

Besmilr Brigham

Besmilr Brigham (born **Bess Miller Moore**; September 28, 1913 – September 30, 2000)^[1] was an American poet. She also wrote short stories.

Brigham was born Bess Miller Moore in Pace, [Mississippi](#). She graduated from Mary Hardin-Baylor College (now University of Mary Hardin-Baylor) in [Belton, Texas](#). After that, she studied at [the New School](#) for Social Research in New York. In New York she met Roy Brigham. Then she married him.

According to the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture*, "She came to prominence during the women's movement of the 1960s, and her work is noted for its innovative structure, sound, and rhythm."^[2]

Brigham is also known as Besmilr Moore Brigham. The Besmilr Women Writers Award is named after her.^[3]

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