

SA1065341

Robert Gallon, Brook & River - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1065341****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 92 cm (36.2")

Width = 143 cm (56.3")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This mid to late-19th-century oil painting by British artist Robert Gallon (1845-1925) depicts an autumnal view with a river, brook and rugged mountain scenery. It was shown at the Royal Academy in 1878 and won a medal the following year at Crystal Palace. A pressing question, often foremost in the mind of any young aspiring landscape artist, is how far one should accurately reflect nature as it sprawls out before them in all its unerring complexity. For centuries, the old masters were expected to 'idealise' - study the elements, yet arrange them in a manner befitting the divine, essentially as God intended. While in the late 18th and early 19th-century, the Romantics tried to allude to the sensation of being among nature, whipping up its melodrama for emotional effect. But during the mid-19th century, the emphasis switched to something entirely different - painting the truth. Every craggy rock, mossy hillside, rutted path, and sullen cloud. Hordes of British painters gathered up their kit and headed for the countryside, painting from life as faithfully as possible. John Ruskin, the celebrated art critic, coined the term 'Truth to Nature' and set out his naturalistic ma...

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