

**SA1227861**

## Antique Chinese Carving of Daoist Immortal Liu Hai

Price

**GBP 195**

| USD \$264 | EUR 228

**Item Reference: SA1227861****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 37 cm (14.6")

Width = 12 cm (4.7")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

## Description

A wonderful antique Chinese carving of Daoist Immortal Liu Hai dating from circa 1900. Crisply carved and displaying super patina with a good rich colour depicted standing wearing robes, holding a three legged frog in his arms. Liu Hai is often considered as a harbinger or god of wealth and often depicted with a collection of coins. His character is based on an historic figure, Liu Haichan, who was a Tang dynasty Minister of State. He was said to have been a proficient student of Daoist magic; he is also credited as a patriarch of the Quanzhen School, and a master of neidan "internal alchemy" techniques. Mythology then takes up his story in which he learned the secret of immortality from the Chan Chu ("Three-legged Money Toad"). The three-legged frog, known in Chinese culture as the Jin Chan or Money Toad, is a popular mythical Feng Shui symbol, it is said to appear near homes or businesses during a full moon to bring good news about wealth. Liu Haichan is associated with other Daoist transcendents, especially Zhongli Quan and Lü Dongbin, two of the Eight Immortals. Construction/Wood Hardwood Condition Report Good condition with good patina. Wear and marks commen...

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