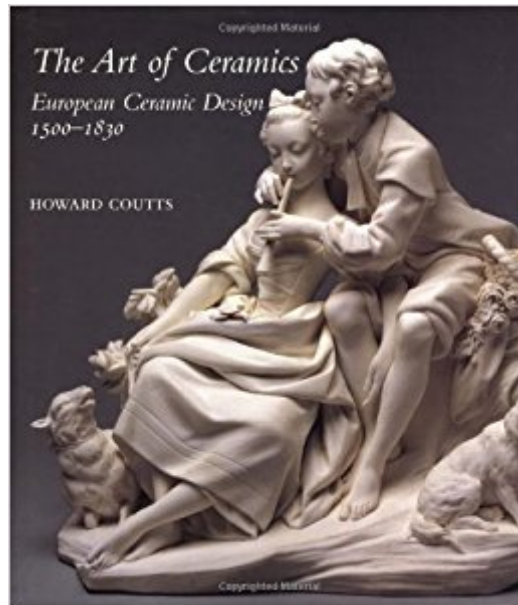




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I had hoped that this book would have a lot of color pictures of high end porcelain. It does. I checked it out of the library along with European Ceramics, Wedgwood, Royal Austrian Porcelain,

Nymphenburger Porzellan, and English Pottery 1620-1840. Personally I ended up buying The Art of Ceramics-European Ceramic Design 1500-1830 because it covers English and European porcelain with detailed history and a lot of pictures. Many of the pieces in the book are also shown in the more expensive books. European Ceramics (less text) and The Art of Ceramics have a lot in common and you won't be disappointed with either. The other books are specific to their manufacturer or country. I was satisfied that other books I own display the same or similar items and that the rest were encompassed in this book. The description of 320 pages is incorrect. there are 256 pages.

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