



Mughal Glass

A History of Glassmaking in India

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- Includes a comprehensive catalogue of Mughal glass objects gathered from both public and private collections around the world
- It stands as an important contribution to the scholarship of Islamic art and material culture serving as another testament to the entangled histories of this world
- A culmination of over a decade of research, amalgamates scientific studies, chemical analyses, primary accounts, archival records, and art historical practices

The history of Mughal glass has been predominantly neglected, leading scholars to speculate as to whether these spectacular specimens are European imports, made from European glass but decorated in India, or of entirely Indian manufacture. ***Mughal Glass: A History of Glassmaking in India*** delves into these questions while simultaneously exploring the development of new glass recipes, the impact of increased maritime trade, the Mughal emperors' penchant for luxury goods, and the influence of colonial consumption in India. With a comprehensive catalog of Mughal glass objects gathered from both public and private collections around the world, this book stands as a definitive work, offering an authentic account that sheds light on a long-neglected aspect of Indian history.

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NEW EXPLORATIONS

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LEADED JARS

Lead glass, or crystal, was a highly valued material in the Mughal court. It was used for a variety of purposes, including as a decorative element in architecture and as a material for luxury objects. This book explores the development of new glass recipes, the impact of increased maritime trade, the Mughal emperors' penchant for luxury goods, and the influence of colonial consumption in India. With a comprehensive catalog of Mughal glass objects gathered from both public and private collections around the world, this book stands as a definitive work, offering an authentic account that sheds light on a long-neglected aspect of Indian history.

