

Finch & C°



MEXICAN GUERRERO – MEZCALA CARVED GREEN SERPENTINE STONE EFFIGY HEAD

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PERHAPS THE TOP OF A CEREMONIAL AXE, DETACHED FROM THE BODY, RUBBING TO TOP

CIRCA 250BC – 100AD

SIZE: 9.5CM HIGH, 7CM WIDE, 5.5CM DEEP – 3¾ INS HIGH, 2¾ INS WIDE, 2¼ INS DEEP

LITERATURE

AN ANCIENT PRE-COLUMBIAN CARVING WHICH IS STYLISTICALLY TYPICAL OF THE ART THAT CAME FROM THE REGION EITHER SIDE OF THE MEZCALA RIVER IN THE MEXICAN STATE OF GUERRERO. IN THEIR EXTREME SIMPLIFICATION, OFTEN VERGING ON PURE ABSTRACTION, EVERY TRACE OF SENTIMENTALITY AND HUMANITY HAS BEEN SHUNNED. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THEY WERE A HIGHLY WARLIKE PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THE FORMALISTIC RIGOUR AND WITHDRAWN TACITURNITY OF THEIR ART.