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## Key, Artifact - High Era - Lot Of 5 Antique Keys And Wrought Iron Crown Key

150 EUR



Period : Before 16th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Wrought iron

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### Description

Period: Romanesque-Gothic period, 12th - 15th century  
Origin: France  
This set of 5 wrought iron keys, dated between the 12th and 15th centuries, illustrates the evolution of medieval locksmithing techniques at the transition from the Romanesque to the Gothic era. These keys, designed to lock doors, chests or cupboards, demonstrate the growing sophistication of security systems in the Middle Ages.  
Description: o Material: Wrought iron, marked old patina. o Shapes: Keys with circular or polygonal rings, typical of the medieval period. o Bits: Complex variations, some keys with elaborate notches, characteristic of the first reinforced locks. o Distinctive elements: A crown key, recognizable by its openwork bit, a model used on locks with advanced mechanisms. o Condition: Visible

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oxidation and signs of wear, but general structure preserved. A legacy from the Middle Ages From the 12th century, the evolution of locking systems accompanied the rise of fortified manors, castles and abbeys. Locks became more complex to secure reliquaries, chests of precious goods and doors of religious or civil buildings. o

Symbolism: In the Middle Ages, keys were associated with power, trust and authority, given by lords or notaries to those responsible for estates or treasuries. o Use: These keys were probably attached to a leather belt worn by a steward, a guard or a monk, in charge of archives and sacred goods. o The crown key: This specific model is characteristic of advanced tumbler locks, intended for the doors of stately buildings, churches or valuable chests. Condition: Beautiful old patina, with natural oxidation linked to past centuries. Some keys show advanced corrosion, but remain legible and consistent in their typology. Shipping: Fast and secure shipping via DHL Express, ensuring these unique and characterful pieces arrive in optimal condition.