

Postcard Ink Blot, 1955.

The size is continental 6" x 4", postally unused and unmarked. Published by IZOGIZ, circulation 2,000,000 copies. The logo of the publishing house is in the upper left-hand corner on the verso. The back is divided, the name of the artist, L. Vladimirskiy, is printed in the lower left-hand corner.

In very good to excellent condition. The artwork is pristine. There are minuscule corner and edge bumps, barely visible and not detractive. The verso shows only minimal storage wear and mild age toning to the paper.

The picture is an illustration from a book by the Russian Soviet writer, A. N. Tolstoy, entitled The Golden Key, or the Adventures of Buratino. It was an adaptation of the well-known novel by Carlo Collodi, The Adventures of Pinocchio. Tolstoy claimed that he had read the book as a child but lost it and started reimagining it many years later. Facts and dates do not really support his explanation and, rather, hint at plagiarism but, ever since the book was published in 1936, millions of Soviet children have enjoyed it.

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