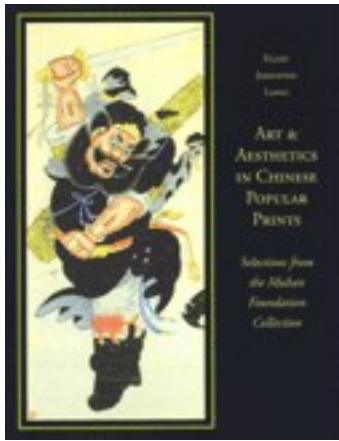


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Traditional woodblock prints preserve a Chinese folk art that has now nearly vanished. This book explores and explains the artistic and aesthetic bases of popular prints revealed in eighty-four late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century prints belonging to the London-based Muban Foundation.

Woodblock printing was the principal method of producing inexpensive and colorful single-sheet images for mass consumption in late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century China. Prints of this type are known today as "New Year pictures" because the demand for them peaked at New Year's time. However, the term "popular print" more accurately describes these works, whose subjects include deities and tutelary spirits, illustrations to stories and operas, and even contemporary political or revolutionary messages.

The emphasis on the artistic aspects of these prints makes this publication uniquely appealing to Chinese art historians but also to those interested in Chinese anthropology, popular religion, Chinese and other folk art, and traditional crafts.

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挺有趣的年画，但是高质量的藏品不多。

The Muban Foundation收藏的年画集，实际上大部分来自Wang Shangyi (1905-1972)的捐献。如书名所言，这本书仅涉及木刻版画中的“年画”这一项，涵盖了门神、吉祥图、灶神、财神、道佛人物、故事画等。作品都无年份考证，只有形式描述，但看看图也好。

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