Quran, Papier-mâché Cover, Qajar Period, 19th Century, Islamic Art, Rare



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Signature : Art d'Iran

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : 19,5 cm (7,5")

Width : 11,5 cm (4,5")

Description

The lacquered papier-mâché Quran cover is a masterpiece of Islamic book art.Dated to the 19th century during the Qajar dynasty.It is particularly emblematic of the Safavid and Qajar periods in Iran (18th-19th centuries) as well as the artistic craftsmanship of Kashmir.# A large vase at the center of a prominent niche represents the ancient attribute of the Sumerian goddess of water in the third millennium.A vase from which water gushes--this motif has survived to this day in Eastern art, though it has lost its original meaning.Replaced by a bouquet representing the tree of life, in a vision of paradiseOne of the most extraordinary groups of ancient Persian rugs is that of the so-called "vase" rugs.The vase serves as a pretext for an overflow, a floral outpouring, in swirling arabesques.The vase, associated with

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the Tree of Life, is found on Persian objects and carpets of the Tabriz, Kashan, and Mashhad types.But it also appears in Turkish interpretations, in Ottoman carpets and the marvelous silks of Kashmir.Over the centuries, the design has diverged from its original form.Dimensions: width: 11.5 cm (4.5") --- length: 19.5 cm (7.5")The miniature decoration: The outer covers of the binding are delicately hand-painted with mineral pigments and pure gold.The most famous motifs include the gul-o-bulbul style (the rose and the nightingale), dense floral compositions, or interlaced golden scrollwork.Lacquering: Once the painting is complete, artisans apply several layers of varnish or clear lacquer.This treatment protects the work from the effects of time while giving it exceptional luster and depth.Today, these pieces are prized collector's items found in museums or at auctions of Oriental art.FREE SHIPPING TO FRANCE via Colissimo: 0EUR / EUR 15EUR / WORLD 25EUR## More photos available upon requestFor further information, you can reach me at:06 13 36 09 30 or at winsteinprovence@gmail.comTexts and photos by WINSTEIN, all rights reserved.www.winsteinprovence.comREF WINSTEIN 1605