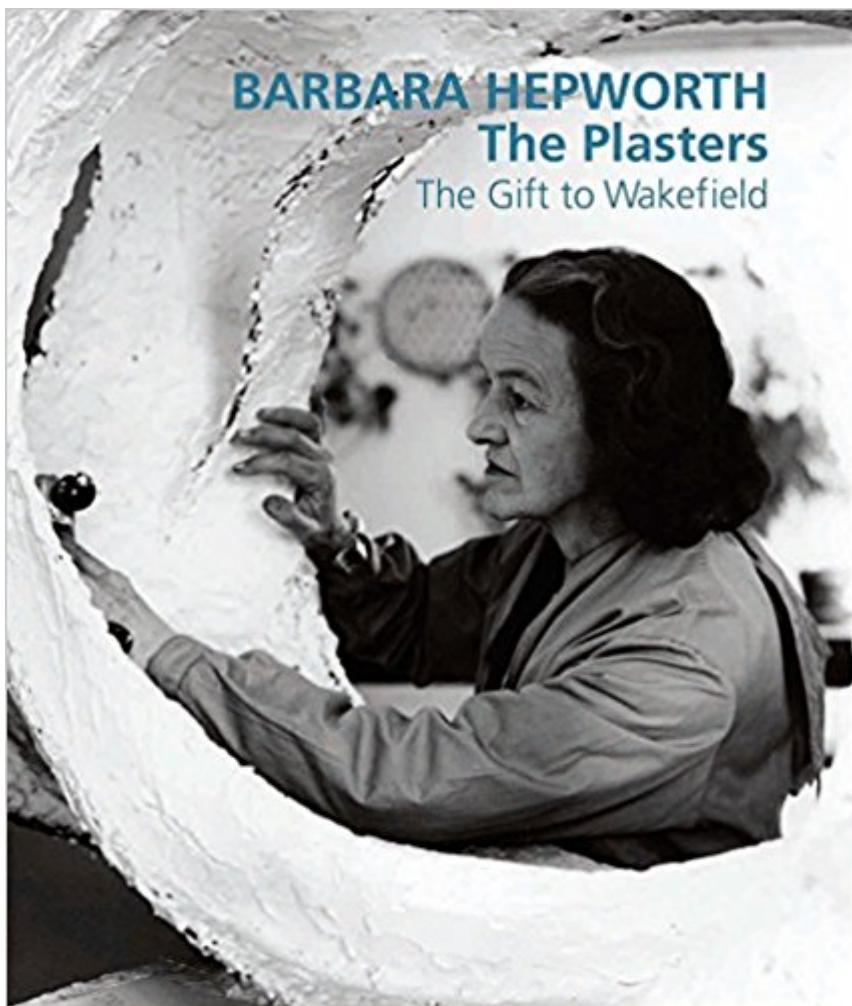


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# Barbara Hepworth: The Plasters: The Gift To Wakefield



## **Synopsis**

Celebrating the generous gift of Barbara Hepworth's plasters to The Hepworth Wakefield by the Hepworth Estate, this groundbreaking publication combines a fully illustrated catalogue of the sculptor's surviving prototypes in plaster, and occasionally aluminium, with a detailed analysis of her working methods and a comprehensive history of her work in bronze. In addition, insights into the building which is home to the collection are provided through essays exploring the history of The Hepworth and, in a contribution by David Chipperfield, the design of the new museum by his architectural practice. A fascinating account of the sculptor's connections with Wakefield Art Gallery also features.

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'Sophie Bowness's magnificent catalogue richly illustrates the works and illuminates their histories through archival photographs ...Bowness's essay gives much-needed attention to Hepworth's studio practice, as well as to her relations with foundries, and details the evolutions of her public commissions' TLS '...beautifully produced with a collection of scholarly yet accessible essays and a host of high quality illustrations.' Cassone

Dr Sophie Bowness is an art historian and a Trustee of the Hepworth Estate. She is currently working on the catalogue raisonne of Hepworth's sculpture and was a consultant on The Hepworth Wakefield. She has written in particular on the work of Georges Braque, Fernand Leger, Le Corbusier, Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth. David Chipperfield established his practice in

1985 in London, and it has grown to include offices in Berlin, Milan and Shanghai. David Chipperfield Architects designed The Hepworth Wakefield and recent projects include the rebuilding of the Neues Museum in Berlin and the Turner Contemporary gallery in Margate. Frances Guy is Head of Collections and Exhibitions at The Hepworth Wakefield. She was previously Curator at Pallant House Gallery, Chichester. Jackie Heuman is a conservation consultant and Co-Director of SculpCons Ltd. She is a specialist in the conservation of modern sculpture and a former Head of Sculpture Conservation at Tate. Her previous publications include two books she has edited, From Marble to Chocolate: The Conservation of Modern Sculpture (1995) and Material Matters: The Conservation of Modern Sculpture (1999). Tessa Jackson is a Director of Jackson Sculpture Conservation Ltd, specialising in the conservation of sculpture and objects. She is an accredited conservator with substantial commercial and gallery experience. Simon Wallis is Director of The Hepworth Wakefield. He worked previously at Kettle's Yard, Tate Liverpool and Chisenhale Gallery. Gordon Watson led the development of The Hepworth Wakefield as Project Director from 2004 to 2010 and, before that, as manager of Wakefield Council's Museums and Arts Service. He is now Chief Executive of the Lakeland Arts Trust."

I wanted to learn about how Ms Hepworth created her large pieces. Even though the author was not versed in modern sculpture technique, I could understand both the technique and passion of this masterful sculptor.

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