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Antique book "The Song of Songs, Which is Solomon's", illuminated by Owen Jones, 1849

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Item Reference: SA1096976

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Description

"The Song of Songs, Which is Solomon's" is an illuminated manuscript (a type of medieval manuscript richly decorated with illustrations, initials, marginalia, ornamental borders, etc.) bound in embossed, tooled brown leather. It was designed by Owen Jones and published by Longman & Co. in 1849. This work is a stunning fusion of art and literature, showcasing Jones' mastery of ornamental design in tandem with one of the most famous biblical texts, "The Song of Songs" (also known as the "Song of Solomon" or "Canticles"). The text is a poetic book from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) traditionally attributed to King Solomon. It consists of lyrical poems celebrating love and romantic relationships, and its inclusion in the Bible has spurred centuries of interpretation, both religious and secular. Many see it as an allegory for divine love between God and His people, or Christ and the Church. Owen Jones, a British architect and designer, was renowned for his contributions to color theory and the decorative arts. His work on this manuscript represents the height of Victorian-era book decoration. The book is lavishly illuminated, with intricate patterns, borders, and illustrati...

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