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The Wei Miao Shan Fang Collection of Chinese Snuff Bottles

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Jason Chen, the owner of this collection, is a man with a passion for life, of which much time is devoted to collecting snuff bottles, although he runs a thriving business. His collection houses over 2,000 bottles, with a select portion shown in these two volumes. Volume I illustrates bottles from varying materials, while the second, slimmer volume shows part of Jason's collection of miniature snuff bottles. While the whole collection is a work of art in itself, Jason, like other passionate collectors, has a story for every bottle, often the story of acquisition. He is a collector who enjoys both the thrill of the chase and the pleasure of ownership. When other collectors think of Jason Chen and his collection, they often speak of his love of great agate bottles.

Few collectors have dedicated themselves to forming a collection of miniature snuff bottles in the way that Jason has. For the most part, although collectors have affection for the smallest of the small, Jason has applied himself to hunting down and acquiring these minute treasures.

Text in English and Chinese.

The author of this book, **Clare Chu**, is a world renowned scholar of the snuff bottle world. Clare has been active in the field of snuff bottles for almost 40 years. She is the editor of the *ICSBS Journal*, board secretary and a director of the International Chinese Snuff Bottle Society.

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