

Memoirs of Hadrian, by Marguerite Yourcenar

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Chebacco and *Chebacco* Chats:

- [Chebacco XIX](#): “Marguerite Yourcenar: Piranesi at Petite Plaisance” by Carl Little
- [Chebacco VIII](#): “When I think about my life,” a found poem by Carl Little from *Dreams and Destinies* by Marguerite Yourcenar
- [Chebacco Chat with Carl Little, 2020](#): Marguerite Yourcenar: Piranesi at Petite Plaisance

MDI Historical Society’s Collections Room at the Sound School House (highlights)

- LaRue Spiker’s [photograph](#) of Marguerite Yourcenar with poet Hortense Flexner
- Walter Kaiser funeral oration, [typewritten notes](#)
- LaRue Spiker collection, [Petite Plaisance brochure](#)

MDI Historical Society’s Research Room at the Sound School House

- [Marguerite Yourcenar: Inventing a Life](#), by Josyane Savigneau, translated by Joan E. Howard.
- [Petite Plaisance: Marguerite Yourcenar, 1903-1987](#), by Yvon Bernier, with photographs by Story Litchfield.

In Other Collections (highlights)

- Northeast Harbor Library
 - [Portrait](#) of Marguerite Yourcenar by Betsy Flagg Melcher
 - [Program](#) from Yourcenar’s memorial in Northeast Harbor
 - [Écrit Dans Un Jardin](#), by Marguerite Yourcenar, donated and inscribed by the author.
 - From “At Home in Maine,” 2004 book by Christopher Glass - architecture and design of [Petite Plaisance](#)
 - Bowdoin magazine: [Marguerite Yourcenar, 1903-1987, Sit tibi terra levis](#)
 - People magazine: “[After 300 years, a woman writer](#) (from Maine, ‘Mon Dieu’) joins ‘The Immortals’ of France”
 - Downeast Magazine: “[Petite Plaisance](#)”
 - Downeast Magazine: “[Maine’s Little-Known ‘Immortal’](#)”

Referenced during the meeting, and follow-up links:

- [Petite Plaisance Conservation Fund](#): Virtual tour, book a visit
- [Rencontre avec Marguerite Yourcenar aux USA en 1978](#): Video (in French) of Marguerite Yourcenar on MDI
- *We Met in Paris: Grace Frick and Her Life with Marguerite Yourcenar*, by Joan E. Howard

- Polly-vous Francais: [“Meeting Madame Yourcenar”](#)
- *Marguerite Yourcenar, With Open Eyes: Conversations with Matthieu Galey*
- [“The lady from Maine”](#) by August Heckscher, in Christian Science Monitor
- Carl’s review of *Memoirs of Hadrian* in Winter 1989 Somesville Library & MDI Historical Society newsletter
- Yourcenar’s “Reflections on the Composition of *Memoirs of Hadrian*,” included at the end of later editions of *Memoirs of Hadrian*
- The Guardian: [“A very modern emperor”](#)
- Operas
 - *Hadrian* (2018) by Rufus Wainwright
 - *Yourcenar - Une Île de Passions* (2022)
- Marguerite Yourcenar translated several works from English to French, including “What Maisie Knew” by Henry James and Virginia Woolf’s “The Waves.”
- *“Un homme obscure / The Obscure Man”* by Marguerite Yourcenar: novel partially set on Mount Desert Island
- [“The Dark Brain of Piranesi,”](#) by Marguerite Yourcenar
- Jerry Wilson, Marguerite Yourcenar’s friend, directed *“L’Île heureuse,”* a film that includes Yourcenar at numerous local sites, such as Birds Acre, and the grave of Hortense Flexner on Sutton Island. Film may be available at Northeast Harbor Library.
- *Poems for Sutton Island*, by Hortense Flexner, translated by Marguerite Yourcenar.
- Island Journal: [“La Grande Poetesse of Maine”: Hortense Flexner of Sutton Island](#), by Carl Little
- Edith Hamilton: also had incredible knowledge of Greek and Roman history; spent time with Yourcenar, according to *We Met in Paris*
- [Lesbian History Trail of MDI](#)
- Abby Huston Evans (friend of Rachel Field) poem, “Northern Lights Over Sutton”