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[Art and Architecture of China](#) Columbia University Press

After the death of the Emperor of the Hou Zhou dynasty in 959 A D, the Song Dynasty emerged with General Zhao Kuang-yin as emperor. This book explores the intellectual, artistic and technical innovations during that time in which painting, literature, and philosophy reached new heights.

**Luster of Jade** University of Chicago Press

Throughout China's long history ceramic products have been very much a part of people's lives. This book takes the reader through the rich history of Chinese ceramics, from primitive pottery to the delicate porcelain for which China is famed, complemented by full color illustrations throughout.

**The Sheng Hua Ji** Springer Nature

An analysis of Chinese art attempts to explain why their artists wrote inscriptions and poems on their paintings and what the relationship was between

the three arts.

*A Cultural History of the Chinese*

*Language* Cambridge University Press

This beautiful book is the second in a

major three-volume series that will

survey China's immense wealth of art,

architecture, and artefacts from

prehistoric times to the twentieth

century. It covers the most prolific and

broad-ranging period of Chinese art

history, from the Song Dynasty with its

spectacular landscape paintings to the

Ming Dynasty with its lovely pottery.

William Watson considers architecture,

painting, sculpture, and the decorative

arts in equal balance. He follows styles

and motifs as they are developed in

each medium from one province to

another and discusses materials and

techniques as well as the iconography

and function of every art form. He also

explores relationships between one

medium and another, tracing, for

example, the influence of Buddhist

iconography on sculptural traditions and

on the architecture of temples and

towers and showing how ceramic

ornament affected the development of

ornament in other media.

### **Burying the Mountain** 埋山圖

This concise introduction to Chinese poetry serves as a primer for English-speakers eager to expand their understanding and enjoyment of Chinese culture. James J. Y. Liu first examines the Chinese language as a medium of poetic expression and, contrary to the usual focus on the visual qualities of Chinese script, emphasizes the auditory effects of Chinese verse. He provides a succinct survey of Chinese poetry theory and concludes with his own view of poetry, based upon traditional Chinese concepts. "[This] books should be read by all those interested in Chinese poetry."—Achilles Fang, Poetry "[This is] a significant contribution to the understanding and appreciation of Chinese poetry, lucidly presented in a way that will attract a wide audience, and offering an original synthesis of Chinese and Western views that will stimulate and inspire students of poetry everywhere."—Hans H. Frankel, Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies "This is a book which can be recommended without reservation to anyone who wants to explore the world of Chinese poetry in translation."—James R. Hightower, Journal of Asian Studies

[A Companion to Chinese Art](#) McFarland Annotation Experts in the fields of Chinese art, religion, literature, and history introduce and illuminate many of the issues surrounding child imagery in China, including the frequent use of pictures of children to reinforce social values. Topics include a historical overview; images of children in song, painting, poetry, at play, as icons of good fortune, and in stories; the childhood of gods and sages; folk deities; and family pictures. The text is accompanied by 100-plus color and b&w illustrations. A glossary of Chinese characters is included. Edited by Wicks

(art history, Miami U). Annotation c. Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com).

### Middle Imperial China, 900-1350

Camden House

This exhibition explores the poetry-painting relationship in Chinese art, the Ways in which the relationship manifested in visual art and the common themes that have inspired painters and poets throughout Chinese history, from the Jin Dynasty (1115 - 1234) through the 20th century. The 36 artworks features paintings, calligraphy, woodblock printed rare books and objects with inscribed poems. Western examples are also presented to enable comparison to be drawn. Bringing another important point of view to the study of Chinese painting and demonstrating that the linking of poetry and painting transcends the cultural borders between East and West and between China and Japan, this volume shows how that union, an ancient tradition, remains viable among artists today.

### **The Chinese Painter as Poet**

Cambridge University Press

In Patchwork: Seven Essays on Art and Literature, translated by Duncan M. Campbell, the notable Chinese literary scholar Qian Zhongshu (1910-1998) discusses aspects of the artistic and literary traditions of China, and the usages and history of translation.

### **Visualizing Love and Longing in Song Dynasty Paintings of Women**

Routledge

Chinese, one of the oldest active languages, evolved over 5,000 years. As such, it makes for a fascinating case study in the development of language. This cultural history of Chinese demonstrates that the language grew and responded to its music and visual

expression in a manner very similar to contemporary English and other Western languages. Within Chinese cultural history lie the answers to numerous questions that have haunted scholars for decades: How does language relate to worldview? What would happen to law after its language loses absolute binding power? How do music, visual, and theatrical images influence literature? By presenting Chinese not as a system of signs but as the history of a community, this study shows how language has expanded the scope of Chinese imagination and offers a glimpse into the future of younger languages throughout the world.

### **Song Dynasty Figures of Longing and Desire**

University of Hawaii Press  
This book examines egalitarian social ideals and institutions that arose in preindustrial China and England, and in the process, uncovers China's forgotten role in the history of social justice debate and legislation during the eighteenth century. Drawing on a wide range of visual and documentary evidence, the author shows that many prominent individuals in both England and China adopted comparable strategies as a logical response to excesses of privilege and arbitrary power, with educated but non-noble persons taking advantage of print culture, a more literate population, an expanded art market, public spaces and other familiar 'early modern' developments to interrogate the system of inherited privilege and promote a more meritocratic society. This shared experience created common ground for transformative exchange between the two great traditions during the eighteenth century. By providing a more global account of what we call Western values, the book shows that early modern China and England had far more

in common than is normally supposed, and thus challenges claims on the right and the left that the people of China lacked a concept of social justice and that China's cultural legacy should be treated as exceptional in regard to human rights.

*The Modernist Response to Chinese Art*  
BRILL

In Shangyang Fang's debut *Burying the Mountain*, longing and loss rush through a portal of difficult beauty. Absence is translated into fire ants and snow, a boy's desire is transfigured into the indifference of mountains and rivers, and loneliness finds its place in the wounded openness of language. From the surface of a Song Dynasty ink-wash painting to a makeshift bedroom in Chengdu, these poems thread intimacy, eros, and grief. Evoking the music of ancient Chinese poetry, Fang alloys political erasure, exile, remembrance, and death into a single brushstroke on the silk scroll, where names are forgotten as paper boats on water.

*The Problem of Beauty* BRILL

Beginning in the twelfth century and continuing to the time of the Kangxi and Qianlong emperors in the eighteenth century, depictions of tilling and weaving were an important means for sponsors, particularly rulers, to demonstrate their interest in the welfare of the people. But there has never been a serious art historical study of this tradition and the political implications of the images and texts. These handscrolls by Lou Shu, a Ningbo official, depicting rural silk manufacturing and grain cultivation helped usher in a new genre of painting in Song China (gengzhi tu) that centered on representation of rural communities at work and the social tensions that the work entailed. The Pictures of Tilling and Weaving scrolls depict 45 procedures of

agriculture and sericulture with each stage accompanied by a poem by Lou Shu describing the plight of farmers, their concerns, and aspirations. The originals have been lost but copies were made and the scrolls gained much attention during the Qing. This book seeks to reconstruct the scrolls' probable appearance based on existing documents related to works handed down through history. Hammers discusses the poems and explains how and why they are crucial to understanding the meaning of Lou's project, offering important commentary on mutually beneficial relations between ruler, bureaucrat and farmer in an ideal society. Roslyn Lee Hammers is assistant professor of fine arts at the University of Hong Kong.

All Mine! Princeton University Press  
The author begins with a biography exploring the moral and aesthetic implications of Wu's life as a guest-poet" patronized by officials and aristocrats, and continues with a reconstruction of the historical and literary context needed for modern readers to grasp his poetic techniques. Originally published in 1987. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

□□□□□□ Chinese Bound Classics  
This book interprets the close intimacy between poetry and painting from the

perspective of intersemiotic translation, by providing a systematic examination of the bilingual and visual representation of landscape in the poetry of Wang Wei, a high Tang poet who won worldwide reputation. The author's subtle analysis ranges from epistemological issues of language philosophy and poetry translation to the very depths where the later Heidegger and Tao-oriented Chinese wisdom can co-work to reveal their ontological inter-rootedness through a two-level cognitive-stylistic research methodology.

#### **The Art of Chinese Poetry** BRILL

In Song Dynasty Figures of Longing and Desire, Lara Blanchard examines the writing of interiority in paintings of women, considering correspondences to examples of erotic poetry and how such works address the concerns of artists, patrons, and viewers.

*The Lyrical Resonance Between Chinese Poets and Painters* Art Media Resources  
Throughout the history of imperial China, the educated elite used various means to criticize government policies and actions. During the Song dynasty (960-1278), some members of this elite found an elegant and subtle means of dissent: landscape painting. By examining literary archetypes, the titles of paintings, contemporary inscriptions, and the historical context, Alfreda Murck shows that certain paintings expressed strong political opinions--some transparent, others deliberately concealed. She argues that the coding of messages in seemingly innocuous paintings was an important factor in the growing respect for painting among the educated elite and that the capacity of painting's systems of reference to allow scholars to express dissent with impunity contributed to the art's vitality and longevity.

*Dreaming the Southern Song Landscape*  
BRILL

Under the Song Dynasty, China experienced rapid commercial growth and monetization of the economy. In the same period, the austere ethical turn that led to neo-Confucianism was becoming increasingly prevalent in the imperial bureaucracy and literati culture. Tracing the influences of these trends in Chinese intellectual history, *All Mine!* explores the varied ways in which eleventh-century writers worked through the conflicting values of this new world. Stephen Owen contends that in the new money economy of the Song, writers became preoccupied with the question of whether material things can bring happiness. Key thinkers returned to this problem, weighing the conflicting influences of worldly possessions and material comfort against Confucian ideology, which locates true contentment in the Way and disdains attachment to things. In a series of essays, Owen examines the works of writers such as the prose master Ouyang Xiu, who asked whether tranquility could be found in the backwater to which he had been exiled; the poet and essayist Su Dongpo, who was put on trial for slandering the emperor; and the historian Sima Guang, whose private garden elicited reflections on private ownership. Through strikingly original readings of major eleventh-century figures, *All Mine!* inquires not only into the material conditions of happiness but also the broader conditions of knowledge.

*A Bad Day for the Sung Dynasty* Hong Kong University Press

The *Book of Songs* (or *Shi-jing*), the oldest existing anthology of Chinese poetry, comprises 305 works created over centuries. Some feature lyrics in

simple language that reflects the common people, addressing love and courtship, political satire, and protest. Others focus on court life and dynasties; nearly all rhyme. This stunning dual-language edition features 32 beautiful verses, including "Se Miu," about a man exhaustedly working for the king, and "Odes Of Yong (Bo Zhou)," a melancholy love poem.

*Patchwork Silkroad Press*

"This is the most comprehensive and insightful study on this topic in any language and the first written in English. In addition to its scholarly value, Professor Pan's book opens a window to a picturesque poetic world for Western readers who are interested in Chinese poetry and painting." - Zu-yan Chen, Professor of Chinese Literature, Binghamton University "In this book, Professor Pan provides a rare treat for the English-language reader with valuable information regarding this hitherto under-represented subject. He lucidly traces the development of this border-crossing genre from its prototype works to its maturity in the Tang Dynasty (618-907) and the subsequent expansion in late imperial China. He illustrates the *tihuashi* poetics of the master bard Du Fu (712-770) and that of the virtuoso poet-artist-philosopher Su Shi (1037-1101). Most remarkable of his contribution is the generous number of faithfully translated poems, all with great clarity and elegance. This book will help the reader better understand the relationship between Chinese painting, calligraphy and poetry, the interartistic, intertextual, and interdisciplinary characteristics of *tihuashi*, the cultural milieu of its creation, and its intellectual significance to the Chinese literati community." - Madeline Chu, Professor of Chinese Language & Literature,

Kalamazoo College "A special value I find in this book lies in its bilingual texts of Chinese tihuashi poems, which will not only benefit scholars and students of classical Chinese poetry but also exemplify Professor Pan's insights on classical Chinese poetic language and the art of translating this language into contemporary English." - John S. Rohsenow, Professor Emeritus, The University of Illinois at Chicago  
Paul KLee Copper Canyon Press  
 This exhibition reevaluates Southern Song art in the context of the geography, cultural traditions and historical references of West Lake in

Hangzhou. The Southern Song (1127 - 1279) capital of Lin'an, located near beautiful West Lake, was the center of a dynasty that looked largely inward. In this regard, the story of Southern Song art can be presented in a manner that is site-specific. The exhibition includes over 50 paintings (album leaves, hanging scrolls and fan paintings) and lustrous ceramics from premier collections, from the U.S. and abroad, and utilizes maps and literary accounts to further emphasize the influence of place in Southern Song art from a period known to many as one of the most 'exquisite moments' in art history.