



Antique Chinese Erotic Naked Ivory Medicine Lady, Qing Dynasty, 19th Century

950 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Ivory

Length : 15 cm



Description

A finely carved Chinese ivory "medicine lady," Qing Dynasty, mid to late 19th century. The reclining lady is depicted nude, resting gracefully on one arm, with her other hand placed across her body. The quality of the carving is particularly evident in the delicately modelled hands, individual fingers, bracelets and finely incised hair, which is gathered into an elegant bun. Her tiny bound feet are especially interesting. Foot binding was associated with women of respectable and affluent families, suggesting that the figure represents a lady of bourgeois or higher social status. Figures of this type are traditionally known as "medicine ladies" or "doctor's ladies." According to tradition, a female patient, for reasons of modesty, could indicate on such a figure the part of her body where she was

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experiencing pain or discomfort, allowing a physician to discuss her symptoms without requiring an intimate physical examination. The ivory displays an attractive old patina. Particularly noticeable is the considerably darker colouring to the back of the figure, while the front is much lighter, consistent with prolonged exposure to light over many years. Length: 15 cm. Good condition. SOLD WITH A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY It is possible to pay in installments. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me 0678679716 or email tdixonfrance@yahoo.co.uk. Frais de port inclus pour la France. Shipping included in the price for FRANCE. Price does not include international shipping. Please contact me for a shipping quote. I am happy to combine shipping costs if you buy more than one item to save you money. Please note that I ship all items insured priority mail with tracking. I am an Englishman living down in the beautiful rural South of France and spend my days searching the little brocantes, flea markets, and shops for treasures. If you are forming a collection, I will be happy to advise you. We speak English and French. Nous parlons anglais et français. Any questions will be answered promptly. MONEY BACK WITHOUT QUESTION IF I MISREPRESENT SOMETHING IN ANY WAY. I want YOU to be happy at the end of the day, so buy with confidence. I take a great deal of care packing - I have a proven track record of selling high value, fragile items that arrive safely worldwide. Payment: Credit Cards via PayPal. Cheque or Bank transfer. Other payment methods are available, please ask.