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Fiveash, Rosa, 1854-1938
*Orchid paintings / by Miss R.C. Fiveash*
Adelaide, ca. 1906-1932
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About

One of the most accomplished and best known South Australian botanical artists of the late 19th and early 20th century, Rosa Catherine Fiveash was born in Adelaide in 1854 and studied at the Adelaide School of Art and Design from 1881 to 1888. Her drawings, both beautiful and meticulously accurate, were highly sought after and she was commissioned from 1882 to illustrate John Ednie Brown’s *Forest Flora of South Australia*. Although she also painted illuminated addresses and pioneered china-painting in Adelaide, her main love was flower painting. Much of her finest work was produced during her thirty-year collaboration with Richard S. Rogers, including the illustrations for *South Australian Orchids*, 1911. The Library’s copy of *Orchid Paintings*, ca. 1906-1932, is a collection of scientifically accurate orchid illustrations painted under the direction of Rogers.
Condition

Folio size volumes. Hollow spine exposed on some volumes. Requires rebacking. Illustrations affixed with tape which is now deteriorating. All corners of front and back boards worn, with boards on some volumes beginning to detach from spine.