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A new critical biography and a catalogue raisonné of her prints are in the pre-publication stages. Special events are scheduled in her hometown of New Ulm, Minnesota and exhibits of her work are planned by numerous libraries and museums around the country. The University of Minnesota Art Museum is preparing a retrospective exhibition titled "A Hilarity of the Soul: The Creative Life of Wanda Gág" which will open in late 1992 and travel through 1994.

In addition the Brown County Historical Society in New Ulm is expanding its collection of Gág family memorabilia. The Wanda Gág House Association has bought the family homestead in New Ulm which has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It will be used as a children's literature interpretive center.

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Included in the collection are an unpublished manuscript of twenty-two stories and thirty-nine illustrations written with her friend Olga Mayer, circa 1905; forty-seven of Gág's books and periodical contributions, mostly first editions, many signed, with translated versions in Hebrew, Japanese, Afrikaans, Danish and Swedish; nine pieces of original art; 140 books and periodicals carrying examples of Gág's work and biographical material, plus photocopies of 700 more; eighty-five exhibit catalogues and lecture programs; indexes to one hundred collections, ranging from one to over a thousand pieces, in libraries and museums around the world; identification of ten literary and artistic awards; forty-eight examples of promotional material from Gág's publishers, gallery, and latter day commercial catalogs; forty-five photographs of Gág's homes in New Ulm, Connecticut, and New Jersey as they appear now; approximately sixty originals and copies of personal memorabilia and ephemera, including Christmas cards, photographs, and her wedding certificate. The collection also includes numerous items relating to Gág's sister, Flavia, and a dozen books and references to Gág's parents and other siblings.

The Glotzbach Collection is open for inspection and study by scholars and researchers by appointment. Persons who desire access to the collection, or would like to contribute to it are invited to contact:

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Designed for use by students, the booklist will also be valuable to teachers, librarians, and parents when suggesting titles that might catch the attention of junior high and middle school students. Titles are grouped by subject matter under six main headings: *Connections, Understandings, Imaginings, Contemporary Poetry and Short Stories, Books to Help with Schoolwork, and Books Just for You*. The new edition highlights books which have appeared on "one-book-of-the-year" lists. Stars at the end of annotations indicate the number of mentions a book has received from major reviewing sources. An alphabetical list of some "best books" is included, with notes on where the books were reviewed.

The volume, part of the NCTE Bibliography Series, also includes subject, title, and author indexes, and a directory of publishers.

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