



The Rescue Sketchbook

Catalogue Number
SKB 49

Artwork Type
Sketchbooks

Date
1944

Dimensions
paper: 210 × 165 mm

Paper Support
cream medium-weight wove paper

Ownership
disbanded - see individual pages for ownership

More Information

Disbanded sketchbook of cream-medium weight paper 210 X 165mm. The pages are numbered upper right on the recto and upper left on the verso; some are missing. The first part of the sketchbook contains studies for textile designs and family groups which may date to 1943. The remainder consists of preliminary sketches for *The Rescue*, a melodrama by Edward Sackville-West based on Homer's *Odyssey*, first broadcast by the BBC in November 1943 and published in standard and deluxe editions by Secker and Warburg, London 1945. On page 30 Moore lists five subjects for *The Rescue*, a listing which probably continues on the missing page 32 and corresponds to the numbering on the versos of the remaining pages. After completing the sketchbook Moore made a number of further studies and some full-scale drawings, six of which HMF 2300-2305 were reproduced in the publication. The sketchbook must have been disbanded at an early date, since the Leicester Galleries, London, exhibited ten pages of studies for *The Rescue* (in addition to the larger drawings) in 1946.