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This unique publication illuminates a fascinating and little-known area of Chinese decorative art—Chinese furniture of the 16th–18th centuries. These beautiful chairs, stools, cabinets, and tables are highly sought after and have become the fastest-growing area of collecting within China itself.

Author Marcus Flacks begins the book with a historical overview to place the furniture in context and then traces the trends and changes in collecting over the past 30 years. The heart of *Classical Chinese Furniture* is the presentation of 52 masterpieces—all exceptional examples of great rarity—accompanied by detailed descriptions. These outstanding pieces—most never published before—teach an important lesson on the Chinese approach to aesthetics, craftsmanship, architecture, and culture. They have even affected, directly or indirectly, much of 20th-century art, design, and architecture.

Complete with invaluable appendices that visually unlock the secrets of timber, joinery, regional production, and the art of restoration, *Classical Chinese Furniture* is an essential volume for collectors and experts—Western and Chinese alike—as well as for anyone interested in furniture, aesthetics, and interiors, or simply fascinated by the extraordinary beauty of the pieces themselves.

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"'Magnificent' best describes the hefty volume *Classical Chinese Furniture* written by Marcus Flacks...The fascinating text is accompanied by 200 jaw-dropping photographs that feature the kind of objects in heavy demand by well-heeled collectors both in this country and in China." - *San Jose Mercury News*

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