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## MARY LUCKHURST

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### REALITY CHECK: ACTORS ON PLAYING REAL PEOPLE



Luckhurst's lecture is based on the research for her recent book, *Playing for Real*, for which she interviewed actors such as Ian McKellen and Jeremy Irons on their experiences playing roles that are "real people" rather than fictional characters. The book covers such roles as Adolf Hitler, Lawrence of Arabia, Charles Dickens, and Sigmund Freud.

Luckhurst is the author and editor of ten books about theatre history and performance processes, including *On Acting*, *On Directing*, *Blackwell's Companion to British and Irish Drama*, and *Theatre and Celebrity*. She is the Principal Investigator of a three-year UK Higher Education Academy project examining actor-training. This year, she is the director of two international theatre conferences at York. She is also the co-founder of the new Department of Theatre, Film and Television at the University of York, UK.

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