



Rare Mouse Oracle, Terracotta, Skin, Bark And Basketry, Africa, Early 20th Century Or Earlier



285 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Other

Description

A superb, highly decorative object in a brutalist style. It is, however, a ritual object, known as a Mouse Oracle. A pair of mice, sacred animals believed to communicate with the earthly and underworld realms, were kept inside. By adding grains of cereal and leaving them for a few days, the shaman would return to interpret the omen using the remains left by the mice. The terracotta base is covered at the top with animal skin and at the bottom with bark. The bark is tied with a woven cord, made of the same material as the handles. It is in good overall condition, although there are a few tears in the skin and a missing woven cord, as shown in my detailed photos. Please examine them carefully; I am not hiding anything! It is African working; I cannot identify the ethnic group, but it dates from the early 20th

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century or earlier. Dimensions: Height 15 cm, Diameter 15 cm (18 cm with handles) SHIPPING CONDITIONS BELOW Free shipping within France. For European shipping and payment, please send me a message. I no longer ship outside of Europe, and I do not accept payments outside of Europe either! Contact: Charles Cordier: +33 6 46 13 37 64 (text only) or via Proantic, thank you. Accepted payments: French check or bank transfer. No PayPal. Thank you. For each purchase, you will find an invoice for the total amount minus shipping costs, as well as my business card, which you should include with the package. My packages are carefully designed for each item and are properly protected with professional and/or recycled materials. Items under EUR1000 will be shipped via Colissimo. Items between EUR1000 and EUR5000 will be shipped via Chronopost. I can also arrange for personal delivery of certain items within Paris and for items from French merchants, as well as those exceeding EUR5,000; otherwise, I will use a carrier. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.