



Lacquerware Masterpieces from Southeast Asia

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- Many rarely seen items beautifully photographed with full descriptions and histories
- New studies into the form and function of lacquerware
- Over 300 color photographs

Although much has been written about Burmese Lacquerware, this book breaks new ground with essays by the art historians Sylvia Fraser-Lu and Linda McIntosh focusing on the locations and techniques of lacquer production in Burma (Myanmar), Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, as well as the form, function and use of these beautiful utilitarian and sacred objects. More than 150 exquisite and diverse objects are beautifully photographed with full descriptions.

Sylvia Fraser-Lu spent many years as an educator in East and Southeast Asia. Her interest in Asian arts and crafts led to a writing career. She contributed articles for *Arts of Asia* and *Oriental Art* in the 1970s and early 1980s. She is the author of several books on Burma, including *Burmese Lacquerware* (1985 and 2000), *Burmese Crafts: Past and Present* (1994), and *Splendour in Wood: The Buddhist Monasteries of Burma* (2001). She also co-curated and co-edited the first stateside exhibition and catalogue on *Buddhist Art of Myanmar* (2015) at the Asia Society in New York.

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