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THE MONA LISA MYSTERY

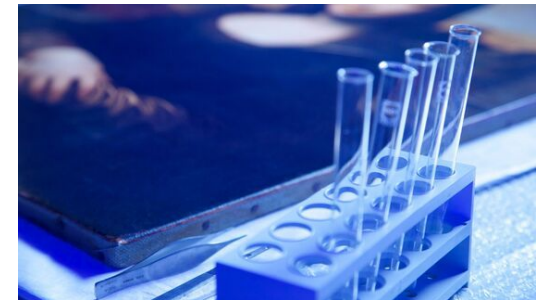
52' (ENG, GER)



It is the most famous work of art in human history and has become an ideal of beauty and perfection. However, with the Mona Lisa, Leonardo da Vinci left behind more than just the portrait of a woman. He also left us with one of the greatest mysteries of all time.

The real circumstances surrounding the painting's creation remain a secret. To this day, nobody knows who the beauty with the enigmatic smile really was, or when exactly Leonardo painted the portrait. There are only two contemporary reports that exist about the work – and although both sources are considered to be completely credible, they contradict each other. To reconcile these accounts, there would have to be two versions of the Mona Lisa.

With the help of modern forensic methods, fresh sources and the discovery of a new painting – the 'early Mona Lisa' – it is now possible to weave together all the facts for the first time. Suddenly, all the contradictions make sense. And upon close examination, what was considered a simple copy for many years, has turned out to be the missing link, unlocking this ancient mystery.



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