



African 'ibeji' Statuette From The Yoruba Tribe - Nigeria, Africa - Early 20th Century



750 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Solid wood

Length : 29 cm

Description

The Yoruba have one of the highest twin birth rates in the world. Twins (ibeji) are considered to bring both blessings and dangers if not honored. When one of the twins dies, a wooden figurine (ibeji statue) is often carved to replace them. This statuette is treated like a living child--clothed, fed, and oiled--to maintain spiritual balance and ensure the family's prosperity. Ex. Private Collection USA

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