

SA596032

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Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA596032

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 20 cm (7.9")

Width = 10 cm (3.9")

Depth = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

Late C19th Italian bronze 'Grand Tour' souvenir sculpture, after the antique, " The Spinario ". Well-cast desk-top scale bronze sculpture of the iconic statue of "The Spinario " or Thorn-puller . Souvenir bronzes such as this ,were produced for rich tourists completing the 'Grand Tour' of the classical sights and sites of Europe . The Boy with Thorn , also called Fedele or Spinario, is an ancient Greco-Romano Hellenistic bronze sculpture now housed in the Palazzo dei Conservatori , Rome , Italy . The subject , a faithful messenger, thought to be a lowly shepherd boy , is depicted in intense concentration attempting to draw a thorn from the sole of his foot. Good consistent dark patination. H 8" W 4" D 6" Italy , probably Naples c.1880

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