Isabel Briggs Myers's Writings and Biography

These are the published works of Isabel Briggs Myers and as of this writing (May 2018) the only published biography of her life. Besides her work on the MBTI, Myers was also a fiction writer and this list includes her novels as well.

Myers, I. B. (1929). *Murder yet to come*. Gainesville, FL: Center for Applications of Psychological Type.


Myers, I. B., & Davies, J. A. (1976). *Relation of medical students' psychological type to their specialties twelve years later*. Gainesville, FL: Center for Applications of Psychological Type.

Myers, I. B. (1979). *Type and teamwork*. Gainesville, FL: Center for Applications of Psychological Type.


Women in Science

Myers status as a scientist can, perhaps, be questioned—she had no advanced degree and during her working years, her test was not submitted to rigorous scientific testing—but the MBTI is developed on research and experimental principles as well as being often used in psychology, counseling, education, and business practices as an empirical metric of personal type and aptitude.

Regardless of the scientific rigor of the test itself, Myers's position as a woman doing empirical research creates a need to understand how women were positioned in empirical fields during the twentieth century. This section is broken down in STEM subjects and the social sciences, with psychology its own sub-section under social sciences.

STEM


**Social Sciences**


Duran, J. (2016). *Women in political theory*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge,


**Psychology**


The MBTI and Personality Tests
This section address personality tests in general and the MBTI specifically. Personality tests have a strong attraction in mass culture and counseling work. The MBTI has faced a lot of criticism about its effectiveness and its use but continues to be used extensively in educational and corporate settings, as well as being well-known in popular culture.


Carskadon, T. G., & Knudson, M. L. (1978). Relationships between Conceptual Systems and Psychological Types. *Psychological Reports, 42*(2), 483–486. [https://doi.org/10.2466/pr0.1978.42.2.483](https://doi.org/10.2466/pr0.1978.42.2.483)


**Women in Twentieth Century US: Education, Work, War, and Social Reform**

This section provides an overview of life for women in the twentieth century. Much of the Myers-Briggs digital holdings at University of Florida Digital Collections (UFDC) are personal letters. Providing historical context for Myers' life and family can illuminate the zeitgeist of these letters and cultural referents for her writing and what people wrote to her. The following references also provide an overview of what it meant to work inside and outside the home for women and life during war.


**Education**


**Work Inside and Outside the Home**


War


Social Reform

US and World History: 1870 to the Cold War
This section provides general background and context for the span of Myers’s life.


