



## MYTHICAL GILT FIGURE WITH DIVINE STEED

**\$128**

c. 1850 • China • Pigment, Wood • Collection #CMCL053P

W: 1.75" D: 4.25" H: 5.5"

Lavishly pigmented and carved with intricate detail, this petite mythical figurine was originally a decorative element from an ornate 19th-century bed surround. Riding a mythical qilin into battle, the figure depicts one of the hundreds of characters from the classic Chinese novel "Romance of the Three Kingdoms."

A 14th-century historical novel attributed to playwright Luo Guanzhong, "Romance of the Three Kingdoms" is a dramatized account of the final years of the Han dynasty and the emergent power struggles of the Three Kingdoms period, spanning from 169 to 280 AD. Continued...



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Drawing from popular legend, the novel uses the turbulent lives of feudal lords to tell a tale of fallen empires and the inevitability of fate.



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