

Queen Victoria Golden Jubilee Silver-Gilt Medal, 1887

£145



Description

A rare privately issued silver-gilt commemorative medal celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887. Produced to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, this handsome medal is a refined survival from one of the great public celebrations of the Victorian age.

Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee was observed throughout Britain and across the Empire with processions, illuminations, services, banquets, and an extraordinary range of commemorative objects. Alongside official issues, private companies, institutions, clubs, and individuals commissioned medals such as this, creating tangible souvenirs of a moment that united national pride, imperial confidence, and personal loyalty to the sovereign.

The silver-gilt finish gives the medal a particularly distinguished appearance, combining the warmth of gold with the substantial quality of silver. Its private issue makes it especially appealing: unlike the more widely distributed official commemoratives, it speaks to the many local, institutional, and commercial expressions of jubilee enthusiasm that surrounded the celebrations.

A fascinating piece of Victorian royal memorabilia, this medal would make an excellent addition to a collection of British commemorative medals, royal portraiture, numismatics, or objects associated with Queen Victoria and the history of the British Empire.