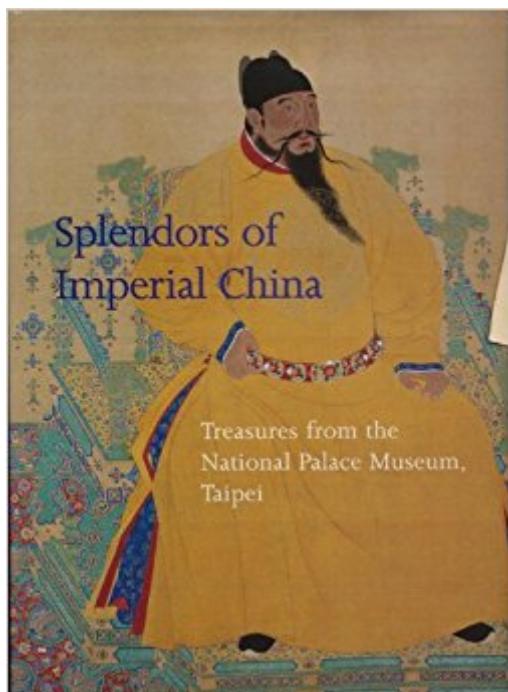


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Customer Reviews

Hearn, a curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, selected more than 100 works to present here, drawn from an extensive traveling exhibition featuring Neolithic and Bronze Age works, as well as Sung, Ming, and other dynasty masterpieces. This beautifully produced book contains fine-quality reproductions that illuminate a splendid collection of rare artwork. Hearn's text will be understood and appreciated by all readers, but particularly those who appreciate a fine calligraphic scroll, a porcelain sculpture, or a pastoral scene. The text describes in accessible terms important background information, including cultural climate, historical events, and artistic elements.

Alice Joyce

I have a number of books about the various art forms in China. The treasures shown in this book are remarkable and so many different items, too. The skill levels of the craftsman is amazing and I suppose they were well trained and experienced in their craft. Would love to see the Museum.

A great book, and a ridiculously low paperback price -- buy it! (But don't forget to visit the museum in Taipei -- worth the price of the airfare!)

A fine pictorial overview of a very special museum ...

Nice book.

Both a cultural exposition of Chinese history, and a set of stunning pictures of superb craftsmanship, from the Han, Sung, Yuan, Ming, and Ch'ing dynasties. The majestic drawings of nature, the carved jade dragons, the colors, the porcelain, the lacquered boxes, the CloisonnÃƒÂ©, all the splendor of a civilization so old we hardly know how old it is. All the subtle beauty one of the world's greatest people could create is here for you to peruse in this elegant, sleek, sumptuous volume. A fitting companion for anyone studying the history of China, this conveys much better than words the culture of its people. And the price is certainly right!

The book is a beautiful display of art objects, craftsmanship, history of various dynasties that evoke visions of the greatness of this culture. It is amazing the many contributions that the Chinese cultural had given the world in the form of art in so many different venues. I am constantly impressed and in awe of the workmanship, talent and accomplishments displayed in this book. The colors are vivid in the presentation, the explanations of each piece are detailed and leaves you wanting to know more or go see a similar exhibit.

A wonderful book, but seemed oriented (ha-ha) toward painting and ceramics. I would have liked to see more examples of jade and ivory carvings, as well as textiles.

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