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Great Oil on Canvas by Lucy Pratt of 'Jaffe and Neale' Chipping Norton Oxfordshire

Price

GBP 3,250

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Item Reference: SA1227264**Date of manufacture: Later than 1960**

Description

The painting is animated by everyday life. Figures browse outside the bookshop, friends pause in conversation, children walk through the square, and families make their way along the pavement. Rather than portraying individual identities, Pratt uses these loosely painted figures to evoke the rhythm and vitality of a thriving market town. Their colourful clothing introduces touches of ochre, blue, crimson and white, enlivening the muted stone architecture. Executed with bold, expressive brushwork, the work celebrates light and atmosphere over fine detail. Warm creams, honey-coloured stone and soft greys contrast beautifully with the vivid cobalt sky, while confident painterly marks suggest texture in the ancient masonry and movement in the bustling street. Tiny birds circling overhead add another sense of life and openness to the scene. More than an architectural study, the painting is a portrait of community. It captures the essence of a place where literature, conversation and everyday encounters come together, reflecting the role that Jaffé & Neale plays as both a bookshop and a cultural meeting place within the town. The familiar corner building becomes a symbol of i...

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