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Emilie Christensen, Hans Christian Andersen In His Study - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1223246****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 77 cm (30.3")

Width = 58 cm (22.8")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This evocative early 20th-century oil painting by Danish artist Emilie Christensen (1872-1922) depicts Hans Christian Andersen during the final years of his life, seated quietly in his study. It captures Denmark's greatest storyteller absorbed in thought. Sunlight pours gently through an open window, catching the lace curtains and illuminating Andersen's profile. Around him are the familiar objects of everyday life - framed pictures covering the walls, books and papers, delicate glassware, and small ornaments collected over a lifetime. The room feels lived in and offers a rare glimpse into the private world of a writer whose imagination filled the homes of millions. Throughout her career, Emilie Christensen painted peaceful domestic interiors that revealed the warmth of family life. Here she finds the same humanity in Andersen himself. The great author appears as nothing other than an ageing man at home, surrounded by the memories of a life devoted to storytelling. It's a thoughtful interpretation that reminds us his most enduring tales began from careful observation of human nature. Christensen studied under Charlotte Sode and Julie Meldahl before continuing her educa...

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