

# THE READING

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: BORDEAUX LITHOGRAPHS (PRINTS, CA.1824-1825) (2/8)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1819 - 1822

DIMENSIONES

122 x 127 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Piedra litográfica, lápiz, pincel y rascador, tinta negra, papel verjurado

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Documented work

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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INVENTARIO

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## HISTORIA

See *The Old Spinner*.

There are proofs, stamped at the Lithographic Establishment of the Hydrographic Deposit in Madrid, in various collections: National Library of Madrid, from the Carderera collection; National Library of Paris, from the Lefort collection; Library of the Fundación Lázaro Galdiano; British Museum, from the Burty collection; Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, from the K. Elliot Bullard Collection; and the Hofer Collection in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

## ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

A seated woman reads a book, while two boys listen attentively, crouched beside her. One of them rests his chin on his hand in an attitude of concentration.

The composition is closed in an arc, the light concentrating on the figure of the reader and contrasting gently with the rest in shadow. The darkness is much more intense in the area on the right, gradually lightening, using the scraper, towards the left over the heads of the two boys.

This is the first time that Goya introduced the use of lithographic pencil in order to create a composition in chiaroscuro, which required the stone to be grained in different ways depending on what was to be achieved, as the drain facilitates the different intensities of colour.

The result of this lithography was not satisfactory, as the Cardano establishment did not have fine grain with which to obtain intense blacks. Goya tried to achieve the desired black with a brush, but the result was not what he had hoped for, leaving a somewhat dull print.

The characters in this intimate scene have been identified as Leocadia Weiss and her children, Guillermo and Rosario.

#### EXPOSICIONES

##### **Goya (1746-1828). Peintures-Dessins- Gravures**

Centre Cultural du Marais Paris 1979  
consultant editors Jacqueline et  
Maurice Guillard

##### **Grabados y dibujos de Goya en la Biblioteca Nacional**

Biblioteca Nacional Madrid 1946  
catalogue Elena Páez Ríos

##### **Goya: zeichnungen, radierungen, lithographien**

International Tage Ingelheim 1966  
exhibition displayed from May 7th  
to June 5th 1966

##### **The Changing Image: Prints by Goya**

Museum of Fine Arts Boston 1974.  
From October to December 1974.  
Exhibited also at The National  
Gallery of Canada, Ottawa,  
January to March 1975

##### **Goya en la Biblioteca Nacional. Exposición de grabados y dibujos en el sesquicentenario de su muerte**

Biblioteca Nacional Madrid 1978  
May - June 1978

##### **Grabados de Goya: colección propiedad de la Biblioteca Nacional, que se conserva en su Gabinete de**

Casa de la Amistad de Moscú Moscow 1979  
exhibition displayed from January  
18th to 31st 1979

##### **Goya: Zeichnungen und Druckgraphik**

Städtische Galerie im Städelschen Kunstinstitut  
Frankfurt 1981  
from February 13th to April 5th  
1981

##### **La litografía en Burdeos en la época de Goya**

Ayuntamiento de Zaragoza Zaragoza 1983  
organized by Ayuntamiento de  
Zaragoza. On January 1983.  
Celebrated also in Bordeaux, on  
May 1983.

##### **Origen de la litografía en España. El real establecimiento litográfico**

Museo Casa de la Moneda Madrid 1991  
From 31 October to 15 December  
1991.

##### **Ydioma universal: Goya en la Biblioteca Nacional**

Biblioteca Nacional Madrid 1996  
from September 19th to  
December 15th 1996

##### **Goya grabador**

Museo del Grabado Español Contemporáneo  
Marbella 1996  
from March 8th to May 5th 1996

##### **Francisco Goya. Sein leben im spiegel der graphik. Fuendetodos 1746-1828 Bordeaux. 1746-1996**

Galerie Kornfeld Bern 1996  
from November 21st 1996 to  
January 1997

##### **Goya en tiempos de guerra**

Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 2008  
consultant editor Manuela B.  
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July 13th 2008  
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##### **Goya: Order and disorder**

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