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THE HISTORY OF THE MEDICI

An Illustrated Talk by Douglas Skeggs
Wednesday, 14th October 2020 at 7.30 pm

The Medici were in many ways an unattractive family. Ruthless in pursuit of profit for their Florentine bank, which had branches in every city of the known world, they were greedy for success, merciless to those who opposed their ambition and vicious in their own internal squabbles. Douglas's talk looks into the turbulent history of this extraordinary family — the intrigues and plots, the assassination attempts, the years of exile and their perpetual desire to glorify the family name in works of art.

Douglas read Fine Art at Magdalene College, Cambridge and has been a lecturer on paintings since 1980. He has lectured in Belgium, France, Germany and Spain, and has taken numerous tours around Europe. He has written and presented various TV documentaries, notably the Omnibus programme on *'Whistler'* and the exhibition video on *'William Morris.'* Three one-man exhibitions of his paintings have been held in England and Switzerland. Douglas has published five novels, and his book on Monet, *'River of Light'*, has sold 30,000 copies in the UK, America and France.

