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A TRULY RARE 15TH CENTURY NORMAN WALNUT REVOLVING BOOKSTAND. CIRCA 1480.

THIS RARE BOOKSTAND HAS FOUR FACETS TO THE TOP, EACH FACET DESIGNED TO HOLD A BOOK, ONE OF WHICH HAS A PIERCED GOTHIC ARCH STORAGE SPACE, POSSIBLY FOR QUILLS OR BOOKMARKS. IT IS RAISED ON A CENTRAL CHAMFERED COLUMN WITH FOUR CROSS STRETCHERS AND STANDS ON FOUR SPLAYED AND SHAPED LEGS. THE TAPERED TOP WITH GALLERIED SURROUND ALLOWS FOR A BOOK TO BE DISPLAYED AND READ.

STUNNING COLOUR AND PATINATION, PERIOD RESTORATIONS. VERY SOLID AND STURDY.

A RARE SURVIVOR.

NOTE- IN THE MIDDLE AGES BOOKS WERE MAJOR STATUS SYMBOLS FOR THE VERY WEALTHY, INDICATING THE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURED SOPHISTICATION OF THEIR OWNERS. THEREFORE THIS EXAMPLE WOULD HAVE COME FROM A VERY WEALTHY HOUSEHOLD OR CHURCH. SEE IMAGES.



STOCK NO 1690.

£7,800

Dimensions:

Height: 59.5 inches (151.1 cms)

Width: 38 inches (96.5 cms)

Depth: 42 inches (106.7 cms)

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