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Erwin Leopold Pohl, Portrait Of A Woman With A Headscarf - Vintage Oil Painting

Price

GBP 1,750

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Date of manufacture: 1940

Dimensions

Height = 99 cm (39.0")

Width = 78 cm (30.7")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

This mid-20th-century oil painting by Swiss artist Erwin Leopold Pohl (1896-1977) depicts a seated woman wearing a headscarf. Dressed in simple everyday clothing, she sits quietly holding an open book, her head wrapped in a white scarf and her gaze meeting the viewer. Soft daylight falls across her face, bringing warmth to her flushed cheeks. Her grey blouse is enlivened by bright red buttons and a striking scarlet belt that contrasts with the muted background. Perhaps the most engaging aspect of the painting is its sense of familiarity. One senses that the artist knew his sitter well. Her relaxed posture, the casually held book and the absence of any grand surroundings suggest someone observed in the course of everyday life. Painted in the first year after the Second World War, the portrait also reflects a wider return to ordinary life. Across Europe, artists increasingly turned their attention away from conflict and towards quieter, more intimate subjects. There's a sense of stability at a moment when many people were rebuilding their lives. Having studied in Vienna, Pohl later absorbed aspects of German Expressionism in Berlin. This range of influences led to a st...

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