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BAMBOO POMEGRANATE TEAPOT

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c. 1900 • China • Bamboo • Collection #CFC483B W: 5.75" D: 3.75" H: 4.25"

Tea drinking has been an integral part of Chinese culture for centuries, resulting in a wide range of social customs and material traditions. In addition to tea leaves, water, and heat, the art of drinking tea (chayi) calls for a variety of teaware and utensils - both practical and decorative.

This charming teapot dates to the late Qing dynasty and is hand-carved from a hollow length of bamboo in the shape of a ripe pomegranate. The handle is carved to resemble a thin branch, which forks to either side of the teapot bearing leaves and smaller fruits. Continued...



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The teapot has a squat, rounded form and a dark brown finish, reminiscent of Yixing red clay teapots. Appealing to the popular appreciation for natural forms, the underside was left unworked, revealing the natural growth patterns of the wood.