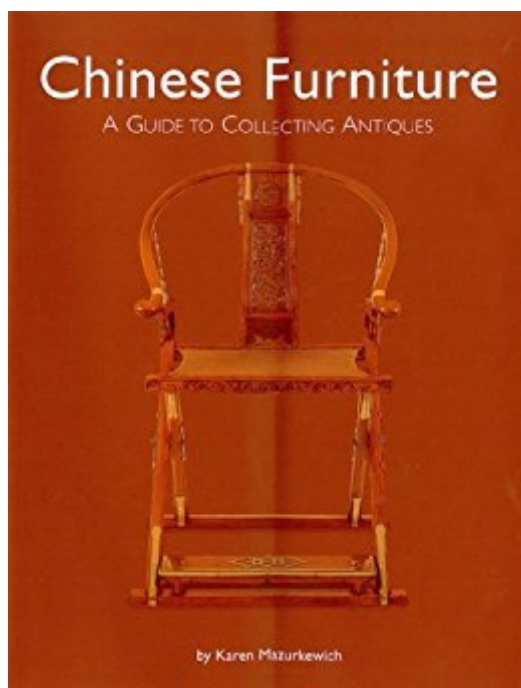


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# Chinese Furniture: A Guide To Collecting Antiques



## Synopsis

The international market for antique Chinese furniture is booming, and masterpieces from the Ming and Qing dynasties are now worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. Chinese Furniture is a survey of these collectiblesâ€”from the very best hardwood pieces featured to standard softwood specimens still available on the Asian market. This antique furniture book presents an overview of carving styles, wood types, regional variations, class distinctions and restoration techniques. Detailed chapters on various types of wooden furniture cover chairs, stools and benches, tables and desks, beds, cabinets and bookshelves, doors and screens and household accessories. With this renewed interest in antique furniture, a forgery market has emerged. Thousands of factories in southern China are churning out brand new or refurbished furniture and passing them off as Chinese antiques. Chinese Furniture unearths these forgeries and serves as an indispensable reference guide to collectors of antique wood furniture.

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For those interested in learning about Chinese furniture, this is a very useful book. It is well written

and illustrated and gives a good over-all survey of the field. It isn't written for experts, but for the "lay" person who wants to know something about the field either for personal interest or because he/she is beginning to collect.

This is the best overview of Chinese furniture that I've seen. It is mainly directed to the interested layman, who might be interested in buying some Chinese furniture. It describes both the classical hardwood furniture (very expensive) and the more vernacular softwood furniture (quite inexpensive). You get a good understanding of the different styles. What the book doesn't help you with is the details of purchasing, e.g. understanding how well a cabinet is made, understanding how much of a fake a cabinet is, etc. If you are exclusively interested in the very beautiful hardwood furniture, I would recommend Wang's "Classic Chinese Furniture".

I wish I would have purchased and read this book about five days ago before I purchased four pieces from a dealer in my area. Great photos and information. Very detailed. Highly recommended.

Arrive within time allowed. Great book. Will add to private collection. Great job

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