

Japanese Match Safes

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A new book available to IMSA members:

171 pages, hundreds of elegant photographs, and elucidating essays make this book a must for match safe collectors and for anyone who appreciates the unique genius of the Japanese metal worker and his ability to produce unusual inlays, colored metals, metals that looked like something else, e.g., wood, lacquer, or exotic alloys all coupled with the most exacting skills for rendering landscapes, people, animals and mythological creatures. These combinations of skills were all used to produce match safes.

The Japanese craftsmen were able to marry incredibly complex technical work with a grace and artistic simplicity that captured the essence of the subject. When the Japanese artist was working on a match safe this attention to craftsmanship, style and material was always carefully considered and is beautifully illustrated in this book.

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