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Lightly cubist woman reading in the shade of the trees, ca 1940, Provence, the South of France, French woman artist modernist oil on canvas

Price

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Item Reference: SA1040997

Date of manufacture: 1940

Dimensions

Height = 46 cm (18.1")

Width = 38 cm (15.0")

Description

Woman painters of the early 20th Century often had fascinating lives. By definition, were fearless, unconventional, adventurous. They needed to be, to carve out their place in a still male-dominated world. Alice Kohn (born 1902) is a case in point. Born into a provincial middle class Jewish family, Alice painted and exhibited while moonlighting as an actress and singer on stage and on the radio, modelled for Picasso and fought undercover in the Resistance during WW2! Alice initially studied with fellow woman artist Madeleine Plantais before enrolling at the École des Beaux-Arts from Lyon. She exhibited as early as 1926 at the Salon de Sud Est as well as at the Galerie Pouillé-Lecoutre and Galerie des Archers. She became friends with René Dumas, Pierre Pelloux, Antoine Chartres, and Henri Vieilly with whom she created the group "Les Nouveaux": the New Ones! "Les Nouveaux" first exhibited together in 1931 at the Saint-Pierre gallery. Critics greatly praised Kohn's works shown at the 1931 Salon d'Automne in Paris as well as the Salon du Sud Est. The Galerie Saint-Pierre in Lyon organised her first solo exhibition in 1933. In 1936 Kohn met Pierre Bonnard and Fujita. She be...

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