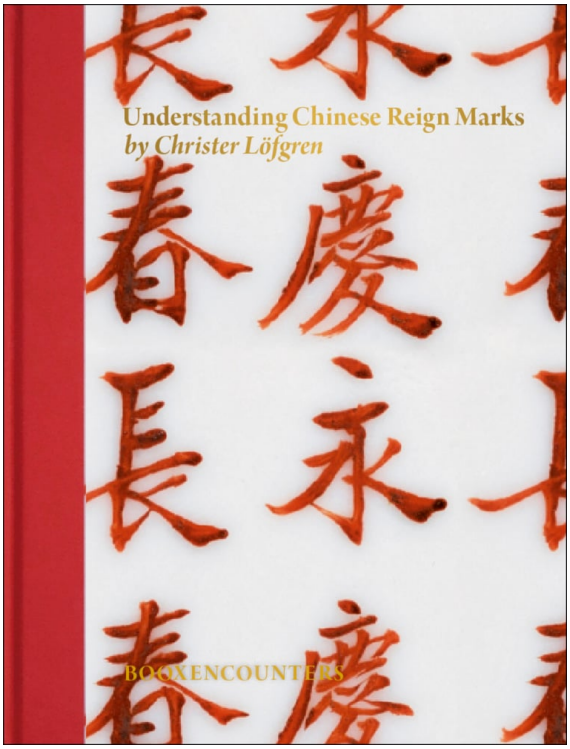
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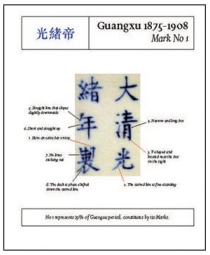
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In a conversation with an expert on Ming porcelain in Beijing, the expert asked if he could tell the difference between a mark written in the 17th century and one written today; the answer was yes. He also said that modern copied stamps were rigidly made compared to those from the 17th century. In Christer Löfgren's latest book in his series on Chinese imperial porcelain, he offers a radical interpretation of the term" Mark and Period."








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