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Herbert F. Royle, Kyle Of Lochalsh - Oil Painting

Price

GBP 2,750

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Date of manufacture: 1930

Dimensions

Height = 63 cm (24.8")

Width = 74 cm (29.1")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This early 20th-century oil painting by English artist Herbert F. Royle (1870-1958) depicts the still waters of the Kyle of Lochalsh, where a handful of sailing boats move beneath an immense Highland sky. Kyle of Lochalsh lies on Scotland's north-western coast, looking across the narrow stretch of water towards the Isle of Skye. Long before the modern bridge connected the mainland to the island, it was a natural point of passage: a small Highland settlement where boats, ferries and coastal traffic moved between communities separated by sea and mountain. For Royle, it was also precisely the sort of place that suited him. A keen walker and climber, he made numerous expeditions into the Western Highlands, travelling through landscapes considerably wilder than those surrounding his home in Wharfedale. Accounts even describe him exchanging paintings with Highland crofters in return for accommodation. Scotland was not simply an occasional source of picturesque subjects; it became an important part of his life as an artist. At his own request, his ashes were eventually scattered in the Highlands. Yet there's little sense here of an artist attempting to impress us with Highlan...

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