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—Mary Beard, *The Sunday Times*

About the Author

Few facts are known about the life of **Herodotus**. He was born around 490 BC in Halicarnassus, on the southwest coast of Asia Minor.

Tom Holland is the acclaimed author of *The Forge of Christendom*, *Rubicon*, and *Persian Fire* and has adapted Herodotus, Homer, Thucydides, and Virgil for BBC Radio.

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