

Cartier Sterling Vermeil Belt



Cartier Sterling Silver Vintage Vermeil Belt

Description:

Signed Cartier belt I believe is from the 70's. Twenty-two sterling silver with gold wash 'molten' texture medallions are linked together to form a belt with a two medallion drop. Very heavy. Weighs 16 ounces. Circles vary from 1 1/2" to 1 7/8". Belt is 33" long. Impressed signature on back 'Cartier' and marked 'sterling'.

Winning Bid: **\$1,800.00**

Ended: 7/30/06
History: 1 bid (Buy it now)
Starting Bid: BIN \$1,800
Winner: New York

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Janet's Story (eBay Store: Fasta Fa Zool)

I was already checked out of one of my favorite annual local rummage sales after having made three trips around the sale (with Lynn's grandmother's voice in my head reminding me to go around a few times.)

When I was leaving the building I noticed a small side room filled with accessories like handbags, necklaces, scarves, belts, etc. I hustled to my car to dump my purchases and quickly headed back into the 'accessory room.'

I came across an entire basket of preppy vintage metal belt buckles with straps (we all wore them in the 80s.) Gold frog, gold starfish, silver shells, etc. While digging in the basket I lifted up a very heavy, thick metal belt. When I finally got the belt to the top of the basket I was shocked to see that it was marked 'Cartier' and 'sterling.' I knew that some companies knocked off Tiffany pieces but I didn't think that folks copied

Cartier so I figured for \$1, even it was a knock-off, I was only spending one dollar!

I did some Internet research and found nothing. I called my friend, Kristin, who is in the jewelry business. She found an old listing on eBay via their live auctions and the belt had sold the year before in Chicago for \$1,800.00! I was holding on to my seat! Then I asked my two friends, Casey and Brian, who had worked for Cartier what they thought. They confirmed that it was a Cartier piece....I was jumping up and down!

I listed the item three times with a reserve of \$1800. One gentleman, monkeykingproductions, diligently contacted me and asked me to put it at a buy it now and to name my price (\$2,000, \$3,000 or \$4,000). I put it on at \$1800 (which I felt was a fair price) and the rest is Fasta Fa Zool (my store) history!

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