

Arthur Wesley Dow (American, 1857-1922)

The Pirate House of Harry Main, 1889

Oil

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Born in Ipswich, Massachusetts, Dow traveled to Paris to study at the Académie Julian and studied the work of British designer William Morris. Considered one of the most influential teachers of his time in the field of arts and crafts, one of Dow's most well known students was artist Georgia O'Keeffe. Deeply influenced by Japanese art and aesthetics, Dow sought out subjects such as architectural elements and natural landscapes mainly located on Boston's North Shore, which he felt were best suited to his Asian-inspired appreciation of nature.