

# THE ART OF THE FRESCO

*Alexandra  
Walker*



*Still Life with Fruit*

In 79AD Mount Vesuvius near Naples erupted and covered the ancient town of Pompeii and its surrounding countryside in lava and ash. Although the disaster devastated the city at the time, killing its citizens and burying everything, the buildings and works of art were preserved for centuries under the ash. Since few paintings have survived from this era, Pompeii is one of the few precious sources for much of what we know about ancient painting and decoration.

This scene is taken from the wall of a room situated in the House of Julia Felix.

£,900

49cm x 76cm

*House of Julia Felix, Pompeii, Italy*

*c. 50BC - 79 AD*