

# Portrait of Julia Westaway

## Thomas Maguire

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**1896**  
**Oil on Canvas**  
**89.5 x 70cm**

Moving around the room you will next encounter a late 19th century portrait of Miss Julia Westaway by Thomas Maguire who was a celebrated portrait painter who later became the Lithographer to Queen Victoria and exhibited many pictures at the Royal Academy in London.

In this technically superlative painting, dated 1889, Julia Westaway is seated wearing a black dress and reading with a small vase of roses sits on the table to her left.

Miss Westaway (1820-1901) was a great benefactress to Island Charities and was well known during her lifetime for her financial generosity both locally and abroad, supporting for example the Jersey Home for Boys. In her will, Julia created funds to help the poor community on the island. One of these funds set up a crèche and day nursery and another provided clothes and books for elementary school children.

After her death however, her nephew contested the provisions in her will but fortunately for the Jersey community he lost the case and her charitable intentions were met.