

SA534988

"Emma Young, The Reluctant Sitter" c.1950, by Dorothy Colles.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA534988

Date of manufacture: 1950

Dimensions

Height = 81 cm (31.9")

Width = 62 cm (24.4")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

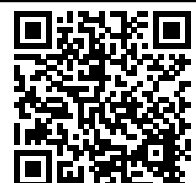
A charming pastel by Dorothy Colles, signed, and inscribed verso. Dorothy Colles was born in Cairo in 1917. Her father was a forensic scientist and medical school professor working for the Egyptian government. He eventually retired to England where in the 1930s Dorothy began her training at the Central Westminster, Epsom and St Martin's schools of art. Soon after she began at St Martin's the Second World War began. She was keen to join the war effort and joined the WAAF. After serving at Tangmere fighter base, where she drew some of the pilots, she served at Medmenham interpreting the photographs taken by photographic reconnaissance aircraft. She was then sent to Italy and the Middle East where she spent much of her spare time drawing and painting. After the war Dorothy returned to art school at St Martin's and then joined the Egypt Exploration Society and left for Egypt to record the hieroglyphs on temples threatened with the rising desert water table. She then did similar work in Jordan drawing ancient sites as well as painting portraits of the king's immediate circle, part of the royal family and Bedouin warriors. When Dorothy returned to England in the late 1940s...

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