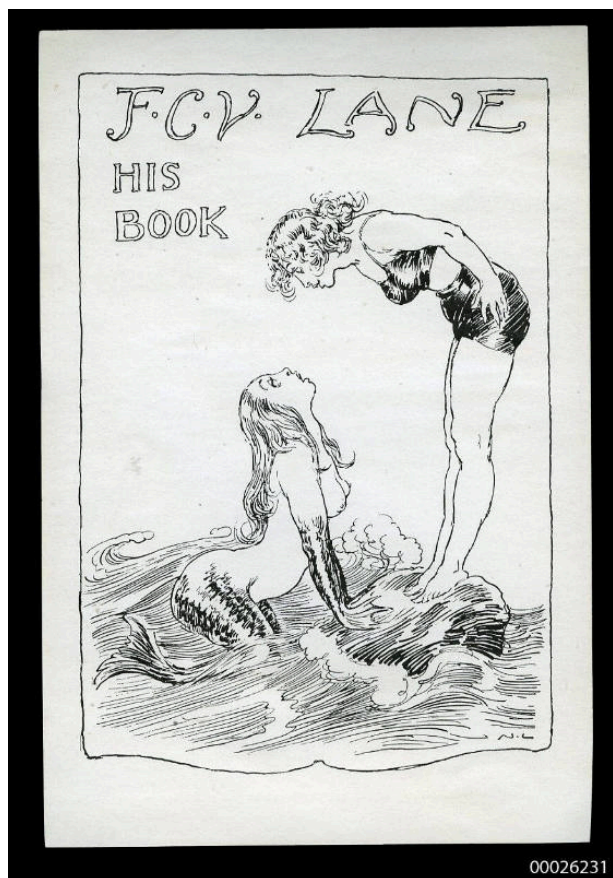


Basic Detail Report



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Title

F.C.V. Lane : His Book [Frederick Lane bookplate]

Date

c 1945

Primary Maker

Norman Lindsay

Medium

Line block print on paper

Dimensions

Overall: 149 x 100 mm

Name

Print

History

Frederick Claude Vivian Lane (1880-1969) was born in Sydney. As a four year old he was saved from drowning in

Sydney Harbour by his brother. This event led to Lane learning to swim and later competing in swimming events as a schoolboy. He won numerous school swimming events and joined the East Sydney Amateur Swimming Club in 1895. After finishing school in 1896, Lane set an Australasian record of 64.8 seconds for 100 yards and won the 200 and 440 yards Freestyle championships of New South Wales and the Australasian 100 yards title at Christchurch, New Zealand. In 1898-89 he won all but one of the state freestyle titles and also won the mile championship in the Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Wagga. Mark Foy sponsored Lane in the English championships in 1899 where he won the 220 yards Freestyle title in a record time of 2 minutes and 38.2 seconds as well as the 440 yards salt water title. Lane went on to win the first Olympic swimming event, the 200 metres Freestyle race at the Paris Games in 1900. After the Olympics Lane continued to compete winning a over 400 trophies and breaking records for every distance from 100 yards to 1 mile and held seven or more world records, although only two were officially recognised.