



## Letter Opener. Silver. Art Nouveau Period



350 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Width : 4cm

Height : 28cm

### Description

Superb letter opener from the Art Nouveau period. The double-sided handle of the knife is represented in the form of an owl, a symbol of wisdom. Dedication engraving 18/02/1939. 875 silver. Original patina. Length 28 cm. Width 4 cm.

The silver letter opener from the Art Nouveau period, with a handle in the shape of an owl, represents an exquisite piece of decorative art typical of the late 19th to early 20th century. Art Nouveau, also known as Modern Style, aimed to synthesize art and natural forms. Its main features are smooth, curved lines, the use of natural motifs such as plants and animals, and an abundance of ornamentation.

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The owl that adorns the handle symbolizes wisdom and knowledge in various cultures. In Art Nouveau, the blend of decorative and symbolic elements is common, and the owl image here can be both decorative and allegorical, emphasizing the intellectual and aesthetic value of the object.

The letter opener is likely not only a functional item but also a decorative accessory for an office or writing desk. Silver as a material also reflects the Art Nouveau tendency to use noble metals in everyday objects, giving them a special aesthetic status. Metal allows artisans to create intricate details, such as the owl's feathers, crafting a fine piece appreciated not only for its functionality but also for its artistic expression.

Thus, this letter opener becomes an example of the high aesthetics of Art Nouveau, combining symbolism, refined forms, and masterful craftsmanship.

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