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- 1977 'Scepticism and causal theories of knowledge', *Mind* 86: 555-73.
 1984 'On behalf of moderate speciesism', *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 1: 281-91.
 1990 'A fortnight of my life is missing: reflections on the status of the human "pre-embryo"', *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 7: 25-37.
 1994 'Natural capital', in *Philosophy and the Natural Environment* (eds. A. Belsey and R. Attfield) Cambridge University Press: 169-182.
 1997 'Fortitude and tragedy: the prospects for a Stoic environmentalism', in *The Greeks & the Environment* (eds. T. Robinson and L. Westra) Rowman & Littlefield: 151-166.
 2002 'Are choices trade-offs?', in *Economics, Ethics & Environmental Policy* (eds. D. Bromley & J. Paavola). Blackwell: Oxford. 17-34.
 2009 'Darwin and the meaning in life', *Environmental Values* 18: 503-518.

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Born in 1919, Mary Midgley took her university degree in Classics, Philosophy and Ancient History at Oxford, during the war. After graduate work, she lectured in Philosophy, first at the University of Reading, then (having married another philosopher, Geoffrey Midgley) at that of Newcastle on Tyne, where she became a Senior Lecturer. She still lives in Newcastle. She has three sons.

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