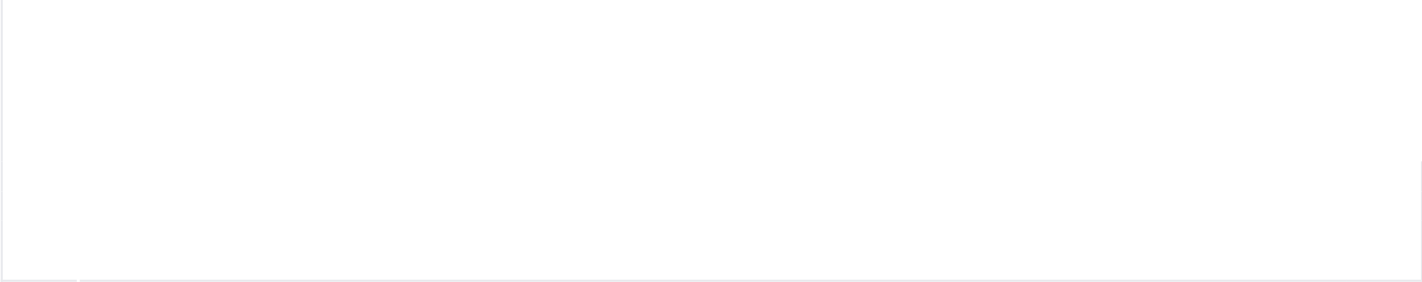


Brooch Cat on the Book Shelf date circa 1960, Lilly's Attic since 2001 £45.00

Costume jewellery has been part of the culture for almost 300 years. During the 18th century, jewellers began making pieces with inexpensive glass. In the 19th century, costume jewellery made of semi-precious material came into the market. Jewels made of semi-precious material were more affordable, and this affordability gave common people the chance to own costume jewellery.

But the real golden era for costume jewellery began in the middle of the 20th century. The new middle class wanted beautiful, but affordable jewellery. The demand for jewellery of this type coincided with the machine age and the industrial revolution. The revolution made the production of carefully executed replicas of admired heirloom pieces possible.

Period	1960s
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Style	Vintage
Condition	Excellent
Materials	Base Metal

Antique ref: Lilly's Attic - SHAPIRO & Co