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## LITERATURE

THIS FINELY CARVED WOOD 'TREASURE BOX' WOULD HAVE BELONGED TO AN IMPORTANT MAORI ELDER OR CHIEF TO KEEP SAFE THEIR PRECIOUS OBJECTS, HEI TIKI'S (NEPHRITE PENDANTS) FEATHERS (OFTEN FROM THE 'HUIA' BIRD AND OTHER ARTEFACTS WHICH WERE PRECIOUS TO THE CHIEF, ANCESTORS AND TRIBE. CARVED FROM A NATIVE HARD WOOD, THE BOX HAS TERMINALS TO EACH END WITH 'GOD-TIKI' HEADS, INLAID WITH HALIOTIS (ABALONE) SHELL.

A MASTERPIECE OF MAORI CARVING WITH A BEAUTIFUL DEEP RICH PATINA

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