

## Chapter 1 : Best Books on Chinese Porcelain

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Vintage Royal Worcester bone china The Chinese define porcelain [b] as a type of pottery that is hard, compact and fine-grained, that cannot be scratched by a knife, and that resonates with a clear, musical note when hit. It need not be white or translucent. The lime gives the glaze a hint of green or blue, a brilliant surface and a sense of depth. Soft-paste porcelain is translucent and can be thinly potted. After firing it has similar appearance and properties to hard-paste porcelain. The stone and clay are both derived from granite. The stone is a feldspathic flux that melts and bonds together the other ingredients. The bone gives the ware strength and helps it keep its shape during firing. The resulting material is strong, white and translucent, and resonates when struck. This gives a wider range of colors for decoration. Earthenware is opaque, with a relatively coarse texture, while porcelain is semi-transparent, with a fine texture of minute crystals suspended in a transparent glassy ground. Because the glaze temperature is higher than the biscuit temperature, the glaze reacts with the body. The body also releases gases that bubble up through the glaze, affecting the appearance. Generally earthenware painting uses bolder, simpler designs, while china painting may be finer and more delicate. A different type of paint is used from that used for overglaze painting. Blue was commonly used under the glaze and other colors over the glaze, both in China and in Europe, as with English Royal Worcester ware. A light violet may turn into a dark blue, and a pale pink into a brown-crimson. The artist must anticipate these changes. The Japanese were known for their skill in depicting flowers, plants and birds in underglaze paintings that used the fewest possible brushstrokes. Mounts are 19th century French. Overglaze china paints are made of ground mineral compounds mixed with flux. Paints may contain expensive elements including gold. The flux is a finely-ground glass, similar to porcelain glaze. The powdered paint is mixed with a medium, typically some type of oil, before being brushed onto the glazed object. If the medium dries hard the artist can build up layers of color, which will fuse together in a single firing. This can create unusual intensity or depth of color. If the medium remains sticky the artist can add to the design by dusting more color onto the surface, or can dust on an overglaze powder to create a high gloss surface. When the painted object is fired in a kiln, the china marker lines and the medium evaporate. At sufficient heat the underlying glaze softens, or "opens". The color is strongly bonded to the glaze and the surface of the finished object is glossy. A pattern is cut out of a paper form, which is placed on the ceramic. Paint is then dabbed through the stencil. The plate is painted with an oil-and-enamel pigment. The surface is cleaned, leaving the paint in the cut grooves. The tissue is then positioned face-down over the ceramic and rubbed to transfer the paint to the surface. An image is drawn with a greasy crayon on a smooth stone or zinc surface, which is then wetted. The water remains on the stone but is repelled by the grease. Ink is spread on and is repelled by the water but remains on the grease. Paper is then pressed onto the slab. It picks up the ink from the grease, thus reproducing the drawing. The process can be repeated to make many copies. For ceramics, the print was made onto duplex paper, with a thin layer of tissue paper facing a thicker layer of paper. A weak varnish was painted on the ceramic surface, which could be slightly curved, then the duplex paper pressed onto the surface. The tissue paper was soaked off before firing. Later techniques were developed to photographically copy images onto lithograph plates. Eventually the technique evolved to use fine screens, with some areas blocked by a film and some lines or areas left open to allow paint to pass through. Techniques were developed to transfer images to screens photographically. The process was in use for ceramics by the mid 19th century, and is now the main way of decorating ceramics. It can be used to print curved shapes such as mugs with underglaze, onglaze, glaze, wax resist and heated thermoplastic colors. Over the years that followed the quality of the porcelain, the design and decoration became extremely refined. The pieces were thin and finely made, with subtle glazes, and later with elaborate painted decorations. Some experts consider their work to be unsurpassed in its purity of design. Some were decorated with the sgraffito method, where surface layers were scraped away to expose a ground

with a different color. Jingdezhen ware includes the famous decorated Qingbai pieces with shadow-blue glazes. Under the Yuan dynasty the use of underglaze cobalt blue decoration became popular. They excelled in their floral, abstract or calligraphic designs. During the Goryeo period there was high demand for Chinese porcelain, and Korean potters used the imports as models. Distinctively Korean designs had emerged by the end of the 12th century, and the white porcelain of the reign of King Sejong of Joseon is quite unique. In there were kilns in Korea producing porcelain. The Korean porcelain industry was destroyed while the Japanese industry boomed. The Manchu invasion caused further damage. In the late 19th century the loss of state support for the industry and the introduction of printed transfer decoration caused the traditional skills to be lost. In the mid 19th century the Japanese found a growing market from European traders who were unable to obtain Chinese porcelain due to political upheavals. Porcelain only painted in underglaze blue is traditionally called Arita ware. The craftsman Sakaida Kakiemon developed a distinctive style of overglaze enamel decoration, typically using iron red, yellow and soft blue. Kakiemon -style decorations included patterns of birds and foliage, and influenced designs used in European factories. Imari ware porcelain bowl c. 1650. At that time the potters in the region did not have the technology to make high-fire underglaze porcelain. It appears that the white glazed pottery with blue decoration was in imitation of imported porcelain from China. Often the porcelain was designed for the market, with decorative designs that included prayers and quotations from the Koran in Arabic or Persian script. In 1600 the Dutch captured a Portuguese carrack with about 1000 porcelain items. These were auctioned at Amsterdam in August to buyers from across Europe. Political upheavals then cut off most of the trade of porcelain from China until 1640. The Japanese began to produce ware for export in 1616, but the supply was uncertain. A French ship reached Canton in 1665, and an English ship in 1672. Colorful enamel paints, used in German tin-glazed pottery, gave rise to new techniques such as famille rose coloring in Chinese porcelain. The "Medici porcelain" did not contain china clay, and was only made in small quantities. In the late 17th century Louis Poterat tried to manufacture porcelain at Rouen, France. Little of this has survived. Painted porcelain wares that imitated oriental designs were being produced after 1675. The Nymphenburg Porcelain Manufactory in Munich was renowned for its delicate modeling and fine decoration. The Saint-Cloud painters were given the license to innovate, and produced lively and original designs, including blue-and-white pieces in the Chinese style and grotesque ornaments. A factory for white tin-glazed soft porcelain was founded at Chantilly around 1700. Many of its pieces was based on Kakiemon designs, using the Kakiemon colors of iron red, pale yellow, clear blue and turquoise green. It was known for its finely modeled and brightly colored artificial flowers, used to decorate objects such as clocks and candelabra. After it stopped producing soft-paste and standardized on an unusually hard type of hard-paste using china clay from Saint-Yrieix, near Limoges. The factory produced many different painted designs for decoration. The factory could make large objects that did not crack or split, and that could be decorated in rich colors due to the low firing temperature.

## Chapter 2 : Marks on Chinese Porcelain

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Strangely enough the "pattern " are different but the bowls are identical. Early Peoples Republic period , probably s. Click here to see large picture Click here to see large picture. During the s to 70s this was a common mark on porcelain made in China but decorated in Macao or Hong Kong. Inside the neck a sticker saying, Made in Hong Kong. Beside that the sticker indicates Hong Kong, this mark seems to be uniquely connected to Macau. See also "Macau Style" marks. Mark probably somehow related to Jingdezhen Zhi - Jingdezhen Make 8. Second half of 20th century. Underglaze blue and white eggshell bowl. Style of decoration consistent with a date around Click here to see large picture Jurentang Research indicates that "Juren Tang" in Zhongnanhai was the building where Yuan Shikai lived and where he had his office around Guo Baochang, an antique dealer with a good relation to the court, was appointed to arrange for imperial Hongxian wares being made in What really came out of this is still debated. One opinion is that no pieces bearing the Hongxian mark is of the period, the only possibly genuine mark of the period being "Jurentang", if any. Family tradition has it that this vase "was originally made for an imperial or high level government official". Interestingly enough the front page of the plate seems to be from while the foot rim and the flowers scrolls on the back side of the dish gives it away as s or later too. Kangxi For genuine marks of the period, see Qing dynasty page Kangxi marks are by far the richest group compared to all other period marks. Many also consider Kangxi porcelain the peak of Chinese porcelain and some Kangxi fakes are the most difficult of all to tell. Genuine marks from the period: There could also be used just two empty circles with no mark within, or even no mark at all, or 4 character hallmarks or other symbols or marks of commendation. Late in the period the order was rescinded and a 6-character reign mark was permitted. Some Imperial pieces decorated at the Palace Workshops that were made late in the reign had a four character reign mark, but they are always enclosed by a double square and are almost always written in over glaze blue enamel. Copies and later marks: As a general rule, all four character Kangxi Nian Zhi marks written inside double circles or without circles are from the end of the 19th century or later. Items made in the manner of or style of Kangxi in the 19th C many times do have four character reign marks. This makes it easy to tell at a glance in most cases whether the piece is really from the Kangxi period or not. Some of these pieces are very close in style to the originals but if you compare them to genuine Kangxi wares the paste, glaze, footrim and the blue is different. Crude attempts to mimic Imperial marks are sometimes found on minyao wares but generally this is not the case on export wares, as most bear no marks. Red four character Kangxi Nian Zhi marks within a square becomes particularly popular during the s.

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