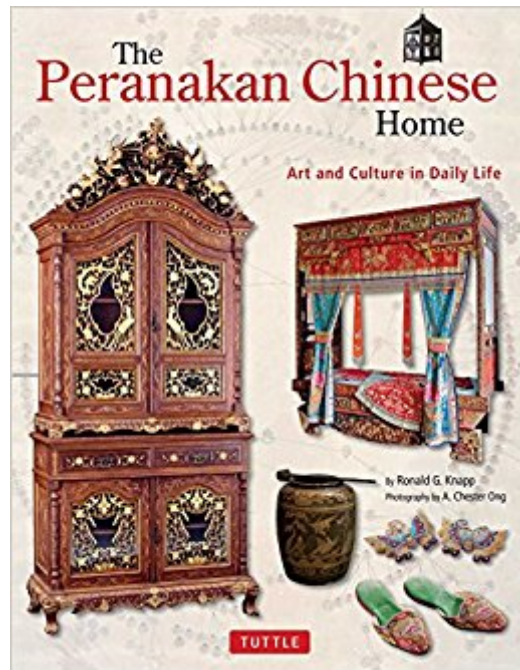




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# The Peranakan Chinese Home: Art And Culture In Daily Life



## Synopsis

Discover the rarified Peranakan (native-born Chinese of Southeast Asia) aesthetics that are today highly sought-after for their beauty: distinctive furniture and ceramics, textiles and jewelry, and many other art objects. Peranakan Chinese Home displays these extraordinary objects, visible markers of a highly developed culture. The broad range of beautiful objects which the Peranakan Chinese created and enjoyed in their daily lives is astounding. Each chapter in The Peranakan Chinese Home focuses on a different area and presents objects used or found in those spaces. Each piece is described in the context of their utility as household objects, as part of periodic celebrations to mark the Chinese New Year and other holidays, or in important life passage rituals relating to ancestor worship, birth, marriage, mourning and burial. The meaning of the rich symbolic and ornamental motifs found on the objects is discussed in detail and key differences are highlighted between Peranakan objects and similar ones found in China. A fascinating mix of Chinese, European and Southeast Asian influences, the distinctly Peranakan identity of a people and their culture is beautifully portrayed through objects and archival photographs in this lovely and exotic book.

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It is a world of its own and yet it is the world of millions of South East Asian Chinese immigrants who were in search of a better world, assimilated into the culture and then created a world of culture all their own, but always relating to the country of birth. Some of the houses may be a bit too much and extravagant, but that is true of most "New" wealth. The taste is sometime a little too ornate for my taste but it does not mean I cannot appreciate the beauty of it.

Book in fairly good condition and prompt delivery. This is a good intro book for anyone interested in this particular sub-culture in the south east asia. For me I sort of grew up in this culture and am looking to reinforce my concept and apply to my art design. As an intro book the subject matter might not have gone deep enough for me.

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