

**SA1074752**

## Arthur Wardle (Attributed), Portrait Of A Man In A Club Armchair - Antique Oil Painting

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA1074752****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 78 cm (30.7")

Width = 88 cm (34.6")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

## Description

This early 20th-century oil painting attributed to British artist Arthur Wardle (1864-1949) depicts a suited gentleman relaxing in a club armchair. He holds a pipe. A precocious talent, Wardle received no academic training yet became one of the preeminent painters of his generation. Predominantly known for his naturalistic portrayals of animals, at just 16, he debuted at the Royal Academy, where he went on to show over 100 works across his flourishing career. He was considered to be a 'natural' and educated himself by studying subjects first-hand, overcoming artistic challenges as they arose. By learning the hard way, without shortcuts, or tried and tested methodologies, he developed a unique style, contrary to his academic contemporaries. Wardle was different in two respects, firstly, he avoided sentimental narratives and anthropomorphic embellishments. His creatures were described exactly as they were in reality, with gory details often included. And secondly, he chose to paint 'exotic animals' as well as the more commonly portrayed, such as dogs, cats, and horses. His studies of tigers are particularly compelling and rendered without pretence. He spent hundreds of ho...

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