



Salmon Fishing Print, A. Thorburn

Archibald Thorburn

£530



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Height: 46 cm (18.1")

Width: 30 cm (11.8")

Framed Height: 72 cm (28.3")

Framed Width: 55 cm (21.7")

Framed Depth: 55 cm (21.7")

Description

Angling Print - Gaffing the Forty Pounder by Archibald Thorburn.

A striking late Victorian sporting photogravure, *Gaffing the Forty Pounder*, depicts the renowned British angler and author Augustus Grimble at the dramatic moment of landing a magnificent forty-pound salmon. The artwork was created by the celebrated Scottish wildlife artist Archibald Thorburn (1860-1935), whose printed signature, A. Thorburn, appears within the image. The lower margin also bears a pencil signature by the captor, Augustus Grimble.

The composition captures the excitement of the final stages of the fight, with Grimble's split-cane rod bent into a sweeping arc as he prepares to gaff the exhausted fish. Set against the tranquil backdrop of a Scottish river, the scene perfectly balances action with atmosphere, evoking the romance and tradition of late nineteenth-century salmon fishing.

Produced as an illustration for one of Grimble's influential fishing books, the image was used as the cover illustration for his acclaimed *Salmon Rivers of the UK and Ireland* series. Thorburn's remarkable ability to combine faithful natural history with evocative Highland landscapes established him as one of Britain's foremost wildlife and sporting artists.

The print retains its original title, "*Gaffing the Forty Pounder*," and is presented in its original glazed oak frame with a gilt slip. It displays gentle age toning and scattered foxing consistent with its age, while the image itself remains crisp and well preserved. There is some minor damage in the lower margin around the pencil signature, but this does not detract from the overall presentation.

A fine example of Victorian sporting art, this handsome print will appeal to collectors of Archibald Thorburn, Scottish sporting history, salmon fishing memorabilia, and antique sporting prints.