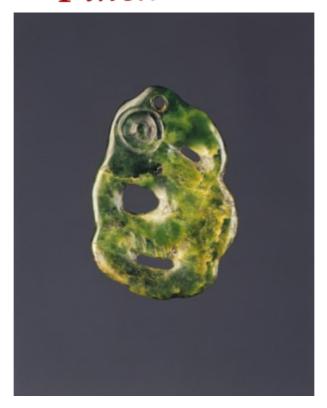
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## LITERATURE

NEPHRITE, NEW ZEALAND'S FORM OF JADE, WAS THE MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION OF THE MAORI AND MANY MONTHS WERE REQUIRED TO MAKE THESE SCULPTURES WITH THE THEN EXISTING TECHNIQUES OF DRILLING AND ABRASION WITH WATER AND SAND.

THE HUMANISTIC CHARACTERIZATION FOUND IN HEITIKI HAS BEEN ALMOST ENTIRELY ABSTRACTED IN THIS SMALL SCULPTURE. IT HAS BECOME THE ULTIMATE STYLIZATION OF THE HUMAN PROFILE CARVED IN THE HARD AND INTRACTABLE MEDIUM OF 'POUNAMU' OR MAORI JADE.