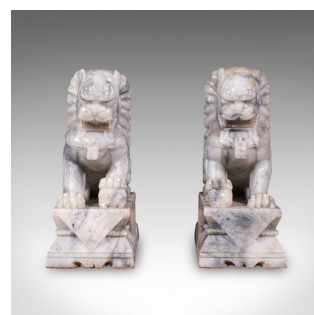


## Pair of Antique Guardian Lion Bookends, Oriental Soapstone, Dog of Fo, Victorian



### DESCRIPTION

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This is a pair of antique Guardian Lion bookends. An Oriental, soapstone decorative 'Dog of Fo' book rest, dating to the late Victorian period, circa 1900.

- Delightfully tactile bookends with an appealing natural finish and appearance
- Displaying a desirable aged patina and in good order throughout
- Crafted skilfully in milky white soapstone, with excellent form and detail
- Vein detail in medium grey hues add visual interest to each piece
- Represents a sitting Guardian Lion or Shish, with strong Oriental influence
- A Western term, Dog of Fo became associated with them as a translation of Dog of Buddha
- Such statues were present at the entrance to shrines, and they resembled Pekinese dogs
- The concept travelled to China via the Silk Road from India, along with Buddhism

- Great detail to the face and exuberant coat, with one paw raised upon a brocade ball

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### DIMENSIONS

Max Width: 8cm (3.25")

Max Depth: 13cm (5")

Max Height: 18cm (7")

### LIST PRICE

£895.00

