

New York (City) Macbeth gallery



THREE FISHERMEN

In the Georges Islands, Maine

PAINTINGS BY

N. C. WYETH

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THESE works introduce for the first time publicly a new aspect of the art of N. C. Wyeth. They are the product of revolt against the inevitable limitations of that art of illustration which Mr. Wyeth has long served with sincerity and grace. For two generations he has shown a magic world to youngsters — in itself a rewarding achievement. But as the spiritual maturing of the man has demanded a freer and more personal expression, he has descended within himself to find its terms. In his mind he lives on an heroic plane, the humble familiar, as all men may be, of the poet Homer, of Beethoven and of Thoreau. Without trying to measure a near man against far titans, you feel that he is of their kind; and, secured in his spirit by their common honesty of creative life, he is free to acknowledge any means to his painter's purpose. Of the illustrator's heritage he takes freely and consciously those components which may relate to painting: a strongly dramatic presentation but one freed from the paraphernalia of archaeology; an ability to establish vividly the quality of a certain moment in which he enfolds the observer and causes him to see, to hear, and, above all, to feel. He compels us to stop and ponder with him the surrounding vision of form and colour, of radiance and shadow. This world of his is at once grave and lyric.

It seems to me that in these works is implicit the essential character of the man, the gauge of truth which confirms victoriously Robert Henri's remark that "A work of art is the trace of a magnificent struggle."

PETER HURD

*San Patricio, New Mexico,  
November 12, 1939*

1. FOX IN THE SNOW
2. THE RED DORY
3. BLUBBER ISLAND
4. SUN GLINT
5. MARSHALL FARM
6. BLACK SPRUCE LEDGE
7. THE ROAD TO THE JONES HOUSE
8. ISLAND FUNERAL
9. DEEP COVE LOBSTERMAN  
Lent by Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts
10. BACK SHORE
11. SHIP BUILDING
12. THREE FISHERMEN

