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Orchids

Louis Fairfax Muckley

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Height: 90.17 cm (35.5")

Width: 59.69 cm (23.5")

## Description

Louis Fairfax Muckley was born in Worcestershire and studied at Birmingham School of Art where his fellow classmates and friends were the artists Frank Richards and Arthur Gasken. A leading illustrator, etcher, painter and designer, he came into contact with the influential art of William Morris and while still a student he illustrated his first major book: R. D. Blackmore's *Fringila* (1885). In the 1890's Muckley was commissioned for numerous illustrations from leading periodicals such as *The Graphic* and the *Illustrated London News*. He was also a founding designer for *The Quest* (the short-lived periodical of the Birmingham Guild of Handicraft) and *The Quiver*. Perhaps his finest achievement was his illustrative work for the Kelmscott Press, Spenser's *Faerie Queen*, which was published in 1897 and considered a masterpiece of late Pre-Raphaelite art.