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Li H.L. : Chinese Flower Arrangement before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Chinese Flower Arrangement:

35 black and white photographs.12 line drawings.Chinese floral art, with all it's gaiety, color and delightful symbolism, is fascinatingly described in this in this revised and enlarged edition of the only book in Western language on Chinese arrangement. Much new and valuable information and many new photographs have been added, including practical suggestions for application of traditional methods to the modern home.Japanese flower arrangement had its origin in China, but there are distinct as well as subtle differences between the two. These distinctions are carefully brought out by the author, as he covers the origins, underlying principles and practical methods of preparing Chinese arrangements. He also explains in detail the traditional Chinese emphasis on selectivity in the appreciation of flowers--how certain flowers are chosen for their nobility, others for their charm, or their distinct beauty, and how flowers are endowed with symbolic values--an important aspect of the Oriental art.A very distinct contribution made by China toward the floral art of the world is the highly developed craft of porcelain manufacturing. Descriptions are given of the various types of classical flower vases and the arrangements suited to each. Rocks and other accessories are also discussed. An important consideration for Western arrangers is the possibility of choosing traditional blooms, and the author has helpfully noted the many important flowers of Chinese origin available in the West and how they may be used in making arrangements.Here for arrangers, home decorators, florists, lovers of Chinese art, and gardeners everywhere is an entrancing introduction to the delightful Oriental way of appreciating and enjoying the beauty of

flowers.---Excerpt taken from the informational flaps on the book