

Marcus Valerius Martialis

MARTIAL



a portrait of Martial

- ☞ born March 1, 38-41 AD in Bilbilis, Spain
- ☞ went to Rome in 64 AD
- ☞ supported by the Seneca family
- ☞ appointed military tribune
- ☞ achieved equestrian status
- ☞ first published in 80 AD
- ☞ an acquaintance of future emperor, Nerva
- ☞ friends of writers, Silius Italicus, Quintilian, Juvenal & Pliny the Younger
- ☞ left Rome in 98 AD and returned to Spain
- ☞ died at Bilbilis around 104 AD

Martial's Major Literary Works

80 AD *Liber Spectaculorum*
A book poems written to commemorate the opening of the Coliseum.

86-102 AD *12 books of Epigrams*
Epigrams were short poems derived from inscriptions upon Greek tombstones.

84-85 AD *Xenia & Apophoreta*
2 books of poems written to accompany Saturnalia gifts.



a model of the Colisseum

Martial's hometown, Bilbilis, in Hispania Tarraconensis



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