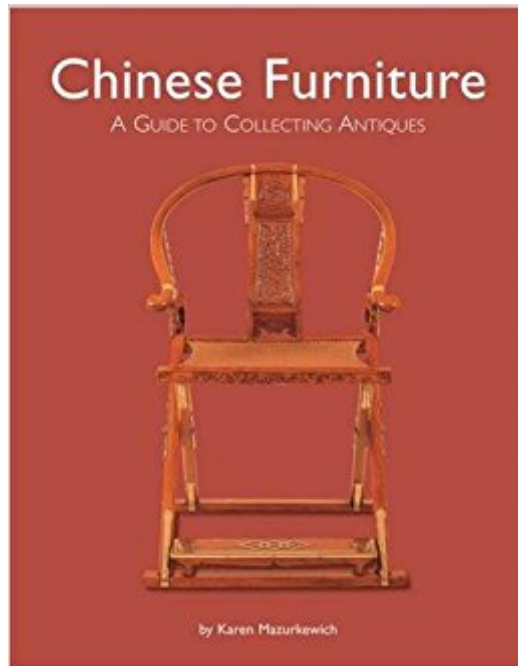




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# Chinese Furniture: A Guide To Collecting Antiques



## 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 collectibles—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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"Guide is the key word here, since the author is not a scholar. She does, however, pull a lot of information together about subjects ranging from classic 17th-century Ming hardwood pieces to Shanghai Art Deco styles of the 1930s, and she carries the exposition right up to the present, with horrible but relevant Western-style examples." —*Art & Auction* "Karen Mazurkewich has spent years researching and investigating antiques and manufacturing in Asia. She puts her experience to use in this well-illustrated book." —*The Maine Antique Digest* [*Chinese Furniture*] shows

authentic classics from beds to household accessories, with advice on how pieces were constructed. There is a section on fakes, but identification and knowing authentic ancient to modern looks is the point of this book." •The Smart Collector

Karen Mazurkewich is an Asian Wall Street Journal reporter who has covered Asian culture and the retail scene for three years from her base in Hong Kong. Mazurkewich has investigated art forgery, interviewed countless collectors, grilled innovative businessmen, and queried tradesmen all in a quest to better understand the antiques and manufacturing in Asia. A. Chester Ong, born in the Philippines and currently based in Hong Kong, has photographed widely throughout Asia. His photography appears in magazines, exhibitions, as well as books. Among recent books featuring his photography are Tropical Living: Contemporary Dream Houses in the Philippines, China Modern, and Chinese Houses.

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.

Useful information, Good fulfillment in a timely manner.

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

I like it.

Fine book, Chinese antique furniture is well covered..

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 a superb book which gives a great deal of information on Chinese Antique Furniture with pictures of lovely pieces. A must for new collectors / dealers of Chinese Furniture.

This is the best overview of Chinese furniture that I've seen. It is mainly directly to the 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".

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