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FINE OLD SMOOTH POLISHED DARK PATINA
CIRCA 100-600 AD
SIZE: 3.5CM HIGH, 16CM WIDE, 2CM DEEP - 1¼ INS HIGH, 6¼ INS WIDE, ¾ DEEP

LITERATURE

THE ESKIMO ARE THE MOST FAR-FLUNG SINGLE TRIBE OF PEOPLES IN THE WORLD, STRETCHED OUT OVER 4000 MILES MOSTLY ALONG THE NORTHERN FRINGES OF THE AMERICAN AND RUSSIAN CONTINENT. THEIR 3000 YEAR OLD CULTURE IS UNIQUE, AND IS NOT SHARED WITH ANY OTHER SUB-POLAR PEOPLES, SUCH AS THE LAPPS. THEIR NOMADIC WAY OF LIFE GAVE THEM A REMARKABLE TENACITY OF CULTURE OVER VAST DISTANCES.
SNOW BLINDNESS IS A DEBILITATING AND PAINFUL CONDITION AND IS AN OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD FOR ARCTIC HUNTERS. THE RETINA OF THE EYE BECOMES BURNED BY EXCESSIVE ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION REFLECTED FROM THE SNOW COVERED LANDSCAPES. BY WEARING GOGGLES THE AMOUNT OF LIGHT ENTERING THE EYE IS CUT DOWN.