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ISBN-13: 9789629964887  
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1160 gm.

The Ivory Tower and the Marble Citadel opens up a new way of pursuing the critical development of political philosophy in today's intercultural intellectual arena. Metzger holds that political philosophies are linguistically unavoidable efforts to infer the principles of morally legitimate government from a maximally enlightened conceptualization of the universal human condition. Because these efforts depend on a vocabulary embodying culturally inherited premises, textual analysis uncovering these premises and debate about how they should be revised are crucial for the improvement of political philosophy.  
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Hong Kong: Centre for the Study of Religion and Chinese Society, Chung Chi College & The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2012  
281p. ; 24cm.  
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From Object to Concept : Global Consumption and the Transformation of Ming Porcelain / Stacey Pierson  
Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2013  
xi. 169p. ; 26cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789888139835  
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728 gm.

Ming porcelain is among the world's finest cultural treasures. From ordinary household items to refined vessels for imperial use, porcelain became a dynamic force in domestic consumption in China and a valuable commodity in the export trade. In the modern era, it has reached unprecedented heights in art auctions and other avenues of global commerce.

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Thailand: White Lotus Co. Ltd., 2012  
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378 gm.

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