



1423

Book Description

5–3. Woodblock print of Saint Christopher, 1423. The unknown illustrator depicted the legendary saint, a giant who carried travelers safely across a river, bearing the infant Christ. The inscription below reads: “In whatsoever day thou seest the likeness of St. Christopher/in that same day thou wilt at least from death no evil blow incur/1423.” One of the earliest dated European block prints, this image effectively uses changing contour-line width to show form.

My Description

What caught my attention most about this the most was how it reminded me of tarot cards. The way it's designed and the pictures used are similar to tarot cards and was the first thing I thought of when I saw it. This made the image even more interesting because tarot cards often have hidden meanings and stories in their pictures.