

SA79254

Rare & Exquisite Coromandel Lap Desk with Secret Drawers - Intricate Inlay c.1850

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA79254****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Description

A really exquisite and rarely found writing slope or lap desk dating to the mid nineteenth century, around 1850. Apart from it's beauty what makes this a very unusual example is the three secret drawers, which I have never had in one of these slope fronted lap desks, these are more commonly seen in larger writing slopes. Made from exotic and highly prized Coromandel, the top is decorated with the most exquisite engraved brass inlay and rich iridescent Abalone shell, quite outstanding. The box opens to reveal a leather writing slope, with gold embossing and the top section fitted with various compartments incorporating a removal pen tray and two original inkwells with screw tops. One of these compartments has a pressure point which I will label for you so that you know where it is, otherwise it is hard to find. This point when pressed releases the sprung wooden cover hiding the three secret drawers, each lined in a deep red velvet. There is plenty of storage for stationery or letters under the top section of the slope. The box comes complete with a working key. Museum quality in excellent condition measuring 15" wide x 10" deep x 4 1/4" tall at rear while closed. Item...

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