

Ex-libris (bookplate) - J. Post

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Artist/Maker: Beardsley, Aubrey Vincent (1872 - 1898) / designer

Date of production: ca. 1895

Place of production: London

Inscription: Jelzés nélkül.

Materials: paper

Dimensions: height: 90 mm
width: 80 mm
height: 85 mm
width: 75 mm

Lines, white and black spots, an indicative illustration of trees and lake are characteristic of the idyllic landscape presented on this drawing. It shows an elegant semi-reclining lady figure and a faun with vine leaf wreath, reading. In the organic, fantasy-filled Art Nouveau, mythological figures representing partly the human, partly the animal world were fairly popular. The same composition was designed for a book cover (the fifth volume of *The Yellow Book*), and also, with some changes and a richer landscape background, for the ex libris of Aladar Erdey, in 1895. There was a Beardsley-exhibition in the Budapest Museum of Applied Arts in 1907, in which a selection of the illustrations for *The Yellow Book* magazine, which Beardsley was founder and manager of, was also presented.

Literature

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