

CONCISE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ISAIAH BERLIN'S WRITINGS

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Writings by Berlin

With the exception of his biography of Marx, his anthology of the philosophers of the Enlightenment, and his study of J. G. Hamann, the work Isaiah Berlin published in his lifetime has taken the form of essays, often originating in lectures, and often appearing in somewhat inaccessible places in the first instance. Fortunately most of these essays have now been collected, in a series of volumes published over thirty-five years (1969–2004). In the following list of all of Berlin's books, which is given in chronological order of their first publication, the essays' titles appear under the titles of the collections that they comprise; an asterisk indicates inclusion in the present volume. Publication details are those of the editions that are in print at the time of writing (March 2013).

Karl Marx: His Life and Environment first appeared in 1939; further editions were published by Oxford University Press in 1948, 1963 and 1978, and the 1978 (fourth) edition was reissued, with a foreword by Alan Ryan and a revised guide to further reading by Terrell Carver, by Fontana in London in 1995, and by Oxford University Press in New York in 1996. After the Fontana edition went out of print, the OUP edition was made available worldwide. That edition is being superseded in 2013 by a fifth edition (without the original subtitle), edited by Henry Hardy and published in the US by Princeton University Press: this retains Ryan's foreword and adds an afterword by Terrell Carver, who has once more updated his guide to further reading.

The Age of Enlightenment: The Eighteenth-Century Philosophers, 1956 (out of print), is a selection, with introduction and commentary, from these philosophers' works.

Four Essays on Liberty, 1969: now incorporated in *Liberty* (see p. 644 below).

Vico and Herder: Two Studies in the History of Ideas, 1976: now incorporated in *Three Critics of the Enlightenment* (see p. 643 below).

Russian Thinkers, 1978; 2nd ed. 2008 (Penguin Classics):

Introduction by Aileen Kelly
 Russia and 1848
 * The Hedgehog and the Fox
 Herzen and Bakunin on Individual Liberty
 A Remarkable Decade [1838–48]
 I The Birth of the Russian Intelligentsia
 II German Romanticism in Petersburg and Moscow
 III Vissarion Belinsky
 IV Alexander Herzen
 Russian Populism
 Tolstoy and Enlightenment
 Fathers and Children: Turgenev and the Liberal Predicament
 Glossary of names by Jason Ferrell (2nd ed. only)

Concepts and Categories: Philosophical Essays, 1978 (Pimlico/Princeton University Press; 2nd US edition, Princeton, 2013; † = added in 2nd ed.):

† Foreword by Alasdair MacIntyre
 Introduction by Bernard Williams
 The Purpose of Philosophy
 Verification
 Empirical Propositions and Hypothetical Statements
 Logical Translation
 Equality
 * The Concept of Scientific History
 * Does Political Theory Still Exist?
 * From Hope and Fear Set Free
 † Appendix to the 2nd edition
 † Made of Wax after All
 † My Philosophical Views
 † Interview on *Concepts and Categories*
 † Logical Positivism

- † The Rationality of Value Judgements
- † Is a Philosophy of History Possible?
- † Pluralism and Liberalism (with Bernard Williams)
- † The Philosophy of Charles Taylor

Against the Current: Essays in the History of Ideas, 1979 (Pimlico/Princeton University Press; 2nd US edition, Princeton, 2013; † = added in 2nd ed.):

- † Foreword by Mark Lilla
- Introduction by Roger Hausheer
- * The Counter-Enlightenment
- * The Originality of Machiavelli
- * The Divorce between the Sciences and the Humanities
- Vico's Concept of Knowledge
- Vico and the Ideal of the Enlightenment
- Montesquieu
- Hume and the Sources of German Anti-Rationalism
- [Hume and Hamann]
- * Herzen and his Memoirs
- The Life and Opinions of Moses Hess
- Benjamin Disraeli, Karl Marx and the Search for Identity
- The 'Naivety' of Verdi
- Georges Sorel
- * Nationalism: Past Neglect and Present Power
- † Appendix to the 2nd edition
 - † Letters from Berlin on the topics of the volume

Personal Impressions, 1980; 2nd ed. 1998 (Pimlico/Princeton University Press; † = added in 2nd ed.):

- Introduction by Noel Annan
- * Winston Churchill in 1940
- * President Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- Chaim Weizmann
- Einstein and Israel
- † Yitzhak Sadeh
- L. B. Namier
- Felix Frankfurter at Oxford
- Richard Pares
- Hubert Henderson at All Souls
- J. L. Austin and the Early Beginnings of Oxford Philosophy

- John Petrov Plamenatz
 Maurice Bowra
 † David Cecil
 † Memories of Virginia Woolf
 † Edmund Wilson at Oxford
 Auberon Herbert
 Aldous Huxley
 Meetings with Russian Writers in 1945 and 1956
 † Epilogue: The Three Strands in My Life

The Crooked Timber of Humanity: Chapters in the History of Ideas, 1990 (Pimlico/Princeton University Press; 2nd ed. 2013; † = added in 2nd ed.):

- † Foreword by John Banville
 * The Pursuit of the Ideal
 The Decline of Utopian Ideas in the West
 Giambattista Vico and Cultural History
 Alleged Relativism in Eighteenth-Century European Thought
 Joseph de Maistre and the Origins of Fascism
 European Unity and its Vicissitudes
 * The Apotheosis of the Romantic Will:
 The Revolt against the Myth of an Ideal World
 The Bent Twig: On the Rise of Nationalism
 † Appendix to the 2nd edition
 † Russell's History of Philosophy
 † Reply to Robert Kocis
 † Reply to Ronald H. McKinney
 † Letters from Berlin on the topics of the volume

The contents of the next two volumes were written during earlier decades, but (with one exception, an earlier version of 'Socialism and Socialist Theories') had not previously been published.

The Magus of the North: J. G. Hamann and the Origins of Modern Irrationalism, 1993: now incorporated in *Three Critics of the Enlightenment* (see p. 643 below).

The Sense of Reality: Studies in Ideas and their History, 1996: (Pimlico):

- Introduction by Patrick Gardiner
 The Sense of Reality

Political Judgement
 Philosophy and Government Repression
 Socialism and Socialist Theories
 Marxism and the International in the Nineteenth Century
 The Romantic Revolution: A Crisis in the History of Modern
 Thought
 Artistic Commitment: A Russian Legacy
 Kant as an Unfamiliar Source of Nationalism
 Rabindranath Tagore and the Consciousness of Nationality

Berlin died in 1997, less than a year after the present volume was first published. Since then nine further volumes of his work have been published, as follows:

The Roots of Romanticism (the A. W. Mellon Lectures in the Fine Arts, 1965), 1999 (Pimlico/Princeton University Press; 2nd ed., Princeton, 2013; † = added in 2nd ed.):

- † Foreword by John Gray
- 1 In Search of a Definition
- 2 The First Attack on Enlightenment
- 3 The True Fathers of Romanticism
- 4 The Restrained Romantics
- 5 Unbridled Romanticism
- 6 The Lasting Effects
- † Appendix to the 2nd edition
 - † Letters on the lectures

The Power of Ideas, 2000 (Pimlico/Princeton University Press), a collection of shorter essays:

My Intellectual Path
 The Purpose of Philosophy
 The Philosophers of the Enlightenment
 One of the Boldest Innovators in the History of Human
 Thought
 Russian Intellectual History
 The Man Who Became a Myth
 A Revolutionary without Fanaticism
 The Role of the Intelligentsia
 Liberty
 The Philosophy of Karl Marx
 The Father of Russian Marxism

Realism in Politics
 The Origins of Israel
 Jewish Slavery and Emancipation
 Chaim Weizmann's Leadership
 The Search for Status
 The Essence of European Romanticism
 Meinecke and Historicism
 General Education

Three Critics of the Enlightenment: Vico, Hamann, Herder, 2000
 (Pimlico/Princeton University Press), incorporating *Vico and Herder*
 and *The Magus of the North*:

Vico and Herder
 Introduction
 The Philosophical Ideas of Giambattista Vico
 Vico's Theory of Knowledge and its Sources
 * Herder and the Enlightenment
 The Magus of the North
 1 Introduction
 2 Life
 3 The central core
 4 The Enlightenment
 5 Knowledge
 6 Language
 7 Creative genius
 8 Politics
 9 Conclusion
 Appendix: Excursus to chapter 6
 Bibliographical note

Freedom and its Betrayal: Six Enemies of Human Liberty (1952),
 2002 (Pimlico/Princeton University Press):

Introduction
 Helvétius
 Rousseau
 Fichte
 Hegel
 Saint-Simon
 Maistre

Liberty, 2002 (Oxford University Press):

The Editor's Tale by Henry Hardy
 Five Essays on Liberty (2nd edition of *Four Essays on Liberty*)
 Introduction
 Political Ideas in the Twentieth Century
 * Historical Inevitability
 * Two Concepts of Liberty
 John Stuart Mill and the Ends of Life
 'From Hope and Fear Set Free'
 Liberty
 The Birth of Greek Individualism
 Final Retrospect (excerpts from 'My Intellectual Path')
 The Purpose Justifies the Ways
 A Letter to George Kennan
 Notes on Prejudice
 Berlin and his Critics by Ian Harris

The Soviet Mind: Russian Culture under Communism, 2004
 (Brookings University Press)

Foreword by Strobe Talbott
 The Arts in Russia under Stalin
 A Visit to Leningrad
 A Great Russian Writer
 * Conversations with Akhmatova and Pasternak
 Boris Pasternak
 Why the Soviet Union Chose to Insulate Itself
 The Artificial Dialectic: Generalissimo Stalin and the Art of
 Government
 Four Weeks in the Soviet Union
 Soviet Russian Culture
 The Survival of the Russian Intelligentsia
 Glossary of Names by Helen Rappaport

Flourishing: Letters 1928–1946, 2004 (Pimlico/Trafalgar Square
 Publishing; in the USA, initially published by Cambridge Univer-
 sity Press as *Letters 1928–1946*).

Political Ideas in the Romantic Age: Their Rise and Influence on Modern Thought (1952), 2006 (Pimlico/Princeton University Press):

- Introduction: Isaiah Berlin's Political Ideas: From the Twentieth Century to the Romantic Age by Joshua L. Cherniss
- Prologue
- 1 Politics as a Descriptive Science
- 2 The Idea of Freedom
- 3 Two Concepts of Freedom: Romantic and Liberal
- 4 The March of History
- Appendix: Subjective versus Objective Ethics
- Summaries of the Flexner Lectures
- Note from the editor to the author

Enlightening: Letters 1946–1960, 2009 (Chatto and Windus/Trafalgar Square Publishing).

Building: Letters 1960–1975, 2013 (Chatto and Windus/Trafalgar Square Publishing).

← *Affirming: Letters 1975–1997*, 2015 (Chatto and Windus/Trafalgar Square Publishing).

Readers who wish to explore the many pieces not (yet) collected in volume form should consult the complete bibliography of Berlin's writings by Henry Hardy, who has compiled and edited all the volumes published from 1978 onwards (jointly, for *Russian Thinkers*, with Aileen Kelly, for the present volume with Roger Hausheer, for *Enlightening* with Jennifer Holmes, for *Building* with Mark Pottle). This bibliography appears in continuously updated form in Henry Hardy (ed.), *The Isaiah Berlin Virtual Library* (IBVL), the official website of the Isaiah Berlin Literary Trust, <<http://berlin.wolf.ox.ac.uk/>>

The experience of listening to Berlin speaking is highly recommended. There are several recordings of his lectures and broadcasts, including his 1965 Mellon Lectures on romanticism, at the British Library's Sound Archive in London. A selection of recordings is also being made available online: details and links are available in the IBVL, where edited transcripts of unpublished items are also provided.

Writings about Berlin

The list of publications stimulated by Berlin's work is growing steadily, in many languages. Here I confine myself to books published in English. For works in other languages see <<http://berlin.wolf.ox.ac.uk/lists/onib/books.html>>.

Nine books have so far appeared that address Berlin's thought or take it as their starting-point:

- Robert Kocis, *A Critical Appraisal of Sir Isaiah Berlin's Political Philosophy* (Lewiston, NY, etc., 1989: Edwin Mellen Press)
- Claude J. Galipeau, *Isaiah Berlin's Liberalism* (Oxford, 1994: Clarendon Press)
- Dinesh Singh, *Isaiah Berlin and the Idea of Freedom* (New Delhi, 1994: Classical Publishing)
- John Gray, *Isaiah Berlin* (London, 1995: HarperCollins; New York, 1996: Princeton University Press; paperback, retitled *Berlin*, London, 1995: Fontana Modern Masters; 2nd ed., *Isaiah Berlin: An Interpretation of His Thought*, with a new introduction by the author, Princeton, 2013)
- Norman Coles, *Human Nature and Human Values: Interpreting Isaiah Berlin* (Bexhill on Sea, 2004: Egerton House)
- George Crowder, *Isaiah Berlin: Liberty and Pluralism* (Cambridge, 2004: Polity)
- Michael Jinkins, *Christianity, Tolerance and Pluralism: A Theological Engagement with Isaiah Berlin's Social Theory* (London/New York, 2004: Routledge)
- Connie Aarsbergen-Ligtvoet, *Isaiah Berlin: A Value Pluralist and Humanist View of Human Nature and the Meaning of Life* (Amsterdam/New York, 2006: Rodopi)
- Neil Burtonwood, *Cultural Diversity, Liberal Pluralism, and Schools: Isaiah Berlin and Education* (London, 2006: Routledge)
- Andrzej Walicki, *Encounters with Isaiah Berlin: Story of an Intellectual Friendship* (Frankfurt an Main etc., 2011: Peter Lang)
- Joshua L. Cherniss, *A Mind and Its Time: The Development of Isaiah Berlin's Political Thought* (Oxford, 2013: Oxford University Press)

There are seven collections about or inspired by his personality and ideas:

- Alan Ryan (ed.), *The Idea of Freedom: Essays in Honour of Isaiah Berlin* (Oxford and New York, 1979: Oxford University Press)
- Avishai Margalit and others, *On the Thought of Isaiah Berlin: Papers Presented in Honour of Professor Sir Isaiah Berlin on the Occasion of his Eightieth Birthday* (Jerusalem, 1990: Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities) (a 45-page pamphlet)
- Edna and Avishai Margalit (eds), *Isaiah Berlin: A Celebration* (London, 1991: Hogarth Press; Chicago, 1991: University of Chicago Press)
- Mark Lilla, Ronald Dworkin and Robert B. Silvers (eds), *The Legacy of Isaiah Berlin* (New York, 2001: New York Review of Books; London, 2001, Granta)
- Joseph Mali and Robert Wokler (eds), *Isaiah Berlin's Counter-Enlightenment* [*Transactions of the American Philosophical Society* 93 No 3] (Philadelphia, 2003: American Philosophical Society)
- George Crowder and Henry Hardy (eds), *The One and the Many: Reading Isaiah Berlin* (Amherst, NY, 2007: Prometheus)
- Henry Hardy (ed.), *The Book of Isaiah: Personal Impressions of Isaiah Berlin* (Woodbridge, 2009: Boydell Press in association with Wolfson College, Oxford)

Mention should also be made in this context of George Crowder's *Liberalism and Value Pluralism* (London and New York, 2002: Continuum), a really excellent and thorough synthesis of the arguments about the relationship between pluralism and liberalism which also makes numerous original contributions. And much light is thrown on Berlin's ideas in Michael Ignatieff's authorised biography, *Isaiah Berlin: A Life* (London, 1998: Chatto and Windus; New York, 1998: Metropolitan; New York, 1999: Holt Paperbacks; London, 2000: Vintage).

The number of publications on Berlin, or on topics treated by him, is now so large, and increasing at such a rate, that it is impossible to make a useful selection here. Fortunately there is an excellent review of this literature by Ian Harris, 'Berlin and his Critics', in *Liberty*. In addition, lists of relevant publications are maintained on the website already mentioned, though they are

undoubtedly incomplete. Many of the articles critical of 'Historical Inevitability' and 'Two Concepts of Liberty' are discussed in Berlin's introduction to 'Five Essays on Liberty' (included in *Liberty*).

Finally, there is a valuable book of interviews with Berlin:

Ramin Jahanbegloo, *Conversations with Isaiah Berlin* (London, 1992: Halban Publishers)