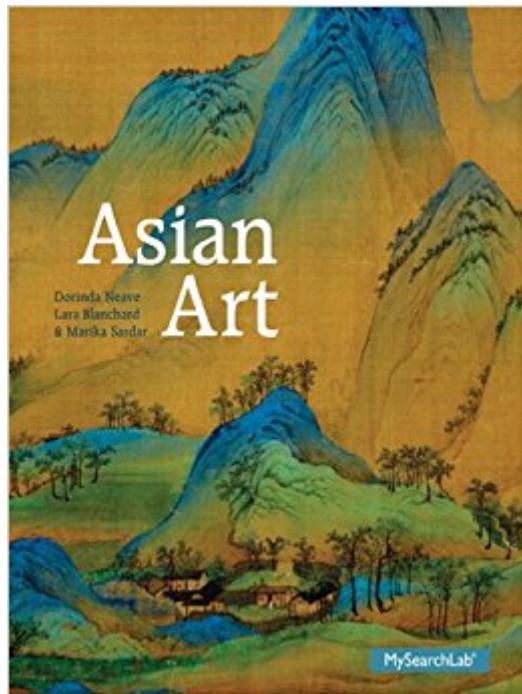


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Excellent discussion of asian art and its historical significance with very good photos of art works

Not as interesting as the authors claim it will be.

The publication of this book was anxiously awaited. There hasn't been a comprehensive Asian art textbook since Sherman Lee's ancient tome that used terms like "Oriental" for artifacts and cultures alike, the Asianist equivalent of primitive artifacts books. Those old books are fascinating as artifacts themselves but extremely time-consuming to teach with as you constantly have to stop and explain to students those dusty terms that 19th century people used to talk about art from east of Suez and south of the Nile's First Cataract. So imagine a 21st century professor's excitement at the prospect of a new Asian Art textbook, one written by women no less, some of them with actual Asian ancestry! (Not that an author's membership in either of those is a requirement). Zipping through our advance desk copies, we are immediately impressed by the canonical works discussed and illustrated but also by the inclusion of modern and even contemporary art of Asia and of the Diaspora, too! Asian Art's Introduction alone is tremendously useful as it draws on Asian literary classics, philosophy and folklore to explain major concepts in aesthetics. The omission of an important artwork here or there is easily forgiven if we are to finally get a nice new textbook to replace the old Orientalist Lee book or the admittedly good and inexpensive but prohibitively numerous (half dozen) Thames & Hudson books (one for each Asian region) some of us have been using in lieu of Lee. So we approve the new Asian Art textbook and draft it into immediate service. All seems right with the semester. until in the later parts of otherwise very nicely written/illustrated chapters on Buddhist art in India and Southeast Asia we notice a troubling, repeated omission. Where is the ornate and iconographically complex Pala art of Bengal-Bihar that extended Buddhist India's reach deep into the eastern tropics, the snowy Himalayas, and into the second millennium? In a forgiving mood, we shake off the foreboding and barrel ahead. But finally, the magnitude of the omission becomes clear when we try to cross from India into neighboring Tibet and Nepal. Bengal and Bihar are the bridge to the Himalayas and the bridge is out! Given that the iconography and style of Pala Buddhist art informed the foundation of Nepalese and Tibetan Buddhist art, it's a punishing climb to Himalayan art without Bihar and Bengal. And Himalayan art itself? How is it treated in this feverishly awaited volume? Tibet is nowhere to be found; not in the illustrations! For this massive subject of Buddhist (and Bon) art, there is no chapter

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