Even in a Hundred Years*

New York: Dodd, Mead & Company, 1944.

Green cloth, 178 p.

A3 *Ex-Wife*

(a) New York: Jonathan Cape & Harrison Smith, 1929.
Black cloth, gold lettering, 272 p. Published anonymously.
Dedication to Hugh O'Connor.

(b) New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 1930.
[not examined]

(c) New York: Dell, 1949.
Dell Books, 25 cents series, #277. Paperback. 239 p.
[not examined]

(d) New York: New American Library, 1989.
"A Plume Book." Plume American Women Writers series.
Afterword by son, Lindsay Marc Parrott, Jr. Cover art: watercolor
of woman in negligee, by Anna Demchick. 224 p.

(e) Hungary: Aldina, 1995.
Hungarian translation (*A Szerelem Elmulik*). 196 p.
[not examined]

A4 *For All of Our Lives*

New York: Dodd, Mead & Company, 1938.

Blue cloth, gold lettering, 209 p. Dedication to Micheline Kennedy.

A5 *Gentleman's Fate*

New York: Jonathan Cape and Harrison Smith, 1931.

Green cloth, 241 p. Published under author "K.U.P." Dedication to Louise Bonino.

- A6** ***Heaven's Not Far Away***
 New York: Dodd, Mead & Company, 1942 (copyright 1941,1942).
 Red cloth, 208 p.
- A7** ***Island of Fear***
 New York: Dodd, Mead & Company, 1943.
 [not examined]
- A8** ***Leisure to Repent***
 Sydney: Consolidated Press, 1936.
 [not examined]
- also in *Redbook*, February 1936.
- A9** ***Life is For the Living***
 New York: Dodd, Mead & Company, 1939.
 Green cloth, 239 p.
- A10** ***Love Goes Past***
 New York: Jonathan Cape & Harrison Smith, 1931.
 Blue cloth, 254 p. Second printing has "Grosset & Dunlap" on spine.
 Dedication to George Bye.
- A11** ***Marry Me before You Go***
 New York: Dodd, Mead & Company, 1941.
 Green cloth, 218 p.
- Also in *Redbook*, June 1941.
- A12** ***Navy Nurse***
 New York: Dodd, Mead & Company, 1943.
 Light blue cloth with picture of nurse on cover and spine, 219 p.
- Also in *Redbook*, October 1942.
- A13** ***Next Time We Live***
- (a) New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 1935.
 Blue cloth, red lettering, 298 p. Dust cover of 1938 photoplay edition
 reads "Photoplay title '*Next Time We Love.*'" Picture of Margaret
 Sullavan with caption "... in the Universal Photoplay." Note inside:
 "Abbreviated form of this novel has been serialized under the title
 "*Say Goodbye Again.*" Dedication to Robert Garland.
- (b) New York: Longmans, Green & Company, 1935.
 [not examined]

- A14** ***Nothing Even Ends***
 New York: Dodd, Mead & Company, 1942.
 Green cloth, 190 p.
- Also in *Redbook*, April 1940.
- A15** ***One More Such Victory***
 New York: Smith & Durrell, 1942.
 Tan cloth, 229 p.
- A16** ***Road Leading Somewhere***
 New York: Dodd, Mead & Company, 1941.
 Burgundy cloth, 171 p.
- Also in *Ladies Home Journal*, August - December, 1940.
- A17** ***Storm at Dusk***
 New York: Dodd, Mead & Company, 1943.
 Red cloth, 207 p.
- Also in *Redbook*, April 1942.
- A18** ***Strangers May Kiss***
 (a) New York: Jonathan Cape & Harrison Smith, 1930.
 Second printing (also 1930) has "Grosset & Dunlap" on spine.
- (b) New York: Dell, 1930.
 Dell Paperback Series #409, 224 p. Cover art by Ray Johnson:
 man and woman embracing in front of fireplace (front), map of
 Washington Square in New York (back). Includes list of named
 chapters and main characters. Dedication to Hugh O'Connor.
- A19** ***Till I Forget to Love***
 Sydney: Consolidated Press, 1939.
 [not examined]
- A20** ***The Tumult and the Shouting***
 (a) New York: Longmans, Green & Company, 1933.
 [not examined]
- (b) Toronto: Cassell and Company, Ltd., 1934.
 Blue cloth, white lettering, 331 p. Dedication to "my sister Lucy
 Towle and my son Lindesay Marc Parrott, Jun."

- A21** **Two Novels: *Though You Be Far and When Summer, Returning***
New York: Longmans, Green and Company, 1939.
Red cloth, 192 p. (*Though You Be Far*) and 211 p. (*When Summer, Returning*). The text of *When Summer, Returning* is inverted, starting in what would be the "back" of the book.

"*When Summer, Returning*" also in *Good Housekeeping*, May - October, 1935.

- A22** ***The Woman Accused***
New York: Ray Long & Richard R. Smith, Inc., 1933.
Published under "By Ten Prominent Authors." (Authors were Rupert Hughes, Vicki Baum, Zane Grey, Vina Delmar, Irving S. Cobb, Gertrude Atherton, J.P. McEvoy, Ursula Parrott, Polan Banks, and Sophie Kerr, with each author writing one chapter.) Blue cloth, 214 p. Includes list of named chapters.

B. Stories

- B1** **"And Then for Always"**
Redbook, March 1945, p. 135-166. Decorations by Everett Henry.
- B2** **"And Tomorrow to You"**
Ladies Home Journal, January 1939, p. 16-17, 65-66. Illustrated by Al Parker.
- B3** **"Appointment with Tomorrow"**
Good Housekeeping, March 1939, p. 18-21, 119-124, 126-128; April 1939, p. 24-25, 33-134, 136-144, 146, 148; May 1939, p. 26-27, 198-208; June 1939, p. 42-43, 49-158; July 1939, p. 42-43, 72, 75-76, 78; August 1939, p. 42-43, 78, 80. Illustrated by Tom Lovell.
- B4** **"The Beauty and the Family"**
Redbook, May 1945, p.18-21, 94-103; June 1945, p. 30-33, 100-106, 109; July 1945, p. 44-48, 69-70, 72, 74, 76. Illustrated by Hy Rubin.
- B5** **"The Boy Next Door"**
Ladies Home Journal, April 1939, p. 11-12, 77, 79-80. Illustrated by Roy Spreter.

- B6** **"Breadwinner"**
Redbook, October 1933, p. 18-21, 92-99; November 1933, p. 30-33, 96-101; December, 1933, p. 32-36, 76-80; January 1934, p. 36-39, 72-75; February 1934, p. 48-50, 70, 72, 74. Illustrated by Frank Bensing.
- B7** **"Brief Encore"**
Ladies Home Journal, January 1938, p. 20-21, 75-76. Illustrated by Roy Spreter.
- B8** **"Brilliant Marriage"**
Redbook, July 1935, p. 127-148. Illustrated by Frank Godwin.
- Also a film by the same name, 1939.
- B9** **"Death Is a Dream"**
in *Dream without Ending*, 1935.
- B10** **"Dream without Ending"**
Good Housekeeping, August 1932, p. 26-31, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126. Illustrated by Ralph Pallen Coleman.
- Also in *Dream without Ending*, 1935.
- B11** **"A Far Off Music"**
Ladies Home Journal, April 1942, p. 13, 79-80, 82, 84-85, 87-88, 90, 92-93, 95-100. Illustrated by Al Parker.
- B12** **"First Love"**
Redbook, August 1932, p. 40-44, 118-120. Illustrated by Frank Bensing.
- also in *Best American Love Stories of the Year*, edited by Margaret Widdemer, 1932.
- B13** **"Forever, Perhaps"**
in *Dream Without Ending*, 1935.
- B14** **"For No Earthly Reason"**
Good Housekeeping, March 1934, p. 16-19, 137-138, 140, 143-144, 147. Illustrated by Mead Schaeffer.

- B15** **"Goodbye at the Station"**
 Redbook, October 1944, p. 18-21, 116-123; November 1944,
 p. 24-27, 125-130. Illustrated by Perry Peterson.
- B16** **"His Broken Promise"**
 Redbook, October 1945, p. 48-51, 70, 72, 74, 76. Illustrated by
 Arthur Sarnoff.
- B17** **"If We Could Be Alone"**
 Redbook, February 1945, p. 28-31, 90-95. Illustrated by Walter
 Baumhofer.
- B18** **"In Heaven Surely"**
 Ladies Home Journal, December 1933, p. 12-13, 74, 76-77, 79.
 Illustrated by William Meade Prince.
- B19** **"A King in Caribbea"**
 American Magazine, August 1933, p. 39-44, 102-115. Illustrated by
 J. W. Schlaikjer.
- also in *Dream without Ending*, 1935.
- B20** **"Last Love"**
 American Magazine, October 1934, p. 60-63, 88, 90, 92, 94.
 Illustrated by Ronald McLeod.
- B21** **"The Last Time We Meet"**
 Redbook, March 1942, p. 16-19, 78-80. 83-85; April 1942, 48-51,
 106-113; May 1942, 40-43, 81-82, 84; June 1942, p. 40-43, 93-96.
 Illustrated by Edwin Georgi.
- B22** **"Leisure to Repent"**
 Redbook, February 1936, p. 113-144.
- also published as a book of the same name, 1936.
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- B55** "Though Time Be Fleet"
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Directed by Robert Z. Leonard
Starred: Norma Shearer, Chester Morris, Robert Montgomery
Award: Norma Shearer, Oscar, Best Actress, 1930
- E2 *Brilliant Marriage***
MGM (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), 1936
Based on story of the same name published in *Redbook* (1935)
Directed by Phil Rosen
Starred: Joan Marsh, Ray Walker, Inez Courtney
- E3 *Gentleman's Fate***
MGM (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), 1931
Based on book of the same name (1931)
Directed by Mervyn LeRoy
Starred: John Gilbert, Louis Wolheim, Leila Hyams
- E4 *Love Affair***
Columbia Pictures Corporation, 1932
Based on unpublished novel of the same name
Directed by Thornton Freeland
Starred: Dorothy Mackaill, Humphrey Bogart, Jack Kennedy
- E5 *Next Time We Love***
Universal Pictures, 1936
Based on book *Next Time We Live* (1935)
Directed by Edward H. Griffith
Starred Margaret Sullavan, James Stewart, Ray Milland
- E6 *Strangers May Kiss***
MGM (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), 1931
Based on book of the same name (1930)
Directed by George Fitzmaurice
Starred: Norma Shearer, Robert Montgomery, Raymond Milland
- E7 *There's Always Tomorrow***
(a) Universal Pictures, 1934
Based on unpublished novel of the same name
Directed by Edward Sloman
Starred: Binnie Barnes, Alan Hale, Robert Taylor, Frank Morgan

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Universal International Pictures, 1956
Directed by Douglas Sirk
Starred: Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurray, Joan Bennett
Also released as *Too Late for Love*

E8 ***The Woman Accused***

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Directed by Paul Sloane
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MGM (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), 1931

F2 ***Infidelity***

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The Divorcee

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Based on book *Ex-Wife* (1929)

Directed by Robert Z. Leonard

Starred: Norma Shearer, Chester Morris, Robert Montgomery

Award: Norma Shearer, Oscar, Best Actress, 1930

Brilliant Marriage

MGM (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), 1936

Based on story of the same name published in *Redbook* (1935)

Directed by Phil Rosen

Starred: Joan Marsh, Ray Walker, Inez Courtney

Gentleman's Fate

MGM (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), 1931

Based on book of the same name (1931)

Directed by Mervyn LeRoy

Starred: John Gilbert, Louis Wolheim, Leila Hyams

Love Affair

Columbia Pictures Corporation, 1932

Based on unpublished novel of the same name

Directed by Thornton Freeland

Starred: Dorothy Mackaill, Humphrey Bogart, Jack Kennedy

Next Time we Love

Universal Pictures, 1936

Based on book *Next Time We Live* (1935)

Directed by Edward H. Griffith

Starred: Margaret Sullavan, James Stewart, Ray Milland

Strangers May Kiss

MGM (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), 1931

Based on book of the same name (1930)

Directed by George Fitzmaurice

Starred: Norma Shearer, Robert Montgomery, Raymond Milland

There's Always Tomorrow

Universal Pictures, 1934

Based on unpublished novel of the same name

Directed by Edward Sloman

Starred: Binnie Barnes, Alan Hale, Robert Taylor, Frank Morgan

Universal International Pictures, 1956

Directed by Douglas Sirk

Starred: Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurray, Joan Bennett

Also released as *Too Late for Love*

The Woman Accused

Paramount Pictures, 1933

Based on book of the same name (1933)

Directed by Paul Sloane

Starred: Nancy Carroll, Cary Grant, William J. Kelly

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MGM (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), 1931.

Based on book of same name (1931).

Infidelity

MGM (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), 1938. Written with F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Strangers May Kiss

MGM (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), 1931. Written with John Meehan.

Based on *book* of same name (1930).

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Ex-Wife

"Leftover Ladies"

1930

Strangers May Kiss

1931

Gentleman's Fate (book)

Gentleman's Fate (filmscript)

Love Goes Past

Strangers May Kiss (filmscript)

1932

"Dream without Ending" (story)

"First Love"

1933

"Breadwinner"

"In Heaven Surely"

"It Must Be the Climate"

"A King in Caribbea"

"Peter Keeps Memorial Day"

"Remember Me"

The Tumult and the Shouting

The Woman Accused

1934

"For No Earthly Reason"

"Last Love"

"Merchant Princess"

"Nowhere and Return"

"Smile Painted On"

"Some Other Springtime"

"Though Time Be Fleet"

1935

"Brilliant Marriage"

"Death is a Dream"

Dream without Ending

"Forever, Perhaps"

"Ina Claire"

Next Time We Live

"A Princess Goes Home"

"Salute! There Goes Romance!"

"Second Choice"

"This Wonderful Moment"

"Whenever Spring"

"When Summer, Returning"

1936

Leisure to Repent

"Love Comes but Once"

"Manhattan Dawn"

"Of Course, She's Older"

"We Shall Meet Again"

1937

"Life Sentence"

"She Married for Money"

"Spring Singing"

1938

"Brief Encore"

For All of Our Lives

"Infidelity"

"Revoir"

"That Wife of Hugo's"

1939

"And Tomorrow to You"

"Appointment with Tomorrow"

"The Boy Next Door"

Life Is for the Living

Till I Forget to Love

Two Novels: Though You Be Far and When Summer, Returning

"World's Fair"

1940

"Nothing Ever Ends" (story)

"Road Leading Somewhere" (story)

1941

Marry Me before You Go (book)

"Marry Me before You Go" (story)

"Nice People Don't Eat"

Road Leading Somewhere

"Somewhere East of Sunrise"

1942

"A Far Off Music"

Heaven's Not Far Away

"Last Time We Meet"

"Navy Nurse"

Nothing Ever Ends

One More Such Victory

"Promise to Forget"

"Storm at Dusk"

1943

Island of Fear

Navy Nurse

"One Day, There You Will Be"

Storm at Dusk

1944

Even in a Hundred Years

"Goodbye at the Station"

"The Years I Will Spend with You"

"Until Some Other Year"

1945

"And Then for Always"

"The Beauty and the Family"

"His Broken Promise"

"If We Could Be Alone"

"Let Go of Yesterday"

"Love Is So Universal"

"Sleighbells in the Night"

"Your Picture and My Love"

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~~ Biography ~~

Katherine Ursula Towle Parrott was born in Boston, Massachusetts on March 26, 1899. Her father, Henry Towle, was a physician; her mother, Mary Fluck Towle, was a homemaker. Ursula had one sibling, an older sister named Lucy.

Ursula attended the Catholic Girls Latin School and later graduated from Radcliffe College. Immediately after graduation, she moved to New York's Greenwich Village and supported herself as a fashion writer. In 1922, at the age of 23, she married Lindesay Marc Parrott, a reporter for *The New York Times*.

Two years later, in 1924, Ursula gave birth to her only child, a son named Lindesay "Marc" Parrott, Jr. However, Lindesay Parrott, Sr., who never wanted any children, did not immediately know of the existence of his son. Upon learning of her pregnancy, Ursula returned to Boston from London, where she and her husband were living at the time, and gave birth to her son there. She left the infant in the care of her father and sister and returned to Lindesay. It wasn't until about two years later that her husband discovered that he was a father, and he and Ursula immediately divorced. Lindesay Parrott, Sr. never accepted his son Marc, and although Ursula saw the child often, bringing toys and taking him on trips, Marc was almost seven years old before she acknowledged being his mother. From that moment on, however, she doted on him, giving him the best of everything, including a Harvard

education. His welfare was, in fact, the driving force behind her writing career. Ursula also continued a relationship with Lindsay for many years after their divorce, even while both were married to other people.

Ex-Wife, Ursula Parrott's first book, was published in 1929. Based on her divorce and the time immediately following, it was considered scandalous at the time and therefore originally published anonymously. ("Leftover Ladies," an article published in *Mentor* magazine that same year, also discusses the plight of divorced women in 1929 New York.) *Ex-Wife* was enormously successful, and Ursula became a popular author and scandalous woman overnight, reveling in both roles throughout most of her life.

Although she was continuously involved with her first husband, Ursula married three other men. In 1931, she married Charles T. Greenwood, a prominent New York banker. She divorced him one year later, claiming intolerable cruelty. She married John Wildberg, an attorney, in 1934. That relationship ended when he threatened her with a gun at her in 1937. In 1939, she married Air Force Major Coster Schermerhorn. This marriage was her longest -- 4 years -- and ended dramatically when she was caught in a scandal for smuggling a 26-year-old military prisoner out of a Florida Army base by hiding him under the back seat of her car. Sought and caught by the FBI and tried in a federal court, Ursula claimed tearfully that they were merely "going out to dinner." She was found not guilty of the charge, and, according to a *New York Times*' article on the trial, even the prosecuting attorney applauded when the verdict was announced. Ursula was also rumored to have had affairs with both E. Scott Fitzgerald and Sinclair Lewis.

In between marriages and affairs (and becoming one of the few women in the United States to earn a pilot's license), Ursula Parrott was a prolific, successful, and popular writer. She wrote for women -- books, popular magazine short stories and serialized novels, and filmscripts. Over a period of 18 years, she wrote 22 books (including one which she co-authored with nine other prominent writers of the time, including Zane Grey), over 50 stories, and four filmscripts. Eight of her novels were subsequently made into films, starring such famous actors as James Stewart, Norma Shearer, Cary Grant, Robert Montgomery, Humphrey Bogart, Fred MacMurray, Barbara Stanwyck, and Ray Milland.

Ursula's lifestyle was one of constant ups and downs. She quickly spent everything she earned. She'd write non-stop for 72 hours, sell her story, spend every penny on her son or male companion of the moment, then write another story when she needed the money. Eventually, her imprudent ways caught up with her. She stopped writing in 1947, and in 1952 a warrant was issued for her arrest in New York on a grand larceny charge of taking and then pawning \$1,000 worth of silverware from the home of friends with whom she was staying. She went into hiding and was not publicly heard from again. According to her son Marc, she died of cancer in 1957, anonymously, in the charity ward of a New York hospital. Her sister, Lucy, who had been secretly caring for her during the illness, was by her side. She is buried in the Towle family plot in Holly Hood Cemetery in Brookline, Massachusetts.



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