

THE SIXTIETH  
A. W. MELLON LECTURES IN THE FINE ARTS  
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*The Twelve Caesars: Images of Power from  
Ancient Rome to Salvador Dalí*

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Marble, and Movies*
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to Earth*
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and Destroyed*

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Mary Beard is professor of classics, University of Cambridge, and fellow of Newnham College, where she has taught for the last twenty-five years. She has written numerous books on the ancient world, which have been translated into more than a dozen languages. In 2008, *Pompeii: The Life of a Roman Town* (published by Harvard University Press under the title *The Fires of Vesuvius: Pompeii Lost and Found*) received the Wolfson History Prize. Previous books include *The Roman Triumph* (2007), *Classical Art: From Greece to Rome* (with John Henderson, 2001), *The Parthenon* (2002, rev. ed. 2010), and *The Colosseum* (2005), the last two part of a series on wonders of the world. Her many articles range in topic from the social and cultural life of ancient Greece and Rome to the Victorian understanding of antiquity.

Beard is classics editor of the *Times Literary Supplement* and writes a blog, *A Don's Life*, a selection of which has been published in book form. She is also a regular advisor and contributor to radio and television programs on the ancient world. She is currently co-principal investigator for the Leverhulme Project "Abandoning the Past in Victorian Britain." Beard's academic achievement has been acknowledged with election to fellow of the British Academy (2010) and the Society of Antiquaries (2007), and of the Archaeological Institute of America (2009), which made her corresponding member. She has delivered named lectures around the world. In 2008 Beard was Sather Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, where she gave a series of lectures on Roman laughter, one of her current research interests.