



Jessie Willcox Smith

Title

The Garden Wall

Medium

Charcoal, watercolor and oil on paper mounted on board

Date

1903

Dimensions

24 × 15 in. (61 × 38.1 cm)

Accession number

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Credit Line

Gift of Gray and Geoff Parker in memory of Peter and Robin Parker, 2020

Web Description

Jessie Willcox Smith's lively and enchanting depictions of children made her one of the most successful illustrators

of her time. One of many women to take Howard Pyle's classes, Smith, along with Elizabeth Shippen Green and Violet Oakley, became known as "The Red Rose Girls" after the Red Rose Inn in Villanova, Pennsylvania, where they lived and worked together in the early 1900s. The Garden Wall appeared as part of a pictorial of eight images telling the story of a child's day in a garden in the December 1903 edition of Scribner's Magazine. The popular image was sold the following year as a stand alone print.