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THE ARTHUR RACKHAM SOCIETY

Founded in 1984 by Dorothy Gibbs to share enthusiasm and exchange information about Rackham. The Society aims to be at the forefront of all things pertaining to Rackham and to provide a focal point for collectors, researchers, dealers and librarians.

The Society publishes a journal, combining material originating in both the USA and England. We welcome all contributions, including questions, letters, articles and photocopies of Rackham drawings, paintings and related material. The Society has occasional meetings in both the USA and England.

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ARTHUR RACKHAM (1867 - 1939)



Arthur Rackham

Born in London, Rackham was proud of his Cockney roots. After school and a four-month trip to Australia for his health in 1884, he started work as a clerk in the Westminster Fire Office. He attended evening classes at the Lambeth School of Art; he had been drawing since very young, and it was clear that he was talented. However, it was eight years before he was sufficiently confident of his talents to become a full-time artist.

From this unassuming, very Victorian background sprang one of the most exciting and original artists that Great Britain has ever nourished. This quiet man contained a sublime imagination which, though quintessentially English, captured the hearts of children and adults around the world.

Rackham's earliest illustrations were not very interesting. Not until the publication of the Heinemann edition of *Rip Van Winkle* in 1905 with 51 mounted color plates did the depth and breadth of his artistic abilities and his imaginative scope become evident.



Rackham mastered the new process of color printing and the years before the First World War saw many magnificent color plate books such as *The Ingoldsby Legends*, *Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Undine*, and *Grimm's Fairy Tales*. Editions appeared not only in the UK and USA, but also in France, Germany and elsewhere.

Until the end of his life, Rackham continued to produce books both beautifully illustrated and handsomely printed. Indeed, his final work, *The Winds in the Willows*, was published after his death in 1939.

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Rackham's art enjoys an international appeal. His first major book was *Rip Van Winkle*, that most American of stories; his last book was the most English of stories, *The Wind in the Willows*. Contemporary editions of his books were published in England, USA, France, Germany, and Sweden. Today, his books appear in many languages in countries around the world.



The Arthur Rackham Society welcomes members worldwide. Our common theme is an appreciation for Rackham's delightful work. Society members include lovers of children's illustration, collectors, artists, researchers, dealers, and institutions, including libraries and museums.

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