

Lilies with Bookshelf



MacRae inherited Atlantic Highlands her summer home on the death of her father in 1925 and a studio was added. She painted her still lives in both New York and Gloucester and her husband, Homer Swift, spent the winters in New York pouring over seed catalogues and tended the Atlantic Highlands garden providing her with flowers to paint until his death. Occasionally, the interior is recognizable.

Atlantic Highlands was sold and no longer painting large works MacRae made use of her world around her in her apartment in New York. In *Lilies with Bookshelf* MacRae uses the books in the bookshelf in the hallway of the apartment as the background applying the paint sparingly to them and the oriental rug so that the arrangement of lilies in the Chinese vase is set against it.

In 1951 MacRae was elected to full National Academy membership.

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Oil on board Unsigned Unframed
23 x 16 inches
Emma Fordyce MacRae 1887 - 1974