

About the Author

Elisabeth P. Myers was born and reared in Grand Rapids, Michigan, graduating from Vassar College with an English/Creative Writing degree. She took several post-graduate courses at SUNY Buffalo and Northwestern universities. She married a professor of Accounting and Finance right after college and lived with him in Buffalo, New York, Wilmette, Illinois, and Bloomington, Indiana. She has one son, an anthropologist, and one grandson, a historian.

Myers has had 21 books published, all of which are biographies for young people. She has written verse for the *Buffalo Evening News*, travel articles for *The Chicago Tribune*, novel adaptations for high school textbooks, and a variety of short stories for a number of children's magazines.

Myers loves to travel and has visited all 50 of the United States, often "in the footsteps" of people about whom she has written. She has been to 92 countries and has taken cruises on the Amazon River, the Baltic Sea, the Caribbean Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Mississippi and the Ohio rivers.

Myers says, "I enjoy writing for children because they are such an eager audience. It has always been a pleasure to visit schools and talk to students about what interests them. I have a collection of letters that some of them have written to me."