

Finch & C^o



A EUROPEAN CAST SILVER SKULL 'MEMENTO MORI'

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PERHAPS FROM A RELIQUARY

MID 17TH CENTURY

SIZE: 2.5CM HIGH, 2.5CM WIDE, 3CM DEEP – 1 INS HIGH, 1 INS WIDE, 1¼ INS DEEP

LITERATURE

THE SKULL INVITES THE VIEWER TO 'REMEMBER ME'. THE MOST WIDESPREAD PERSONIFICATION OF DEATH IN THE WORLD, THE SKULL HAS BEEN USED AS A SYMBOL OF THE TRANSIENCE OF HUMAN EXISTENCE BY ARTISTS, WRITERS, PHILOSOPHERS AND POETS FOR CENTURIES.