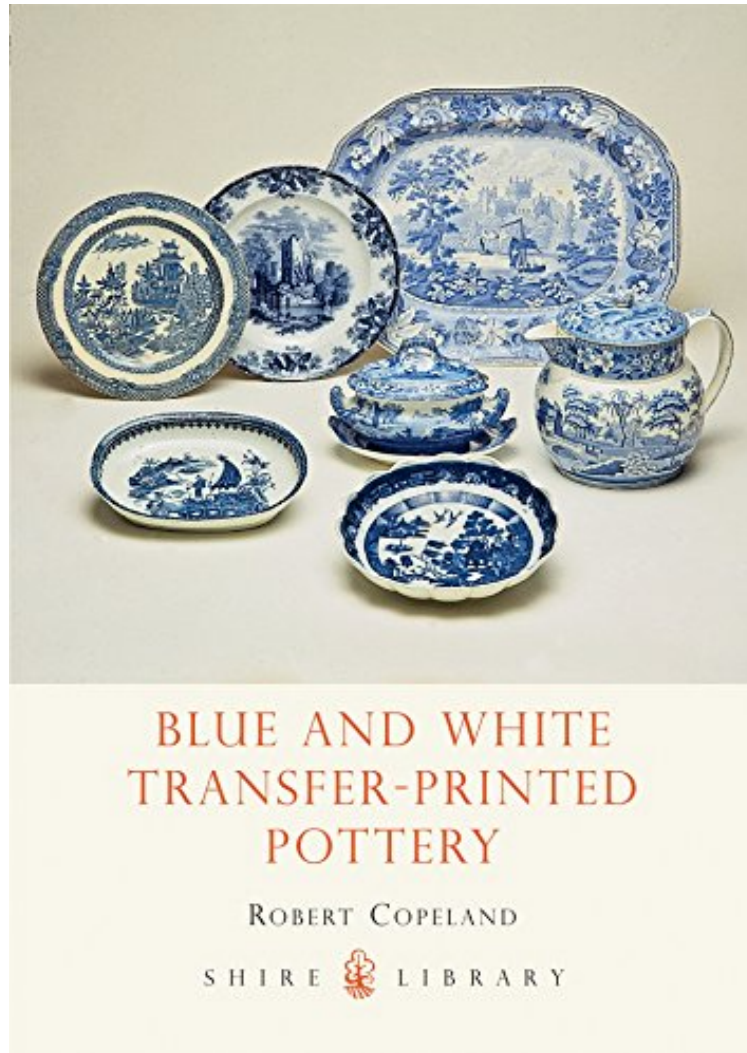


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values. This book is good for the history and background. But not for identification. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A noted authority. By okstomper Robert Copeland is a noted authority in the field of pottery, since his family procured Spode from the original owners. He spent his life in useful pursuits for the company and was their historian.

Blues made from cobalt were first used widely for painted decoration in China during the fifteenth century. Much of the porcelain imported into Europe was decorated with blue designs, and after about 1650, when tea was introduced, the volume of blue and white 'chinaware' brought back from Canton was enormous. European potters tried to emulate this fine tableware, most successfully on artificial portcelain and tin-glazed earthenwares. The imports from China decline in the 1780s, and owners of Chinese services found it difficult to obtain replacements or additions. To meet this need, British potters copied the hand-painted patterns using the technique of transfer-printing from engraved copper plates. Spode perfected this process, and his wares have never been surpassed.

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