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Stock#: 56937
Map Maker: Lee
Date: 1948
Place: London
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 17.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

With a Self Portrait of the Author and His Dog

Fine pictorial view of Oxford, published following the close of the Second World War, to promote regional tourism.

Kerry Ernest Lee (1903–88) was an illustrator and poster-designer. Born in Hackney, Lee is known for the posters he created for British Rail (LMR and ER), and for maps of several British cities after the Second World War.

This map is one of his best efforts, blending characteristic meticulous detail with gentle humor. Lee often drew himself, together with his dog Jim, in one corner by his name, as illustrated in this map.

Printed by Chromoworks Ltd, it was published by Pictorial Maps Ltd in 1948. Lee created similar pictorial maps for Cambridge, Stratford upon Avon, and London, for the Travel Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the tourist division of the short-lived British Tourist and Holidays Board (1947–50).

Lee spent some of his early years in Switzerland; later he attended Reading School of Arts & Science, the Slade School of Fine Art, and the Sorbonne. His first pictorial map of London might have been produced for the Coronation of George VI in 1936. During the war Lee was attached to the Air Ministry, where he made detailed cut-away drawings of German aircraft for the RAF.



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Detailed Condition: