



STORIES FROM THE SEA

EXPLORATION OBJECTS



BUDDHA STATUE

Date made

c.1900

Object ref.

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Credit

Great Yarmouth
Museums

Description

Joseph B Press was the captain of the This golden Buddha statue comes from Tibet. It is made from bronze and wood and is covered in gold leaf. Buddhists in Tibet and India believe that different colours represent different ideas. Gold is very important because it is pure and bright. For this reason lots of statues are covered in gold.

Some people believe that touching a gold statue of Buddha will bring you luck. That is why the gold has almost disappeared from some parts of the statue because so many people have touched it.

This statue was collected by Ida Flower, an adventurer and explorer from the 1920s. She

went all around the world and collected things on her travels. People thought she was very daring and brave because not very many women went travelling, especially on their own. Ida visited lots of exotic places and brought very unusual things back to Great Yarmouth including some samurai armour from Japan!

Questions

1. Why do you think Ida Flower collected this statue?
2. Why do you think it was rare for women to go travelling in the 1920s?